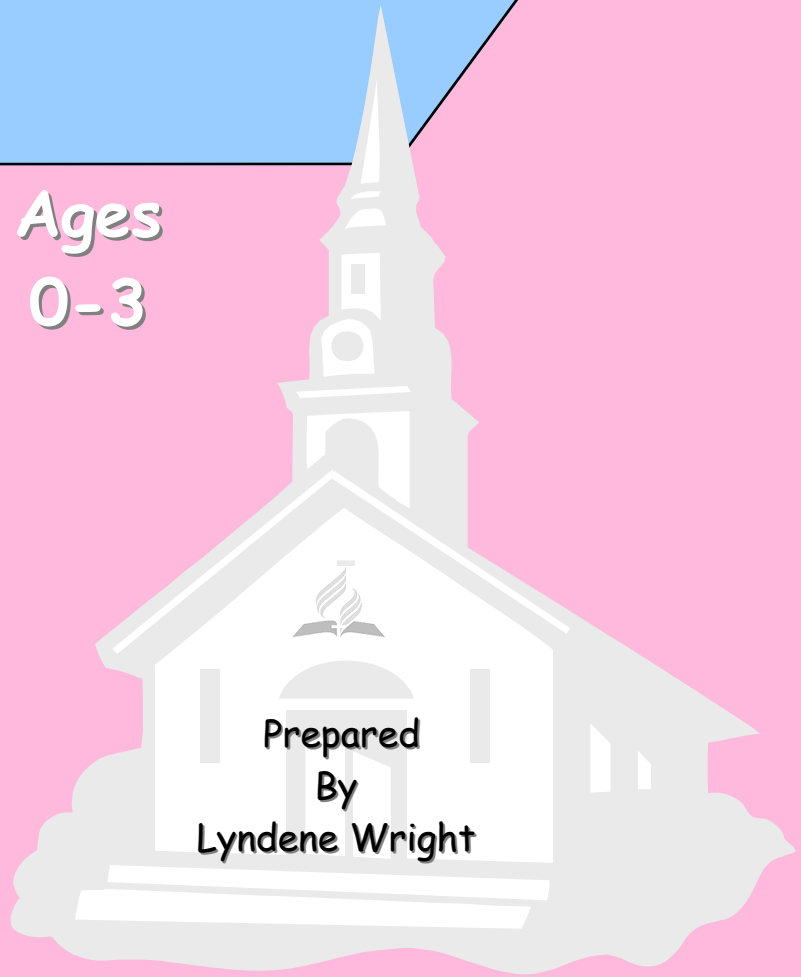


Cradleroll Lessons Helps

# Teacher's Guide Old Testament

Ages  
0-3



# Teacher Responsibilities

## During Sabbath School:

1. Be in your lesson corner ready to welcome children, with the felt board prepared as directed.
2. Greet each child by name.
3. Begin your lesson in one of the following ways:
  - A. For children under 2, do "Mirror" before "Holy Bible" and skip the "Setting the Stage."
  - B. For children over 2, skip "Mirror" and do "Holy Bible and then "Setting the Stage."

### Mirror

Where are the children that Jesus loves?  
I see \_\_\_\_\_.  
Does he/she love Him?  
Yes I hear him/her say.

Hold mirror to child's face  
Give child a small mirror  
Then repeat for each child

### Holy Bible

Here's the Holy Bible  
Turn the pages wide.  
There are lovely stories,  
Written here inside.  
If I'm very quiet  
And listen carefully,  
I'll hear the lesson story  
That's written there for me.

Hold a real Bible  
Open the Bible  
  
Point with index finger to text  
Finger to lips  
Hand cupped behind ear  
  
Hold up Bible and close as you finish

4. Tell the lesson for the week using felts.
5. Ask each child to repeat the memory verse, if able to talk.
6. Have the children put stickers on the attendance cards.
7. Review the memory verse song if time.

## Before next week:

1. Call or e-mail missing members.
2. Study the lesson including the additional references.
3. Pull felts as needed, and organize them for a smooth presentation.

## Supplies needed: (One set for each class of 4-6 children)

Little Folks Felts (800) 537-7227  
1 or 3 year cycle Bible felts  
Water and Sky Felt Board  
Indoor Scene Felt Board  
Purple Felt Board  
Prison background  
Meadow overlay  
Desert overlay  
Shoreline overlay  
Throne room  
Scenery set

### For 0 and 1 year olds:

Small Plastic Mirrors (one for each child)

### For 2 year olds:

Setting the Stage props (one for each class )  
Cave Picture, Blindfolds, wrapped package, happy and sad face, umbrella, pail & rope, 12 toy cars, Pacifier, Pictures of Child wants, animal sounds, Small Suitcase, pictures of travel items, several food items, stuffed mother and baby animal, a new and old matching item, picture of lion in cage, picture of cal hiding in bushes.

**Note to Leader:** It is important to have small lesson classes to give the children the individual attention they need. This is the most important part of the Sabbath School. Even if you have a small Sabbath School of 4-6 children, be sure to have separate lesson classes for the two age groups. Otherwise the babies will be overlooked. We recommend starting children in Sabbath School between 6 weeks and three months.

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Lesson 3	Adam and Eve Disobey
Lesson 4	God Takes Care of Noah
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Lesson 8	Jesus Gives Hannah a Baby
Lesson 9	Samuel Listens
Lesson 10	David the Shepherd Boy
Lesson 11	The Birds That Fed a Man
Lesson 12	A Brave Little Girl
Lesson 13	The Boy Who Wanted a Pretty Church
Lesson 14	An Angel Helps Daniel
Lesson 15	The Man Who Decided To Obey

See the Current Quarterly to find the right lesson

# Lesson 1 - Jesus Starts the World

## References:

Bible Reference: Genesis 1:1-2:3  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 33—51  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 1 pp. 13-34

## Lesson Aim:

God made a beautiful world because he loves us.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Picture of Cave, Blindfolds  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Purple Board" "Sky & Water Board"  
Scenery: S2, S3, S4, S10, S14, S18  
1Yr-Felts: 88, 92, 103, 104, 118, 135, 139, 147, 148

## Setting the Stage:

Have you ever been in a cave? A cave is a big hole that is underground, (Show picture of cave) far away from the sun. No light can come in from the sun. When you go into a cave, you must carry light with you. If you take a tour of a cave, the guide might have you sit down in one of the rooms and turn out the lights. It's very, very dark, and you can't even see your hand in front of your face. We can't make it that dark here, but let's see how dark we can get it. (Offer blindfolds, or just have them cover their eyes with their hands.) Well, that's what it was like before the world was created. So dark, you couldn't see anything. Today our Bible story is about the beginning of the world.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Have the Purple Backdrop in front of the Water and Sky Backdrop) It was dark, oh, so very dark. There were no birds or flowers. There were no little boys or little girls. In fact, there was nothing at all, except darkness over a great big ocean. But it was so dark you couldn't see the water. God, the Father, and Jesus looked down from heaven. They wanted a bright and pretty world. So God, the Father, and Jesus planned to make a brand new world. God, the Father, said to Jesus, "We've made the plans; now it's time for us to make it.

Jesus looked around and there was nothing to see. Jesus said "Come, beautiful light. (Remove Purple Backdrop) Right then the light came and the dark went away. Jesus made the dark for the night and light for the day, dark for sleepy time and light for play time. He made the light because He loves you. Nighttime and daytime were the first day.

Jesus looked all around. He saw there was no sky or air. There was no place for the birds to fly. All you could see was a thick mist over the water. So Jesus said, "Come, pretty blue sky. Come soft wind and warm air." Right then there was blue sky and a warm soft wind. (Add clouds) Now there was a nice sky for the clouds to go by. Now there was air to breathe. (Encourage the children to take a deep breath.) Jesus made the sky and warm air because He loves you. Nighttime and daytime were the second day.

Jesus looked around again. He saw there was no land— no place for trees or flowers to grow. All He could see was lots and lots of water. Jesus said " Come dry land, come trees and pretty flowers. Right then the land come up out of the water. There were hills and rivers and lakes and waterfalls. The earth was covered with lots of green grass. (Add Scenery as shown below) There were tall trees and lots of beautiful flowers. The flowers smelled wonderful. Jesus made all the beautiful plants because He loves you. Nighttime and daytime were the third day.



Jesus looked up in the sky, all He could see was soft light and fluffy white clouds. So, Jesus said, "Come bright sun," and right then the dazzling sun shone in the sky. (Add sun) Now everything looked even better than before. The trees sparkled in the sunlight and the flowers turned to the warmth of the sun. All the colors looked brighter, and the earth was beautiful. But, Jesus didn't forget the nighttime, either. So, He said "Come pretty moon, and twinkling little stars." (Add moon and stars) Right then, just as Jesus said, the moon and stars were there. The night was not so dark with the pretty moon, and many twinkling stars. Everything glowed in the soft light of the moon, and there were so many stars you couldn't count them. The day was bright with the warm sunlight to help the trees and flowers grow. Jesus made the sun, moon, and stars because He loves you. Nighttime and daytime were the fourth day.

Jesus looked around at the beautiful world, but there were no pretty birds to fly in the sky. So Jesus said "Come pretty birds." (Add birds) Right then there were birds in the sky. Red birds, yellow birds, and blue birds. There were big birds and little birds. They could make nests in the tall trees, and they could sing such beautiful songs. Jesus made them all because He loves you. Then, He looked at the waters and there were no fish swimming there, or any other animals. So Jesus said, "Come pretty fish." (Add fish) Right then there were big fish and little fish. There were shells and star fish. There were many living things in the water. He even made the big whales. (Add whale) Jesus made all the ocean animals because He loves you. Nighttime and daytime were the fifth day.

### Conclusion:

Five days have gone by, but creation week is not done yet. Let's see if we can remember what Jesus made. Jesus made light on the first day; sky on the second day; dry land and plants on the third day; the sun, moon and stars on the fourth day; and birds and fish on the fifth day. In the next lesson we will finish the story of creation.

Remember that "God created the heavens and the earth."

### Memory Verse:

"God created the heavens and the earth." *Genesis 1:1*

Help children say the memory verse and review the Memory verse song if time.



# Lesson 2 - Jesus Finishes the World

## References:

Bible Reference: Genesis 1:24-2:25  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 33–51  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 1 pp. 35-60

## Lesson Aim:

God is our creator, and He made the Sabbath as a special gift for us.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: A wrapped box  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Sky & Water Board"  
Scenery: S2, S3, S4, S10, S14, S18  
1Yr-Felts: 3, 15, 39, 88, 92, 94, 97, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 110, 113, 117, 118, 135, 139, 147, 148

## Setting the Stage:

Do you like to get presents? (Show box) I do! We get presents on our birthday and Christmas. We look forward to our birthdays all year. Sometime we have a party, and Grandma and Grandpa come. At Christmas, the whole family comes together to celebrate. We spend time together and open presents. Today our Bible story is about a very special present that God gave us at the end of the creation week. It doesn't come wrapped up in a box and we don't have to wait a whole year. We can celebrate with our family every week.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below.) Remember that last week we learned that Jesus had already made light on the first day, sky on the second day, (point to clouds) dry land and plants on the third day, (point to the plants) the sun, (point to sun) moon and stars on the fourth day, (point to moon and stars) and birds (point to birds) and fish (point to fish) and even the big whales (point to whale) on the fifth day.

But there was more to create. Jesus looked all around, and saw there were no animals on the land. So Jesus said, "Come big animals; come little animals." Right then there were animals everywhere. There were tall animals with very long necks, (place giraffes on board) There were white woolly animals. (place sheep on board) There were animals with horns, (Place goats on board) there were animal with stripes. (Place tigers on board) and even great big grey animals with long trunks. (Place elephants on board) The were small animals too, soft fluffy ones with long ears, (place bunnies on board) and soft purring ones with long tails, (place cats on board) and little black ones that go bow-wow-wow! (place dog on board) Jesus made all the animals because He loves you. Now Jesus looked at the beautiful world He had made. There were fluffy white clouds and blue sky. There were flowers, grass, and trees. There were birds and fishes. There were lots of big and little animals. Jesus liked everything He made, but there was no one to take care of all the plants and animals. Jesus had made a beautiful home for someone, but who could it be?

So Jesus said to God, the Father, "We will make man who will look like us." Jesus took some dirt and made it into mud. He made a head and then a neck and a body from the mud. He made two arms and then two legs. Then Jesus breathed into the man's nose and made him alive. The man's name was Adam. (place Adam on board) With everything else Jesus just spoke and it all appeared, but Adam was handmade. Adam looked at the world that Jesus made for him, and he was very happy. He liked the clouds and flowers. He liked the birds and fishes. He liked all the wonderful animals. God gave him a very special job. It was his job to give all the animals their names.



Adam looked around, and saw a big gray animal with a trunk and said, "I will call him an elephant." (point to elephant) He saw an animal with stripes and said "I name you tiger." (point to tiger) The animal with horns he named goat (point to goat) and the animal with the long neck, he called giraffe. (point to giraffe) He saw the soft little white animals and said. "I will name you bunnies." (point to bunnies) As Adam was naming all the animals he saw that there were two of each kind. But, there was no one like him. Adam was lonely, but Jesus had not forgotten about him. So Jesus made Eve from Adam's rib. Now, Adam wouldn't be alone. (place Eve on board) Adam and Eve were very happy in the new world. They loved the beautiful garden Jesus had made for them. Nighttime and daytime were the sixth day.

The next day, Jesus did not work. He rested. (place Jesus on board) He wasn't tired. He rested because the world was finished. Jesus gave that day a special name. He called it the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a special day—a day to forget about all our work and remember that Jesus is our creator. It is like a birthday party, and it is a special present from Jesus. Jesus spent it with Adam and Eve. Nighttime and daytime, and were the seventh day, —the Sabbath day.

### Conclusion:

Creation was a long, long time ago. But just like Adam and Eve, Jesus wants us to set aside that day to spend with Him. Sabbath is a day to go to Sabbath school, a day to go to church, a day to wear our best clothes, and a day to be reverent. Sabbath is a day to take a walk and see all the beautiful things that Jesus made for us, and a day to read the Bible. Sabbath is a day when mommy and daddy don't have to go to work, or go shopping. Mommy and Daddy don't have to clean house or do laundry. It is a special day of rest. It is a special family day. Jesus made the Sabbath because He loves you. It is His special gift to us. It is the best present of all. Jesus wants us to "Remember the Sabbath day."

### Memory Verse:

**'Remember the Sabbath day.'** Exodus 20:8

Help children say the memory verse and review the Memory verse song, if time.



# Lesson 3 - Adam and Eve Disobey

## References:

Bible Reference: Genesis 3:1-24  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 52-70  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 1 pp. 61-77

## Lesson Aim:

We show our love when we obey. God, and our parents always love us.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Happy and sad face  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Sky & Water Board", "Meadow Overlay"  
Scenery: S2, S3, S4, S10, S14, S18  
1Yr-Felts: 3, 15, 39, 66, 118A, 134, 135, 136, 148, 151

## Setting the Stage:

Our special word today is "obey." When Mommy and Daddy tell you to do something, it is because they love you. When you obey, you are showing them you love them too. Do Mommy and Daddy obey anyone? Yes, they obey Jesus, because they love Him. Do you think Mommy and Daddy still love you even when you disobey? Yes, Mommy and Daddy still love you, even when you have been naughty. Do you think that Jesus loves us when we don't do what He tells us to do? Yes! But when we obey Jesus, we are happy. (Show happy face) When we disobey Jesus we are sad. (Show sad face) We want to be happy, and we want to make Jesus happy. Our Bible story today is about someone who did not obey.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below, minus the people.) Adam and Eve were the very first man and woman. (Place Adam and Eve on board) They were the only people on the earth. Jesus had finished creating the earth, and Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden, called Eden. Yes, Adam and Eve had a beautiful place to live with flowers and birds and animals everywhere. (Point to flowers) Adam and Eve had lots of trees in their garden home. (Point to trees)

(Place Jesus on the board) Jesus said, "Adam and Eve, you may eat the apples on that tree (Point to various trees as you talk) You may eat the oranges from that tree. You may eat peaches, plums and cherries on the other trees. But there is a tree in the middle of the garden that you must not touch." (point to tree in center)

Adam and Eve said, "We love you Jesus, we will obey you."

Jesus said, "Whatever you do, do not eat the fruit from that tree. Don't even go near that tree. You can go anywhere you want. You can play with the animals. You can eat the fruit from anywhere else in the garden, but do not go near that tree. Stay together so you won't be tempted. If you eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, you will die."

"Oh, no!" exclaimed Adam and Eve. "We would never eat the fruit from that tree. We would never even go near that tree. We love you, Jesus. We want to obey you."

(Remove Jesus) Every day they were careful to stay away from the middle of the garden. But one day, Eve forgot to watch where she was going. (Move Eve close to the tree and remove Adam) When she looked up, she didn't see Adam anywhere. Eve looked this way and that way, but no Adam. "Oh well, I'll find him later." Suddenly she





looked up, and found she was in the middle of the garden. Eve was standing by the forbidden tree, and on the tree was a beautiful snake! (Put snake in tree) "What a pretty tree," Eve thought. "I wonder why Jesus told us to stay away from this beautiful tree?"

"Eve, why don't you eat some of this good fruit? It won't hurt you! See, I'm eating it and nothing has happened to me. Jesus won't mind if you eat this fruit." The snake was talking! Jesus told her to stay away from the tree. Eve thought she should leave, but the snake was too interesting. Eve did not obey Jesus. She ate some fruit. (place apple in Eve's hand) Then she went to find Adam, (move Eve away from tree and place Adam back on board) She told him about the snake in the tree and how good the fruit was. He was so sad that Eve had eaten the fruit, but he loved her, so he ate the fruit too. Adam and Eve did not obey God. When we do not obey God, it is called "sin." Adam and Eve were not happy anymore. For the first time, they did not look forward to seeing Jesus. When He came to find them, they hid. (place bulrushes over Adam and Eve)

"I am very, very sorry you did not obey." said Jesus. Now you cannot live in the beautiful garden anymore. Now the animals will be afraid of you and may hurt you sometimes. The beautiful flowers will die and weeds will grow in your garden. Sometimes you will be sick, and because you did not obey, you will die someday. But I still love you. I will always love you. I have made a plan so that someday I can take you to heaven, and you can have a beautiful home again."

### Conclusion:

The snake that talked to Eve was really Satan. Satan is our enemy! He does not want us to obey God! If we listen to Satan, he will tell us not to obey our Mommy and Daddy. Satan will tell us not to obey God. We cannot see Satan like Eve did. But he sneaks around, trying to get all of us to do bad things. If we listen to Satan, we will be sad, and Jesus will be sad too. I want to obey, don't you? I want to be happy! Jesus will help us obey if we ask Him.

### Memory Verse:

"Obey my voice and I will be your God." Jeremiah 7:23

Help children say the memory verse and review the Memory verse song, if time.



# Lesson 4 - God Takes Care of Noah

## References:

Bible Reference: Genesis 6:1 - 9:17  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 90 - 116  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 1 pp. 101 - 123

## Lesson Aim:

God will protect us, if we follow His directions.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Umbrella  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Sky & Water Board", Meadow Overlay, Desert Overlay  
Scenery: S6, S14, T173  
1Yr-Felts: 18, 29, 30, 43, 48, 53, 88, 92, 102, 105, 107, 117, 120, 143

## Setting the Stage:

(Open umbrella) Who can tell me what this is? Yes! It is an umbrella. What do we use an umbrella for? Yes! When it rains, it helps keep the water off of us. Did you know that when the world was first created, it didn't rain? God watered the earth with water from the ground and a mist. Our story from the Bible today is about the very first time God sent rain, and in that rainstorm, there was so much water an umbrella wouldn't be of any help.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the scenery on the board as shown in Scene 1 below minus the ark and people) Bang, bang, bang! Chop, chop, chop! Noah was building a boat, a great big boat. (Place Noah and the Ark on the board) Day after day Noah worked on the boat. It was God who told Noah to build the big boat called an ark. God was going to send rain to cover up the whole earth. Those who wanted to, could go into the ark and be saved. Almost all the people in the world were bad. (place people on the board) They did not love God anymore. They only wanted to do bad things.

Noah and his family were the only people who loved God. It took a long time to build the big boat. Noah spent 120 years building the ark, and all the time he preached to the people about the coming rain. Noah wanted everyone to turn their hearts back to God and be saved. Noah was very happy when the ark was all done!

Noah said to all the people, "Please come into the ark. Everything is ready, all the food is there. Soon it will rain. It will rain for many days. The water will get higher and higher. The water will cover up everything—the grass and flowers, the houses and trees, and even the mountains. The water will cover up everything in the world. Please come into the ark. Then you will be safe from the big flood of water!"

But the people just laughed. "Ha, Ha, Ha!" they said. "What is rain? We have never seen rain before."

It was true, it had never rained before. Water had never come down from the sky. The people just laughed. They did not come into the ark. Noah was sad that no one would come into the ark with him. He had worked on the ark for so many years to save the people. (remove Noah and add ramp to ark)

But the animals did. It looked like they were walking all by themselves, but angels were leading them. They came two by two. The elephants came. (place elephants on board) The tigers came. (place tigers on the board) The horses came. (place horses on the board) The giraffes came. (place giraffes on the board) Even the birds came into the ark. (Add birds) Two of every kind of animal and seven of some kinds came into the ark. Only eight people went in with all those animals. (remove animals and birds showing that they entered the ark) Noah and his wife went in. Noah's three sons



and their wives went in. All the other people just laughed. They would not go in. Then the angel shut the door. (remove ramp)

Noah waited in the ark for seven days. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 After seven days it began to rain. (place black clouds in the sky) Splash, splash came the raindrops! Soon there were raindrops everywhere. It rained all day and all night. It rained for 40 days. The rain covered everything in the world. (remove people and meadow overlay) But Noah and his family were safe. The ark was just like a big boat. It floated on the water. The angels took care of the ark. Noah and his family took care of all the animals. Noah and the animals were safe in the ark.

After it stopped raining, Noah and his family had to wait a long time for the water to go down. The ark found shelter among some high mountains that were the first things that could be seen as the water went down. (add purple mountains) Then one day all the water was gone. (place desert overlay over the water) Now it was time to go out. They were all so happy when the angel opened the door! They went running outside. The animals were so happy to be outdoors again! (place animals and birds on board) The first thing Noah did was kneel down to pray. (place kneeling Noah on the board) Everyone prayed a thank-you prayer to God. They were happy to be out of the ark! They were so happy the water was all gone.

Noah and his family looked up in the sky. There they saw a beautiful rainbow, the very first rainbow. (put rainbow on board)

### Conclusion:

The rainbow is a promise that God will take care of you, just like He cared for Noah and his family when they listened to His voice. Let's look at the pretty colors God put in the rainbow. Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Violet. When you look at the rainbow, remember God's promise. Remember, too, that He will take care of you. All you have to do is ask Him.

The Bible says, "The Lord helps them and ... saves them." Yes, God will take care of you, just as He took care of Noah and his family.

### Memory Verse:

**"The Lord helps them and saves them." Psalm 37:40**

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 5 - Rebekah Helps a Tired Man

## References:

Bible Reference: Genesis 24:1:66  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 171 - 173  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 1 pp. 177 - 186

## Lesson Aim:

I want to be kind. It makes Jesus happy when I am kind.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: plastic bucket with a rope tied to it.  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Sky & Water", "Meadow Overlay"  
Scenery: S6, S14,  
1Yr-Felts: 12, 19, 26, 31, 40, 111, 112, 120A, 129A, 142,152

## Setting the Stage:

Do you know what a well is? A well is a hole in the ground with water in it. People in Bible times didn't have running water like we do. They couldn't go to the sink and turn on the water. They had to go to the well. With a pail tied to a rope, they would drop the pail down into the water and then pull it up. (Demonstrate with pail and rope) It was a lot of work to get water. What would happen if you were thirsty and didn't have a pail? That's right. You couldn't get any water for yourself. You would have to find someone else with a pail. In our Bible story today, there was a man who didn't have a pail, and he was very thirsty.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below.) Rebekah was a very pretty young lady. (Place Rebekah on board) She liked to smile at everyone. Rebekah was very kind, too. She liked to do nice things for people. Everyone loved Rebekah because she was so kind and happy all the time.

Rebekah's father had many animals. (Place sheep on board) They need a drink of water just like we do. There wasn't any faucet with running water. So every evening, Rebekah would take the sheep to the well just outside the city to give them a drink. She would draw water from the well and pour it in the animal's drinking trough. It took a long time to draw enough water to satisfy all the sheep. (put pail in Rebekah's hand) The well was a big, big hole in the ground with water down near the bottom. First, Rebekah tied a rope onto a pail, and then she dropped it into the well. Down, down, down it went until it splashed into the water. Then Rebekah pulled on the rope to bring the pail of water back to the top of the well. After that, she carried the pail of water to the trough where the animals got their drink. Many, many times Rebekah carried pails of water for the animals. It took a long time to get enough water for all the animals. Rebekah got very tired, but she smiled and sang a happy little song. She was always happy and smiling.

One day, when Rebekah had finished watering all her father's sheep, she saw a man coming. He looked hot and tired. (Add man) She had never seen him before, but he looked like a kind man. Rebekah smiled at him. The man had ten camels with him. (Add camels) They looked hot and tired and dusty, too. Maybe the man had been on a long trip. The man didn't have a pail and he was thirsty.

"Young lady, could you draw me a drink of water?" said the man.

"Of course, I will be glad to give you some water," Rebekah said to him. Then Rebekah did something



very, very kind. She said, "I will get water for your camels to drink, too." Rebekah worked and worked. She drew water for all the camels to drink. Camels can drink a lot of water, and Rebekah got tired. But she did not stop. She did not complain. She just smiled. She was happy she was being kind. At last, the camels had enough to drink. The man was so happy that Rebekah had been so helpful and kind.

What Rebekah didn't know was this man was sent to find a kind young lady to be the wife of his master's son, Isaac. The man had asked God to show him which young lady he was to choose. The sign was that by her kindness he would know her.

The man was so happy that Rebekah had been kind to him that he gave her presents. Then he wanted to meet her family. (remove town, well and sheep and add house) Rebekah ran home to tell her family what had happened. Her brother, Laban went to help the man with his camels and they were very happy to meet this man, and they were glad that Rebekah had been so kind.

### **Conclusion:**

When we are kind to other people and animals, it makes us happy. When we are kind to people and animals, it makes them happy. Who else is happy when we are kind and helpful? Yes! It makes Jesus happy when we are kind. Jesus said, "Be kind. . . to one another." He wants you to be kind to everyone you know. Jesus is happy when you are kind to Mommy and Daddy and your brothers and sisters. When you help Mommy or Daddy, you are being kind. When you share with your brother or sister, you are being kind. When you bring Grandma a flower, you are being kind. Best of all, Jesus is happy when you are kind. What can you do to be kind to your family today?

### **Memory Verse:**

**Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32**

Help children say the memory verse and review the Memory verse song, if time.



# Lesson 6 - Joseph's Beautiful Coat

## References:

Bible Reference: Genesis 37:1-36  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 209-223  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 2 pp. 42-47

## Lesson Aim:

Jesus expects us to obey the parents he gave us.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: 12 toy cars  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Sky & Water", "Meadow Overlay"  
Scenery: S4, S6, S14  
1Yr-Felts: 14, 17, 18, 19, 23, 48, 60, 111, 112, 113, 114, 123, 145, 152

## Setting the Stage:

Do you have a brother or sister? Well, some of you do and some don't. But none you have as many brothers as the boy in our Bible story today. If you wanted to share with all his brothers you would have to have a lot. (put 12 toy cars or other objects on the floor) Let's count! 1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. That's how many toys you would have to have to share one with each one of his brothers.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the scenery on the board as shown in Scene 1 below minus the people) Joseph loved his daddy very much. (put Joseph and Jacob sitting on the rock on the board) Joseph wanted to go everywhere his daddy went. Joseph did everything his daddy asked him to do. Joseph's mother had died when he was very young. Joseph missed his mother very much, but he was so happy his daddy loved him. Joseph was growing bigger all the time. Joseph obeyed his father Jacob. God says, "Children, obey your parents." Joseph obeyed his father and helped him, too. Every day Joseph did what his daddy asked him.

Jacob told him stories about God. Jacob told him stories about his great-grandfather Abraham, and his grandfather Isaac, and how God lead them. He told him about his grandmother Rebekah, and how God had picked her to be Isaac's wife. They were a very special family. God had promised Abraham that Jesus would be born in their family, but that wasn't to be for many more years.

Joseph lived in a tent (put tent on the board) with his daddy and his brothers. Joseph had many brothers. He had 10 big brothers (place brothers on board) and one little brother named Benjamin. (add Benjamin) Let's count all the brothers. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Their father, Jacob, loved his children but he loved Joseph the most.

One day Jacob made him a beautiful coat. (remove Joseph and replace with Joseph in coat) Jacob made it from the wool they got from thier sheep. He dipped the wool into pots of colors and then weaved it into bright beautiful cloth. It had red, yellow, blue and green stripes. It was a very beautiful coat. Joseph's daddy, Jacob, made it for him because he loved him very much. The coat was warm. Joseph was very happy with his new coat. "Thank you, thank you for the beautiful new coat," he said. "I love the pretty colors in the coat." His brothers were jealous because their father didn't make coats for them. Jacob only made one coat, not 12.

Jacob had many sheep, (add sheep) It was hard work to take care of the sheep. The sheep had to have food and water every day. When it was cold, they needed to be kept warm. When it was hot, Joseph's father, Jacob,



and older brothers cut off their wool so they would be cool. The sheep had to be watched all the time. Sometimes his older brothers would take the sheep far away where there was fresh grass. (Remove tent, Jacob, Joseph and Benjamin) Sometimes they would be gone for months at a time. They would go from place to place looking for fresh grass for the sheep. (Remove tree group and add purple mountains.) They had to protect them from wild animals, and make sure they didn't get lost.

One day, after his brothers had been gone a long time, Father Jacob asked Joseph to go check on his brothers and the sheep in a far away field. Jacob wanted to know if everything was alright. Joseph had learned to obey his father, so Joseph went willingly. (Hold Joseph in coat away from the board so the children can see.) He walked and walked and looked and looked. Finally he found his brothers and the sheep. (place Joseph on the board) He was very happy to find his brothers. But when he found his brothers, they were not happy to see him. They were jealous of his new coat.

They thought, "Father likes Joseph best, because he got a new coat." They decided if Joseph wasn't around Jacob would like them better. They plotted to get rid of Joseph, so they gave him to some travelers that were going to Egypt. The older brothers were very naughty. They did not do what their father wanted.

But God took care of Joseph in Egypt. Joseph was to become the king's most important helper, and one day he got to see his father and his brothers again. Joseph's brothers had not be kind to him, but Joseph was kind to his brothers. He forgave them for the way they treated him.

### Conclusion:

Joseph was a loving brother and we should be like him. Jesus is very happy when we are kind to our brothers and sisters. Jesus want us to be kind to them, if they are not kind to us. Joseph was a loving son, and obeyed his father. Jesus is very happy when we obey our parents. Jesus is very sad when we disobey. Like Joseph, always remember, "Children obey your parents."

### Memory Verse:

"Children, obey your parents." Ephesians 6:1

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 7 - A Family Hides their Baby

## References:

Bible Reference: Exodus 1:15 - 2:10  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 241 - 244  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 2 pp. 79 - 84

## Lesson Aim:

God has a plan for our lives, and will help us through tough times.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Pacifier  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Interior Board" "Purple Board" "Sky & Water",  
Scenery: S2, S3, S4, S14, T1, T2, T3, T4  
1Yr-Felts: 32, 34, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47, 47A, 48, 54, 60, 61, 64, 71, 126, 129, 130, 131, 134, 152

## Setting the Stage:

(Show pacifier) Who knows what this is? Yes, it is a pacifier. Did you use one of these when you were a baby? Did it help you sleep and keep you quiet? Do you have a little brother or sister who uses one? Well, in our Bible story today a mother needed to keep her baby quiet, but they didn't have pacifiers back then. So she had to think of another way.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below minus the children Behind it have the Water Sky Background set with the scenery minus the people, and behind that the purple board with throne room.) Miriam skipped all over the house. (Add Miriam) She was as happy as could be. Even though little brother Aaron was too little to skip, he was as happy as could be. (Add Aaron)

There was a new baby in their house—a darling little baby brother. (Add baby)

"We must keep him a secret. The king does not want baby boys. He will hurt all the baby boys. He will hurt our baby too, if anyone finds out he is here. We must pray to Jesus to take care of him," said Mother.

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear! How terrible," said Miriam. "God will take care of our baby brother. I'm sure He won't let our baby be hurt."

Miriam helped Mother with baby Moses. Miriam played quietly with him so he wouldn't cry. She helped Mother bathe Baby Moses. If Baby Moses got fussy, she would rock him so he wouldn't cry. Even little Aaron helped with the baby.

Each day, Baby Moses grew bigger and bigger. Each day it was harder and harder to keep him quiet. Each day the family prayed for God to take care of their baby.

One day Mother said, "Our baby is too big to hide anymore. I don't think we can keep him quiet anymore. I'm afraid the king will send someone to kill our baby. We must pray to God. The Bible says 'God is our ...help in trouble.' We must pray that God will show us what to do with Baby Moses."

Everyone in the family prayed. Father prayed, then Mother prayed. Miriam prayed, and Aaron prayed. They all prayed for God to help them take care of Baby Moses.

Soon Mother started to make a little basket. (Place basket on the table) It was just the right size for Baby Moses. They painted the outside so no water could get in. Now the basket was just like a little boat. A little





basket-boat for Baby Moses. Then Mother put a soft blanket inside the basket-boat. Everyone in the family prayed again. Father prayed, then Mother prayed. Miriam prayed, and Aaron prayed. They all prayed for Jesus to take care of Baby Moses in his basket boat. (Put Moses in basket)

(Remove Miriam and Basket and then remove indoor board) Then they took Baby Moses to the river. Carefully they put his little basket-boat in the water. (Place basket in river and put Miriam behind tree)

Splash-splash went the waves. Rock-rock went Baby Moses in his basket-boat. The angels were near to watch Baby Moses. Big sister Miriam stayed near too. Soon a beautiful lady—the princess—came walking near the river. (Put Princess and maid on board) There she saw the little basket-boat rocking in the water. She sent her maid to fetch it. (Take basket out of water and place near the princess and open the lid) When she opened the basket, she saw Baby Moses inside the basket. Baby Moses was crying—he was afraid. The princess liked Baby Moses. She wanted to keep him for her very own baby. Big sister Miriam came running to the princess. (Remove tree from Miriam)

"Do you need someone to take care of the baby for you?" she asked the princess.

"Oh, yes! Please find someone to take care of the baby for me." answered the princess.

Quickly, Miriam ran to find Mother. Quickly, Mother ran back to the river. (Add Mother)

The beautiful princess said, "Please take care of this baby for me. When he is bigger, I will take him to live at my house. I will pay you for taking care of the baby for me."

Mother and Miriam took Baby Moses home. They were so happy! They didn't have to hide the baby from the king anymore. (Remove princess from board and then remove water and sky board) (Place princess in throne room) Moses lived at home for 12 years. Then it was time for him to go to live in the palace as the princess's son. (Place boy in throne room) But even when Moses got to the palace, he did not forget God. He remembered what his mother taught him. He grew up to be a servant of God in the palace of Egypt!

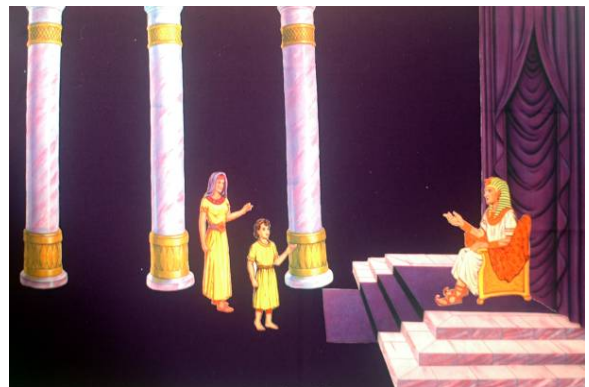
### Conclusion:

God had a very special job for Moses. One day he would lead all the people of Israel away from the king and soldiers. God helped Moses' parents when they were in need of help, and God used Moses to help all the people leave Egypt. Our memory verse is "God is our ... help in trouble." God will help each of us, just as He helped Moses and his family.

### Memory Verse:

**God is our help in trouble. Psalm 46:1**

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 8 - Jesus Gives Hannah a Baby

## References:

Bible Reference: I Samuel 1:1 - 2:26  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 569 - 574  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 3 pp. 145-148

## Lesson Aim:

Mothers love us and take care of us.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Pictures of Toys and Pets  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Interior Board" "Purple Board"  
Scenery: T1, T2, T3,  
1Yr-Felts: 31, 35, 40A, 41 42, 47, 60, 63, 71, 125, 129, 131, 132

## Setting the Stage:

Have you ever really wanted something? Maybe it was a new toy or maybe you wanted a pet. (Show pictures of some the things children might want) (Ask children what it is that they really want.) When you want something, what do you do? You probably ask mommy or daddy for it. You may have promised to do something to earn it, or promise to take good care of it. Well, the woman in our Bible story today wanted something she could only ask God for. and she promised God something in return.

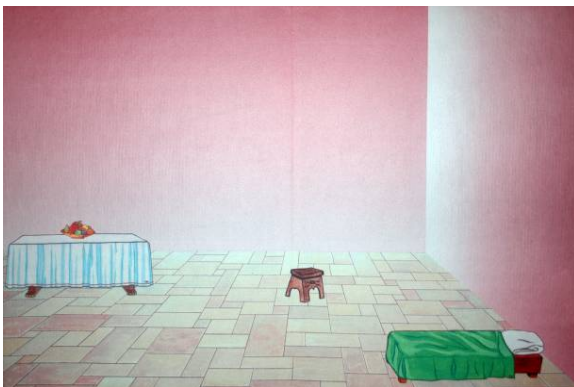
## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below, Have purple board set up behind it as shown in scene 4 minus the people.) Hannah was very, very sad. (Place sitting woman on the board) Elkanah, her husband, (Place Man on board) tried to make her happy. But no one could make her happy, because Hannah wanted a baby, and she did not have one. Only a baby could make Hannah happy.

Every day Hannah prayed for a baby, (Replace sitting woman with praying woman) but no baby came to her house. Hannah prayed for a long, long time. She wanted a baby more than anything else. She promised Jesus that she would take very good care of her baby, and she also promised that she would dedicate him to the Lord. He would be a priest in the temple-church. She waited and waited. Then one day, Samuel was born! (Place sitting woman and baby on board) He was a sweet and happy baby. Hannah was so happy!

Hannah loved to take care of Baby Samuel. She made a nice warm bed for the baby. When Samuel was very tiny, he slept almost all day, just like you did when you were a baby. Samuel would wake up for a drink milk or water. Mother Hannah washed his face and gave him a bath. Samuel grew and grew. Pretty soon he was a big baby! Now he didn't sleep all day. He could sit up and play with his toys. He could say "Da-da." He could smile and laugh when he was very happy. Now Baby Samuel could eat cereal and fruit.

Baby Samuel grew and grew some more. Now he could stand by himself. Soon he could walk by himself. Now he could eat some food by himself. (replace baby with boy) Hannah took good care of Samuel. Everyday she made good food for him to eat. She washed his clothes. Each morning and evening she told Samuel stories about Jesus and all the beautiful things Jesus made. She taught Samuel how to pray. Every day they prayed to Jesus. Hannah knew she would have her baby only a short time before he went to work in the temple-church. She was careful to teach him everything she could.



Samuel grew and grew. He could walk and run everywhere. He could eat his food by himself. He remembered to pray to Jesus by himself now. He was getting bigger every day. Each day Samuel's mother told him more stories from the Bible. Sometimes they went for long walks to see the pretty flowers and birds Jesus made. Samuel learned to love Jesus very much.

Hannah also taught him to be a good helper at home. (Add broom) Samuel sometimes swept the floor. These were things he needed to know if he was to be a helper for Jesus.

One day Samuel had a birthday. He was 3 years old. He wasn't a baby anymore! Now it was time for Samuel to go to live at the Temple-Church. Samuel's mother would miss her big boy very, very much. But Samuel was a very special boy—a special baby Jesus had sent to Hannah and Elkanah. And they had promised Jesus that this special boy would work in the Temple-Church.

Hannah made Samuel a new little coat. They packed all his clothes and went to the Temple-Church. (Remove indoor board to reveal preset Purple board.) When they got to the Temple-Church, they went to see Eli, the priest. (Put priest, man, woman and child on board) Hannah said to Eli, "Here is Samuel. Remember, I prayed for him and promised Jesus that he would be a special worker for God." And so Samuel stayed with Eli. He helped Eli with all the chores around the temple-church. (Take away parents)

Each year Samuel grew and grew. The coat his mother made him was too small. The next time his mother came to visit, she brought him a nice new coat! Hannah was so happy her special baby was growing up to be a helper for God. And do you know what? God sent Hannah another baby so she would not be lonesome when Samuel was gone. After a while Samuel had more brothers and sisters. What a lovely big family!

### Conclusion:

God gave you a mommy to love and take care of you, just like Hannah took care of Samuel. Your mommy does many things for you every day—she makes food for you to eat, she washes your clothes, she makes your hurts all better, she plays with you, she hugs you, and she reads Bible stories to you. Do you love your mommy? Aren't you happy God gave you such a good mommy? Can you tell her you love her? You could hug her and whisper in her ear that you love her.

### Memory Verse:

For this child I prayed. 1 Samuel 1:27

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 9- Samuel Listens

## References:

Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 3  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*: pp. 573 - 582  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 3 pp. 149 - 154

## Lesson Aim:

We need to listen to God so that He can direct our lives.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Animal Sound  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Interior Board" "Purple Board"  
Scenery: T1, T2, T3, T4  
1Yr-Felts: 16, 31, 35, 41 59, 60, 63, 64, 125, 126, 129, 130, 132

## Setting the Stage:

What sound was that? (Use any animal sound you have, you can use the *Baby Birds Farm animal sounds book*.) Yes, that was a mommy \_\_\_\_\_. What do you think her babies do when they hear that sound? Yes, they come right a way. Do you ever get so busy with what you are doing, you forget to listen to Mommy or Daddy? We need to remember to listen, just like the baby \_\_\_\_\_ do. Our story today is about a boy who listened he heard something very special.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

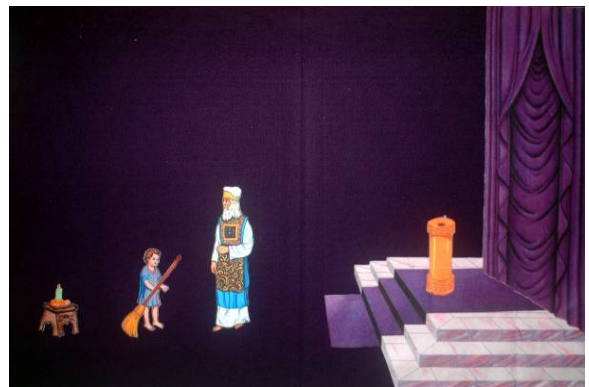
(Begin with the board as shown in Scene 1 below, with the board as shown in Scene 3 behind it. Both boards are set minus the people) Samuel was a very special boy—a special baby Jesus had sent to Hannah and Elkanah. (Show boy but do not place him on the board yet) And they had promised Jesus that this special boy would work in the Temple-Church. One day Samuel had a birthday. He was 3 years old. Now it was time for Samuel to go to live at the Temple-Church.

Hannah made Samuel a new little coat. They packed all his clothes and went to the Temple-Church. When they got to the Temple-Church, they went to see Eli, the priest. (Put priest, man, woman and child on board) Hannah said to Eli, "Here is Samuel. Remember, I prayed for him, so now I am bringing him to be a special worker for God." And so Samuel stayed with Eli. He helped Eli with all the chores around the temple-church. (Take away parents) Although Samuel was a little boy, he could still help. If Eli said, "Samuel, please sweep the floor." Samuel would immediately hurry to sweep the floor. (add broom) If Eli said "Samuel, please light the candle." Samuel would hurry to light the candles. (add stool and candle) Samuel liked to obey Eli, and was a happy boy. Samuel loved God, and he liked to take care of the temple-church. Samuel loved Eli. Eli loved Samuel like he was his own child.

(Remove purple board and show preset indoor board.) When it was time for bed, Samuel didn't go home with his mommy and daddy, he slept right there in the temple-church. One night (place Eli and Samuel in beds) while Samuel and Eli were sleeping, Samuel heard someone call him. "Samuel, Samuel" Samuel opened his eyes. He jumped out of bed (take Samuel out of bed and take to Eli) and ran to Eli, but Eli was sleeping.

"Here I am, for you called me," said Samuel.

Eli opened his eyes. "No, I did not call you. Go back to bed (Put Samuel back in bed) Eli probably thought that Samuel was dreaming. Samuel probably thought he was dreaming also. So, Samuel snuggled down in bed and closed



his eyes. After a little while he fell asleep again. Then he heard someone calling him again.

"Samuel, Samuel."

Samuel open his eyes. He did not see anyone. Again, he jumped out of bed and hurried back to Eli. "Here I am, for you called me, Samuel said to Eli again. (take Samuel out of bed and take to Eli)

Eli opened his eyes again. "Samuel, my boy, I did not call you. Go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed again. (Put Samuel back in bed)

Now Samuel was really confused. He was sure he wasn't dreaming, and he was sure that someone called him. There was no one else there in the temple-church, so if it wasn't Eli, who was it? As Samuel was lying in bed, he heard the voice calling again.

"Samuel, Samuel." He was sure he heard it this time and he went back to Eli. (take Samuel out of bed and take to Eli)

By now Eli was fully awake, and he knew it was God who was speaking to Samuel. This time Eli said, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth.'" So that's who was calling him. God! Oh, dear! Samuel was nervous. He had never heard God's voice before. Was God really going to talk to him? He was only a boy! What would God say to him?

Samuel ran back to his bed and got under the covers. He couldn't go back to sleep. He just lay there quietly waiting—waiting to see if God would really call again. He didn't have to wait very long. "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel was timid. All he could do was whisper, "Speak Lord for thy servant heareth." Samuel knelt down by his bed, (replace with praying boy) Then God talked to Samuel. He told Samuel many things. That was the first time God talked to Samuel. After that, God talked to Samuel many times. Samuel loved to hear God's voice. Samuel listened to God and followed God's instructions.

### Conclusion:

When your mommy or daddy calls, do you say, "Here I am," like Samuel did? Jesus is happy when you listen and obey. Mommy and Daddy are happy when you listen, and you are happy too. Everyone is happy when you follow the rules Mommy and Daddy give you. When we listen to Mommy, Daddy and Jesus, we can all have happier lives. I like to listen, don't you?

### Memory Verse:

"Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." 1 Samuel 2:9

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 10 - David, the Shepherd Boy

## References:

Bible Reference:

1 Samuel 16:1-13, 2 Samuel 2:4-5:4

*Patriarchs and Prophets*:

pp. 637-642

*The Bible Story*:

Volume 3 pp. 187-192, Volume 4 pp. 73-77

## Lesson Aim:

God wants us to be faithful in our duties, because he has bigger plans for us as we grow.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Small suitcase (or picture) and pictures of things you need

Backgrounds and Overlays: "Interior Board" "Purple Board" "Sky & Water",

Scenery: S6, S14, T1, T2, T3, T4

1Yr-Felts: 17, 24, 31, 35, 48, 99A, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 133

## Setting the Stage:

If you want to go on a vacation, what do you think you will need? (Show a small suitcase) Yes, you will need a suitcase. It is important to plan. We carefully make a list and put all the things we need inside the suitcase. (Show picture of some of the things you might need.) If you are going to the beach, you will pack your swimsuit. If you are going to the snow, you will pack a heavy coat. But what about planning for your life? The boy in our Bible story today, was preparing for something better than a vacation, and that took a lot of preparation.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below minus David and sheep. Behind it, have the Interior board and then the Purple Board set up as the throne room.) David was a shepherd boy. (Add David) He was the youngest of eight boys, and it was his job to take care of the sheep. (Add Sheep)

Day and night, the sheep had to be cared for. He watched the mama and daddy sheep and the baby lambs. They moved from place to place finding nice green grass to eat. He took them by streams of cool water where they could have a nice long drink.

Sometimes he would sit under a nice big tree and play his harp and sing, but he always listened very carefully. He loved his sheep very much and didn't want anything to happen to them. One day, he heard a sound he didn't like. A little lamb was crying. David jumped up quickly and saw a big brown bear growling at the lamb. (Add bear) He prayed to Jesus and chased the bear away. He didn't want it to hurt his sheep.

Another day a mama sheep cried out, and David found a lion carrying off a baby lamb. (Add lion) David rescued the baby lamb from the lion and took it back to its mother. She was glad to have her little lamb back. David was a good shepherd boy. He loved and took care of his sheep. The sheep all loved David and followed him everywhere he went. They trusted him to take care of them. He carefully watched over the sheep, so that they would be safe.

One day when David was tending the sheep, the prophet Samuel came to David's town. God had sent him there to anoint a new king. God had already picked out the new king, and Samuel listened to God's instructions to find him. God told him to go the house of Jesse, David's father. Samuel did as God asked, and Samuel looked at all the nice young men who were there. (Remove sky water board show interior scene with father, brothers, and priest) David's father and his 7 brothers were at home. But David wasn't home, he was out with the sheep. His family watched



and waited as Samuel looked at all of David's brothers one at a time. Samuel asked God, "Is this son of Jesse who is to be king?" Each time God answered "No". When Samuel had looked at all 7 of David's brothers he was confused. God had sent him there, but none of these boys was the one that God wanted to be king.

He asked Jesse, "Are these all of your sons?"

"No," said David's father. "My youngest son is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him."

So everyone waited while a servant went to tell David that the prophet Samuel had come to Bethlehem and wanted to see him.

David was surprised. He hurried home. (Add David) When he arrived, he learned that Samuel had come to anoint a new king. He was just a boy, and he was sure it couldn't be him! But, when Samuel asked God about David, God told Samuel that David was indeed the one. God had chosen David to be the new king. As a special symbol to show God's will, the prophet poured oil on David's head and the spirit of God came upon David. God had a special work for David, but not just yet. After the anointing, David went back to his sheep in the field. He had to wait to grow up, before becoming king.

God was with David as he tended the sheep. God had a lot for him to learn. David spent his time learning more about God, and talking to Him in prayer. David was carefully preparing for the special work God had for him. God was preparing him to trust in His leading, so he could be a good king.

When David was about 30 years old, he was crowned king of Israel. (Remove interior board and show throne room and king.) David had learned the lessons God taught him. He was now to watch over the people as he had learned to watch over the sheep.

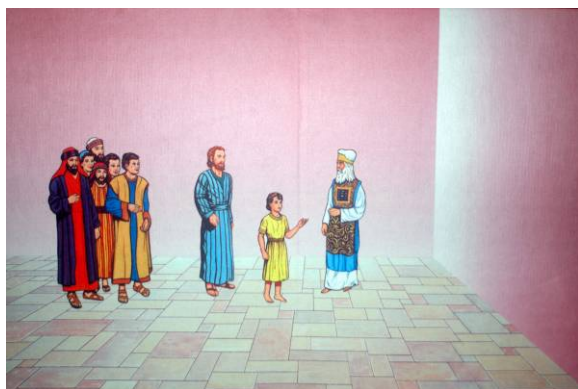
### Conclusion:

We must be faithful in all the jobs we have to do. Even when we are young, God has plans for us. As we are faithful in the small things, God will give us more and more things to do for Him. We should follow David's example to be a good worker. Our memory verse says "The Lord said I will be with you." David learned that God would always be with him and help him. God is there for us just as he was for David. All we have to do is ask. Someday, God will tell you what your special work will be.

### Memory Verse:

"The Lord said I will be with you." Judges 6:16

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 11 - The Birds That Fed a Man

## References:

Bible Reference: 1 Kings 17:1-16  
*Prophets and Kings:* pp. 119-142  
*The Bible Story:* Volume 5 pp. 12-24

## Lesson Aim:

God will take care of us.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Several Food items  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Interior Board" "Purple Board" "Sky & Water", "Desert Overlay"  
Scenery: T1, T2, T3, T4  
1Yr-Felts: 12, 13, 14, 24, 43, 60, 69, 80, 81, 82, 93, 129, 131, 131A, 133, 144, 151,

## Setting the Stage:

(Show several food items) Can you tell me what this is? Yes it's a \_\_\_\_\_, (Repeat) Well, what if you didn't have any food to eat or water to drink? You would get very hungry and thirsty. What if you didn't know where you could get any more food. Mommies and Daddies would be worried. Our Bible story today, is about a man that did know where he was going to get his food or water. But he had a Special Friend who would take care of him.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below minus the people, Behind it have the board set up as shown is Scene 2 minus the bird, tree, rock and man, Then behind that have board set as shown in Scene 4 minus the people.) One day God talked to Elijah the prophet. He told him to go to King Ahab and give him a message. (Put king and Elijah on board) Elijah went to the palace and passed right by the guards and walked straight up to the king. The king was surprised to see him, because no one got in without his permission. Elijah said, "As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." Then Elijah walked back out, before the king had time to hurt him. (Remove Elijah) God had told Elijah that there would be no rain for a long, long time, until the people turned away from their idols, and remembered God. All the people would be very hungry and very thirsty. But God said He would take care of Elijah. Elijah would have food to eat and water to drink. (Remove Throne room)

(Place Elijah on the left side of the desert scene) God told Elijah to go to a little brook, far, far away. The brook was like a very little river. There, Elijah would have water to drink.

Elijah started to walk to the little brook. He walked and he walked. At night he slept on the ground. (Place Elijah horizontal) The next day he walked and walked some more. (Place Elijah upright again) Elijah's feet hurt. But he kept on walking. After a while he came to the mountains. Elijah climbed over the mountains. On the other side of the mountains he found a little brook with some water. (Add water and tree and rock)

Elijah was so happy to rest from his long, long walk. He sat down under a tree beside the little brook. (replace standing Elijah with sitting Elijah) The water was so good after his long, long walk! Elijah put his head on the ground, and soon he went to sleep. When Elijah woke up, he looked around for something to eat. But he couldn't find anything to eat. There was no bread and no milk. There was no fruit—no bananas or oranges. There were no





vegetables—no potatoes or carrots. There were only the tree and the little brook with water. Elijah wondered what he would eat.

Pretty soon Elijah saw some big, black birds flying near. (Add bird with bread) The black birds were not afraid of Elijah. They flew very near to Elijah. One of the black birds had some bread in its beak. The bird dropped the bread near Elijah. Then the other black birds dropped some bread and other food, right beside Elijah. Elijah was so happy! (Move bird near Elijah and drop food and remove bird)

God had sent some birds to feed him. When it was dark, Elijah went to sleep on the ground again. The angel was with Elijah. He was taking care of Elijah the prophet, just as God had promised. When Elijah woke up the next morning the sun was shining. He wondered what he would eat for breakfast. Soon the black birds came flying near. The black birds brought some more bread for Elijah. (Repeat bird movements) And they brought him other food. Every day the birds brought food for Elijah. They came in the morning. And they came back in the afternoon. Two times every day the birds came to bring food for Elijah.

Every day, Elijah said thank you to God for sending the birds with the food. Every day the black birds brought food for Elijah. God was taking care of Elijah. He knew Elijah needed food and water. And so God sent the birds with food for him.

After a while the water in the brook dried up. (Remove tree, water and rock. Replace sitting Elijah with standing Elijah) God told Elijah to go to a little town where a lady would feed him. (Add town, lady and sticks) When he came to the town the lady was gathering wood to make a fire to bake her last bit of bread. Elijah told her bake the bread for him and God would make sure she had more for herself and her son. The lady trusted the prophet of God, and took him to her home. (Remove desert board and show interior scene.) It happened just as Elijah had said God would do. (Add people to indoor scene.) Every day there was more flour and oil just to make bread for that day. The lady, her son, and Elijah had enough food until the rains came again.

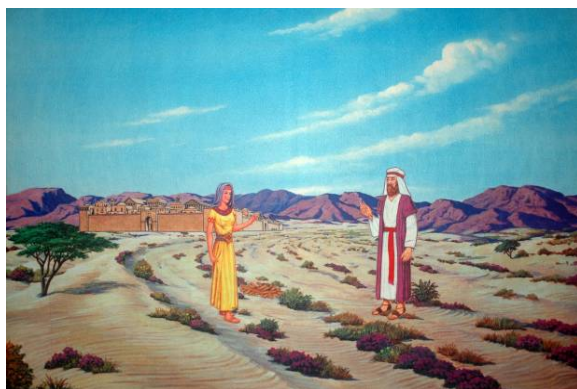
### Conclusion:

Elijah and the widow lady trusted in God, and God took care of them. God knows when you need food and water. He knows just what you need all the time. Yes, "He cares about you." Jesus gave you a family to take care of you--Mommy to fix food for you, and Daddy to protect you. Jesus sends an angel to take care of you, too. Jesus will take care of you, just as He took care of Elijah the prophet.

### Memory Verse:

**"He cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7**

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 12 - A Brave Little Girl

## References:

Bible Reference: 2 Kings 5: 1-14  
*Prophets and Kings*: pp. 244-253  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 5 pp. 79-85

## Lesson Aim:

God takes care of us even when we are scared, and we can share Jesus with others.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Mama and baby stuffed animals  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Interior Board" "Sky & Water", "Desert Overlay"  
Scenery: S3, S4, S6  
1Yr-Felts: 18, 22, 32, 33, 36, 44, 53., 80, 81, 122, 125, 131, 131A, 150

## Setting the Stage:

(Use a mommy and baby stuffed animal. Hide the mother where the children can't see it) What do I have here? Yes it's a baby \_\_\_\_\_. He looks scared today. I wonder why. Oh, he can't find his mother. Can you help him look? (Find the mother) Now the baby is happy again. Have you ever been lost or away from your mommy and daddy? It can be scary sometimes for us; just like it was for the baby \_\_\_\_\_. Our Bible story today is about a little girl that was taken far from her home. Far away from her mommy and daddy. She was scared too.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below minus the people., with the water sky background behind set up as shown in Scene 2 minus the people. Note: the shoreline pieces should be placed underneath the meadow) A little girl had a nice mommy and daddy. Maybe she had some brothers and sisters. They were a happy family. They liked to go to church every Sabbath. They read the Bible and prayed together. Every day they prayed that God would be with them.

One day soldiers came to her town and then finally to her house. They took her away to a faraway country, away from her family and home. (show little girl in your hand, not on the board)

In that faraway place, she was afraid. But she remembered that God was with her all the time. God would send the angels to be with her, too. Right then she prayed to God.

The soldiers took her to a big, big house. (place girl on board) Captain Naaman lived in the house. (Add Captain Naaman, and his wife) The little girl was supposed to help with the work in Captain Naaman's house, and help his wife. She helped make the beds and sweep the floor. She helped the people who lived in the house. But she missed her mommy and daddy very much. She cried herself to sleep, because she was very lonely. But she remembered that even when her mommy and daddy weren't around, Jesus was always there. Every day she prayed to Jesus to take care of her and to watch over her. Jesus did not forget her. Little by little, she grew accustomed to her new home.

One day Captain Naaman got sick. He was very, very sick—so sick no doctors in his country to help him. He had very bad sores. Captain Naaman's wife was very, very sad. She cried and cried. Then the little girl remembered that the Prophet Elisha, back in her country, could make people well through the power of God. She told Captain Naaman's wife about Prophet Elisha. (Remove indoor scene) Soon, Captain Naaman went to see Prophet Elisha. (Show people as set in scene 2) The prophet sent out his servant to tell Captain Naaman to go to the river Jor-



dan and wash seven times.

Captain Naaman was angry that the prophet didn't come out to see him. He thought he was an important man, and that the prophet should be more respectful. Besides, Captain Naaman did not want to wash in the dirty water! He had cleaner rivers back near his home. But the men who were with him urged him to try. Captain Naaman drove down to the water. (Remove people, house and meadow. Replace group of men) He dipped under the water the first time. (Add man to water) Nothing happened. (You can use your fingers to count) He dipped under the second time. Nothing happened. He dipped under the water the third time. Nothing happened. He dipped under the fourth time. Nothing happened. He dipped under the water the fifth time. Nothing happened. He dipped under the sixth time. Nothing happened. Finally he dipped in the water for the seventh time. When he came up the sores were gone! He was healed!

He was so happy, he returned to see Prophet Elisha. (Replace meadow, house, Captain Naaman and men) He wanted to give him presents for making him well. (Add Elisha and servant) But Elisha would not take the gifts. Elisha was not the one who had made him well. He told Captain Naaman that it was God who made him well. Elisha wanted Captain Naaman to learn about God. Captain Naaman went home to his wife who was so happy to see him well. They thanked the little girl for helping Captain Naaman to get well.

### Conclusion:

Even though she was far from home, and missed her family very much, the little girl had not forgotten God, and God had not forgotten her. She was happy to tell the people around her about God. She wanted everyone to know that she loved God. God is with you wherever you are. He is with you at home. God is with you at the park. God is with you on vacation. God is with you when you play. God is with you all the time. God says to you "I am with you... wherever you go." Isn't that wonderful?

### Memory Verse:

**"I am with you .... wherever you go." Genesis 28:15**

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 13 - The King Who Wanted a Pretty Church

## References:

Bible Reference:	2 Chronicles 24:4-14
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> :	pp. 525-529
<i>Prophets and Kings</i>	pp. 215-216
<i>The Bible Story</i> .	Volume 5 pp. 115-118

## Lesson Aim:

God wants us to take care of His house

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: 2 items one old and one new  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Purple Board" "Sky & Water", "Meadow Overlay"  
Scenery: S14, T1, T2, T3, T4  
1Yr-Felts: 17, 18, 35, 40, 42, 24, 48, 54, 120A, 122A, 133, 133A

## Setting the Stage:

(Have two identical items, one old and worn the other new) Which of these \_\_\_\_\_ do you want to have? This \_\_\_\_\_ is dirty and torn, (or other adjectives to describe its condition) and this one is clean and new. I want the new one too. Sometimes we just can't get a new one like our \_\_\_\_\_. We have to fix up the old, ruined one. Our Bible story today is about a boy who saw something dirty and torn and wanted to do something to fix it.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1 below minus the people and the Water and Sky board set behind as shown in Scene 4.) Joash was a little boy just 7 years old. (Place boy on the board) But Joash was a very special little boy. He was a king. Of course, Joash didn't know what a king should do all the time. After all, he was just a little boy 7 years old. So sometimes his Uncle Jehoiada had to help him. (Place Priest on board)

When Joash didn't know what to do, he went to find his uncle to ask him what to do. Joash was sad because the Temple-Church was not beautiful anymore. Some bad people had made holes in the walls and scratched on the inside. They had stolen the golden candlesticks and tables. Even though Joash was just a young king, he wanted a beautiful Temple-Church. He wanted God to have a beautiful Temple-Church. He didn't like the holes in the walls, nor the scratches on the inside. He wanted all the pretty gold candlesticks and tables inside the Temple-Church again.

As he grew older, (Replace the child with king) he had an idea. One day King Joash said to his Uncle Jehoiada, "I want to fix the Temple-Church. I want to make it pretty again. I don't like the holes in the walls and the scratches everywhere. I want to have a pretty Temple-Church for God."

But Uncle Jehoiada said, "It would take a lot of money to fix the Temple-Church. We don't have any money. We would have to have money to pay the carpenters, and the painters, and the stonecutters. We would have to have money to buy paint. I don't think we can fix the Temple-Church. We would need a lot of money."

King Joash thought and thought. How could he get the money to make the Temple-church beautiful again? Maybe King Joash asked God to help him. One day he went to Uncle Jehoiada.

"I know what to do!" he cried. "We will make a money chest so all the people can give an offering." And



that is just what they did. (Place money chest on board) Maybe he put in the very first piece of money himself. Pretty soon other people came with money. (Add crowds to board) They learned that King Joash wanted the Temple-church to be pretty again. They were happy. They brought money and put it in the chest. Many people came. They came from many miles just to give an offering to God. Soon the money chest was full of money! King Joash was happy. The people were happy. But still more money was needed, so he had his men take the money out of the chest and put the empty chest back. The people brought more money! Soon King Joash and Uncle Jehoiada began to hire people to repair the Temple-church.

The carpenters came with their hammers and saws. The painters came with their paint and paintbrushes. They worked and worked and soon the Temple-church was just like new.

Yes, they rebuilt the temple of God. King Joash was so happy! Soon the Temple-Church was just like new! (Remove throne room to show board with city and temple) It was on a hill in the middle of Jerusalem where everyone could see it. There weren't any more holes in the walls, nor scratches on the inside. The pretty golden tables were just where they belonged. God was very happy that King Joash had fixed the Temple-Church.

### **Conclusion:**

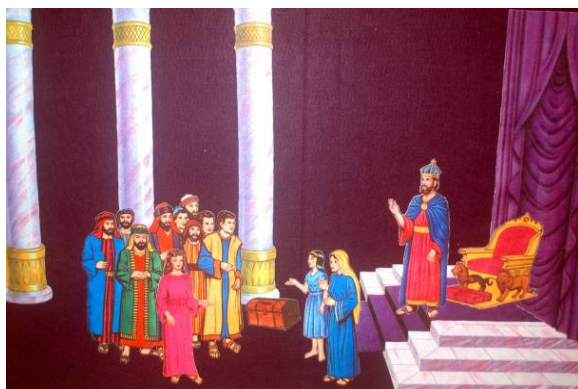
You can help make your church pretty too. You can keep your feet quiet, so they won't kick the chairs. You can hold the hymnal very carefully, so the pages won't tear. You can give some money to fix your church too.

The big people can help make your church pretty too. They can cut the grass and water the flowers. They can sweep the floors and dust the furniture. They can paint the outside and the inside. They can give money to fix your church too. Everyone can help make a pretty church. God is happy when His house is pretty and clean.

### **Memory Verse:**

**"They gave and repaired the house of the Lord." 2 Kings 12:14**

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 14 - An Angel Helps Daniel

## References:

Bible Reference: Daniel 6  
*Prophets and Kings*: pp. 539-545  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 6 pp. 55-59

## Lesson Aim:

We have a guardian angel just like Daniel to watch over us.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Picture of a Lion in a Cage  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Purple Board" "Interior Board" "Sky & Water", "Prison Scene"  
Scenery: T1, T2, T3, T4  
1Yr-Felts: 8, 19, 20, 108, 109, 125, 131, 24, 133,

## Setting the Stage:

(Show a picture of a lion in a cage) Do you know what animal this is? Yes, it is a lion. Where is the lion in this picture? Yes, he is in a cage at the zoo. Have you ever been to a zoo? The zoo keeps lions in a cage so they can't get near the people. Lions are powerful and dangerous animals and would hurt you, if you got near them. Our Bible story today is about a man that had to spend a whole night in the lion's cage.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the board set up as shown in Scene 1. Behind it, have the Interior board set up as shown in Scene 3 minus Daniel and behind that, have the prison scene over the Water and sky board set up as shown in Scene 4 minus Daniel and the angel.) When Darius became king, he looked for the best helpers he could find, and of all the men in Babylon, Daniel was found to be the best. Daniel became a very important man. He was almost as important as the king. (Add Daniel) Every day Daniel worked at the king's office. The king trusted Daniel with his most important work. The king had many other helpers, but none was as faithful and good as Daniel. Some of the king's other helpers did not like Daniel. (Add group of men) They wanted to be the king's most important helpers. They looked and looked for something Daniel did wrong, so they could point it out to the king. But no matter how hard they looked they couldn't find anything bad about Daniel. (Remove Daniel) He always did his work well, and never cheated.

So they said, "What can we do to Daniel? Let's see. Daniel prays to his God three times a day. We can get the King to make a new rule. The rule will be that everybody must pray only to the king. Nobody can pray to God. Then Daniel will break the rule, because he will obey his God first, and then we can do something bad to Daniel."

The bad men told the king about the new rule they wanted, but they did not tell the king why they wanted the new rule. The King was flattered, so he made the new rule. He was happy to be so admired. Nobody could pray to God. Everybody had to pray to the king.

Soon Daniel heard about the new rule. (Remove Throne room to reveal Daniel's house) Did Daniel stop praying to God? Oh, no! Daniel prayed to God three times every day, just as he always did. (Add praying Daniel) Every day Daniel prayed to God. He didn't hide in the closet; he opened his window to Jerusalem and knelt down to pray. He didn't want the bad man to think we was afraid to pray to God. Daniel was not afraid of the bad men. He knew God would take care of him.



The bad men saw Daniel praying to God. Right away they ran to the king. "O King," they said, "Daniel is praying to God. Remember the new rule you made? Everybody is supposed to pray only to you."

Now the king was sorry he had made the new rule, because the king really liked Daniel. Daniel was his best helper. But there was nothing the king could do. He couldn't even change his own new rule. That was the law. Daniel had disobeyed the new rule, so Daniel had to be punished. Daniel would have to be thrown into the lion's cage. (Remove Daniel's house to reveal the lion's den) The lions roared and roared. They made a big, big noise. The lions were very angry and they were very hungry. They would hurt Daniel. The king said, "I can't help you, but 'Your God whom you serve continually will deliver you.'" (Add Praying Daniel) Daniel was not afraid. Daniel would rather be thrown to the lions than fail to worship God. Did the lions hurt Daniel? Oh, no! God sent an angel to take care of Daniel. (Add Angel) The angel shut the lions' mouths. The lions couldn't even roar while Daniel was in their cage. The angel took care of Daniel. Daniel was in the lions' cage all night. All night the angel took care of Daniel. The lions did not hurt Daniel at all.

In the morning, the king came to see Daniel. He called, "Oh, Daniel, did your God take care of you?"

Daniel said to the king, "My God has sent his angel, and he shut the lion's mouths."

Right away, the king took Daniel out of the lions' cage. The king was so happy! Daniel was not hurt. Daniel could still be his best helper. Daniel could still be his most important helper.

### **Conclusion:**

Your angel will take care of you too—when you are afraid, or when there is a big dog barking at you, or it is dark at night in your room, or when you are far away from your mommy and daddy. The angel will always be with you, just as the angel was with Daniel.

### **Memory Verse:**

"My God has sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths." Daniel 6:22

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.



# Lesson 15 - The Man Who Decided to Obey

## References:

Bible Reference: Jonah 1:1 - 3:3  
*Prophets and Kings*: pp. 265-270  
*The Bible Story*: Volume 6 pp. 177 - 182

## Lesson Aim:

God wants us to obey His voice and share the good news.

## Materials needed:

"Setting the Stage" Materials: Picture of cat hiding in the leaves  
Backgrounds and Overlays: "Interior Board" "Sky & Water", "Desert Overlay"  
Scenery: S3, S4  
1Yr-Felts:

## Setting the Stage:

(Show picture of cat hiding in the leaves.) Can you see anything hiding in the picture? (Let the children look. If they can't find it, point out the cat.) Have you ever played hide and seek? It can be fun to hide, and then be found. We can have fun hiding from our friends. Our Bible story today is about a man that tried to hide from God. That wasn't a very smart thing to do. Remember God can find us anywhere we go.

## Presenting the Bible Lesson:

(Begin with the scenery on the board as shown in Scene 1 below minus Jonah) Jonah was a preacher. (place Jonah on the board) He loved God and wanted to do what God wanted him to do. Jonah talked to the people where he lived about God. He liked his town and the people where he lived.

One day God talked to Jonah and said, "I want you to go to a big city far away from here. I want you to preach to the people who live in that city. They are doing bad things. If they don't repent of their sins, they will be destroyed. The name of the city is Nineveh. You must go right away."

Do you think Jonah was happy to do what God told him? No! Jonah was not happy. He thought the people in Nineveh weren't worth saving. The people of Nineveh were very bad. He was afraid they might hurt or even kill him. He thought he knew better than God what to do. He forgot that God was all wise and powerful.

Jonah forgot that God would continue taking care of him. He tried to do something very foolish. He let Satan make him discouraged. So, he tried to hide from God. Can you imagine that! We can't hide from God, can we? But Jonah tried. Do you know what he did? Jonah tried to run away and hide on a big boat. (place boat on water.) Jonah was tired, so he went down to the bottom of the boat and went to sleep. Suddenly, the wind began to blow! Ooo-ooo! (have children make wind sounds) The wind caused the water to have big waves. (add waves and remove land) Some of the waves got into the boat. The other people on the boat were afraid. "We are going to sink!" they cried. "What will we do?"

The captain of the boat found Jonah asleep in the bottom of the boat. He woke Jonah up. "What will we do? The captain asked Jonah. What do you think Jonah said? Jonah knew why they were having to storm. He knew why the wind was blowing so hard. Ooo-ooo!. Jonah said "I am trying to hide from God. If you will throw me out of the boat the wind will stop blowing." The captain didn't want to throw Jonah into the water, but he had to in order to save the ship and all the people on board. (put Jonah in the water)





But God was watching over Jonah. The wind stopped blowing. Everything was calm. The men in the boat were safe from the storm. Jonah wasn't on the boat any more. What happened to Jonah after he landed in the water? A big fish caught Jonah in his mouth (Add whale to the board and then remove Jonah) and Jonah spent 3 days and 3 nights inside the big fish. Jonah had a long time to think about what he had done. During that time Jonah prayed. He told God that he was sorry he had tried to run away. He told God he was sorry that he didn't obey. Jonah told God he was ready to do what God wanted him to do. And do you know what God did? He caused the big fish to swim to the shore and spit Jonah out on the dry ground. (remove whale put back meadow overlay and Jonah). Jonah was safe and he wanted to obey God. Do you remember the name of the city God wanted Jonah to go to? Yes! It was Nineveh. (put city on the board) Jonah now went to Nineveh like God asked him to do. He preached like God wanted him to do. He told the people to stop doing bad things and follow God. He told them all about how God loved them! And do you know what? The people listened to Jonah and started to follow God.

### Conclusion:

God knew better than Jonah did, and Jonah had to spend 3 days in the big fish before he remembered that. Jonah couldn't run away from God, could he? He couldn't hide from God, could he? We can't hide either. Sometimes, when you are naughty, you think Mommy and Daddy cannot see. But God can still see you, can't He? God is happy when we obey, and He is sad when we disobey.

### Memory Verse:

**"Obey the voice of the Lord." Jeremiah 26:13**

Help children say the memory verse and sing the Memory verse song.





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