

Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I had fun hearing how God protected Noah.

God Loves His People

Q: What did God tell Noah to build?

A: An ark

Q: Where were Noah and his family when the storm came?

A: Safe in the ark

Q: Who took care of Noah, his family, and the animals?

A: God

As you review the activity paper and memory work, talk with your child about how God cares for His people. You can read this story in Genesis 6:9-17.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
- **Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney
- **Noah's 2-by-2 Adventure** (Arch Book)

Bible Passage: "The word of the LORD is right" (Psalm 33:4).

Bible Words: I love God's Word.

Scripture Text: Genesis 6:9-17

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I will love God.

Talk Time

Noah and his family were wise; they loved God when everyone else did not. Read Genesis 6:9-17 to see how God took care of Noah.

Q: Why was God going to destroy the world but not Noah or his family?

A: The world was wicked but Noah loved God and was not wicked.

Q: What do we get if we love God and follow His instructions?

A: Wisdom

Together Time

Owls are wise because they pay attention. Play a match card game. Point out that paying attention will make the players smart and help them win. Knowing God is how we get wisdom.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 1 Bible Verse: Job 28:28

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7-10

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Truth about God

God cares for His people.

Bible Lesson Verse

"He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints" (Proverbs 2:8).

Family Activity

Discuss unconditional love. Identify special ways everyone can show love to each other this week. Write them down and have everyone sign the list. Who changed the most/least? Did everyone feel more loved? Did writing it down keep everyone committed? Showing love does not cost money; it requires time and effort, and it is worth it!



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Today I heard about the people who loved God's Word.

God's People Honor His Word

Q: What did the people do when Pastor Ezra read God's Word?

A: They stood.

Q: Why did the people cry?

A: They were sad they had not obeyed God's Word.

Q: When church was over, what did they do?

A: They were happy and went to eat.

Read a short story from your child's Bible. Everyone stands as you read, just as the people stood when Ezra read the Word. As you review the activity paper and memory work, talk with your child about how God blesses those who love His Word. You can read this story in Ezra 10 and Nehemiah 8.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- **Rufus and Ryan Go to Church!** by Kathleen Long Bostrom
- **Excuse Me! A Little Book of Manners** by Karen Katz
- **The Berenstain Bears: Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple** by Jan and Mike Berenstain

Bible Passage: "The word of the LORD is right" (Psalm 33:4).

Bible Words: I love God's Word.

Scripture Text: Ezra 10; Nehemiah 8

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I will love God's Word.

Talk Time

Read Nehemiah 8 to learn what happened when the people wanted to hear God's Word.

Q: Tell what happened when the priest, Ezra, read the Word of God to the people.

A: They stood and cried and repented.

Q: Explain what happened after the people repented.

A: They felt happy and began to worship God. They promised to obey God's Word.

Q: What happens when we love and obey God's Word?

A: God blesses us and gives us joy and happiness.

Together Time

The people stood while Ezra read the Word. Have the family stand while you read Psalm 1. Discuss how loving God's Word is like a tree that is planted by water: the tree will always be watered and will be strong and tall; we will always have God's blessings and be strong.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 1 Bible Verse: Job 28:28

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7-10

Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

Truth about God

God blesses those who love His Word.

Bible Lesson Verse

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2).

Family Activity

Have each family member choose an encouraging or instructive Scripture verse to write on a sticky note. Display the Scriptures in prominent places to serve as personal daily reminders. After five days of repeating, memorizing, and living according to the verses, meet to discuss how God blessed the application of His Word to daily life.



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Today I had fun working together with my friends.

God's People Work Together

Q: Who was the king's son?

A: Jonathan

Q: What did Jonathan give his friend David?

A: His robe, bow, and arrows

Q: What did God want Jonathan and David to do?

A: Work together

Do activities that require you working together as a family or in pairs. Talk about how friends and family work together because they love each other. Talk with your child about how God wants us to work together. You can read this story in I Samuel 18-20.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- **How to Be a Friend: A Book about Friendship** by Molly Wigand
- **David and His Friend, Jonathan** (Arch Book)
- **Sharing Time (Toddler Tools)** by Elizabeth Verdick

Bible Passage: "The word of the LORD is right" (Psalm 33:4).

Bible Words: I love God's Word.

Scripture Text: I Samuel 18-20

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I will work with God's people.

Talk Time

Read I Samuel 18-20 to study the special friendship between Prince Jonathan and David, and how that friendship helped them work together.

Q: Who were David and Jonathan?

A: Jonathan was a prince, and David was his special best friend.

Q: What promise did David and Jonathan make to each other?

A: To protect and take care of each other's children.

Q: How can friends like David and Jonathan work together for God?

Together Time

Write each person's name on a slip of paper. Each evening, draw names in pairs and have those pairs work together on chores. Talk about how much easier it is to do chores when we work together.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 1 Bible Verse: Job 28:28

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7-10

Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

Truth about God

God wants us to work together..

Bible Lesson Verse

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

Family Activity

Play a game of catch. Everyone throws the ball back and forth a few times before one person refuses to catch. How is the game affected? Another person refuses to throw. How is the game affected? A game of catch requires cooperation, as does a family. Remind each family member how valuable he or she is.



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Today I had fun making good choices.

God Rewards Wise Choices

Q: What did David's men do for Nabal?

A: Took care of his sheep

Q: What did Nabal tell David's men to do?

A: Go away.

Q: What did Abigail fix for David and his men?

A: Food

This week allow your child to make choices as often as is practical. Limit choices to two options, such as red or blue shirt, apple or orange, book or blocks. Talk with your child about how God wants us to make good choices like Abigail did in I Samuel 25:3-42.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- **Hands Are Not for Hitting** by Martine Agassi, PhD
- **The Berenstain Bears and the Golden Rule** by Mike, Stan, and Jan Berenstain
- **A Child's Book of Manners** by Ruth Shannon Odor

Bible Passage: "The word of the LORD is right" (Psalm 33:4).

Bible Words: I love God's Word.

Scripture Text: I Samuel 25:3-42

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I will seek God's wisdom.

Talk Time

Read I Samuel 25:3-42 to see how Abigail made a wise choice even though her husband did not.

Q: What did Nabal say when David asked him to help his men?

A: Nabal said no.

Q: What wise choice did Nabal's wife, Abigail, make and how did it make David feel?

A: She decided to give David food anyway, and it stopped David from being angry.

Q: How can we learn to make right choices?

A: Watch others, pay attention, listen to our teachers and preachers, and obey God's Word.

Together Time

Play Hide and Seek with a Bible. Hide the Bible as the family members hides their eyes. At your signal, everyone seeks God's Word. Discuss how God's Word helps us make wise choices.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 1 Bible Verse: Job 28:28

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7-10

Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

Truth about God

God values wisdom.

Bible Lesson Verse

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7).

Family Activity

Prepare a chart with three columns with headings: Wise, Foolish, Results. Graph choices made by relatives, friends, and Abigail from the Bible lesson. Were the choices wise or foolish? What were the consequences of each choice? Did the person seek God's wisdom before making the choice? How does the chart show that God values wisdom?



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Today I heard that God likes us to say we are sorry.

God Delights in Mercy

Q: What did King David tell God?

A: I'm sorry.

Q: Why did King David have to tell God he was sorry?

A: He did something wrong.

Q: Did God forgive King David? How did that make King David feel?

A: Yes; he felt better.

Your child often does wrong as he learns the dos and don'ts of life. Commend him when he says he is sorry, even if he has to do it at your insistence; it is how he learns. Be forgiving as God is kind and forgiving. You can read this story in II Samuel 11; 12:1-13.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- ***We All Need Forgiveness*** by Mercer Mayer
- ***The Berenstain Bears and the Forgiving Tree*** by Jan and Mike Berenstain
- ***Jesus Hears Me*** by Joni Walker

Bible Passage: "God is good" (Psalm 73:1).

Bible Words: God is good.

Scripture Text: II Samuel 11; 12:1-13.

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God wants to forgive me.

Talk Time

Read II Samuel 11 and 12:1-13 to see how God showed David mercy. NOTE: we kept the sin very simple: David wanted a man's wife to be his girlfriend, which was wrong. Then he had the man killed in battle, which was wrong. When David repented, God showed him mercy.

Q: What is mercy?

A: Forgiving someone who deserves punishment.

Q: What did David do that was wrong, and what did he do afterwards?

A: He was selfish and had a man killed so the man's wife could be David's girlfriend. David repented and asked God to forgive him.

Together Time

Let everyone make people figures from Play-Doh. Discuss wrongs people commit, and poke the figure with a stick for each wrong named. Discuss how mercy and forgiveness makes us right again, and reshape the figure to eliminate the poked holes.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 27:4

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7-10

Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

Truth about God

God is merciful.

Bible Lesson Verse

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions" (Psalm 51:1).

Family Activity

Place a drop of grape juice on a white cloth. Compare the stain to sin. Read Psalm 51:7-13. Pour peroxide over the stain. It may take more than one application, but the stain should eventually fade completely. Compare the process to God's mercy blotting out our sin. When we repent, He forgets our sin forever.



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Today I heard that God helps us and makes us feel better.

God Comforts

Q: What did David do when he found all the families were gone?

A: Prayed

Q: What did God tell David to do?

A: Go get them; I will help you.

Q: How did God make David and all the families feel?

A: Happy

Ask your child to help you with easy activities, such as dusting or watering outdoor plants. God helps us when we need help and gives us peace (makes us feel better). You can read this story in I Samuel 30:1-6, 18-19.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- ***The Berenstain Bears' Please and Thank You Book*** by Mike Berenstain
- ***The Berenstain Bears Blessed Are the Peacemakers*** by Mike Berenstain
- ***Jesus Hears Me*** by Joni Walker

Bible Passage: "God is good" (Psalm 73:1).

Bible Words: God is good.

Scripture Text: I Samuel 30:1-6, 18-19

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I can find peace in God.

Talk Time

Read I Samuel 30:1-6, 18-19. When David's world fell apart, he encouraged himself in the Lord. God gave him peace.

Q: What happened to the families while David and his men were off fighting a war?

A: The enemy captured them and took them away.

Q: What did David do when his men were mad at him and wanted to kill him?

A: He prayed, God gave him peace and told him to go rescue all the families.

Together Time

Give everyone a noisemaker of some sort and have everyone make noise. It will be crazy! Then give each person cotton or earplugs and headphones if available. Make crazy noise again and discuss the difference the noise-cancelling items made. God gives us peace in the midst of craziness.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 2 Bible Verse: Psalm 27:4

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7-10

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Truth about God

God is peace.

Bible Lesson Verse

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8).

Family Activity

Draw a simple sketch of a tall rock cliff. Add a tiny hollow with a sleeping bird inside a nest. Have family members add storm effects to the scene (clouds, rain, lightning, trees swaying in wind). Read Psalm 27:5. Discuss how God provides peace and safety even when problems happen all around us.



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Today I heard that God takes care of us.

God Cares for Us

Q: What did Hagar and Ishmael take with them when they went away?

A: Food and water

Q: What did Hagar do when they ran out of food and water?

A: Prayed

Q: How did God take care of Hagar and Ishmael?

A: Provided water

- Let your child help you pack a small lunch bag for a picnic. Choose foods that you have in abundance. When you run out of food (such as fish crackers), bring out the bag with more. As you review the activity paper and memory work, talk with your child about how God cares for us because He is good. You can read this story in Genesis 21:9-20.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- **God Finds Us** by Kristen McCurry
- **Jesus Is with Me** by Debby Anderson
- **The Berenstain Bears: Sister Bear Learns to Share** by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Bible Passage: "God is good" (Psalm 73:1).

Bible Words: God is good.

Scripture Text: Genesis 21:9-20

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I can trust God.

Talk Time

Read Genesis 21:9-20 to see how God showed His righteousness to Hagar and Ishmael.

Q: Why did Hagar and her son Ishmael have to leave Abraham?

A: She was always arguing with Abraham's wife Sarah.

Q: How did God show Hagar and Ishmael that He was good and loved them?

A: When they ran out of water, God gave them a well to get water from and promised to take care of them.

Together Time

Set a timer for fifteen seconds, during which everyone finds one item that is good. It could be food, clothing, a blanket, or anything that represents good. Each person shares what is good about her choice. Play again until you have a pile of good things. Discuss how God's goodness never ends, and He is always showing it to us.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 2 Bible Verse: *Psalm 27:4*

Special Memory Passage: *Psalm 19:7-10*

Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

Truth about God

God is righteous.

Bible Lesson Verse

"According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness" (Psalm 48:10).

Family Activity

Give everyone a cup of water, a saltine cracker, and a towel for clean-up. Eat the crackers while imagining a dry mouth in a hot desert. Drink water while considering how Hagar and Ishmael felt thankful for God's care. Then, one at a time, use water to gargle a thankful song. The rest of the family guesses the tune.



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Today I had fun hearing how God helps us.

God Helps

Q: What did King David do when he needed help?

A: Prayed

Q: What did God tell David to listen for?

A: Wind blowing in the trees

Q: What happened when God helped David?

A: They chased the bad guys away.

- Sit outside with your child, listening quietly, and let your child identify the different sounds he hears. As you review the activity paper and memory work, talk with your child about how God helps us when we listen to Him. You can read this story in II Samuel 5:22-25.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- **The Berenstain Bears Say Their Prayers** by Mike, Stan, and Jan Berenstain
- **The Berenstain Bears and the Gift of Courage** by Jan and Mike Berenstain
- **Listening Time** by Elizabeth Verdick

Bible Passage: "God is good" (Psalm 73:1).

Bible Words: God is good.

Scripture Text: II Samuel 5:22-25

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God will help me.

Talk Time

Read II Samuel 5:22-25 to see what happened when David heard a sound in the mulberry trees.

Q: What did David write in his songs about God that showed why he didn't have to be afraid?

A: God was his light and his strength; God would keep him safe; God would help him.

Q: Tell the story of David and the wind in the trees.

A: The enemy was ready to attack, so David prayed. God told him to wait for the sound in the trees. When the sound came, David and his men rushed out and beat the enemy, just as God had said.

Q: Give examples of how God helps us.

Together Time

Place a bowl of dried beans or rice on the table. Give each person a small cup and a plastic spoon. Set a timer for thirty seconds. Each person tries to get the most beans into his cup, one spoonful at a time. Play again, except this time work in pairs to show how helping produces better results. God is our help in any situation.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 2 Bible Verse: *Psalm 27:4*

Special Memory Passage: *Psalm 19:7-10*

Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

Truth about God

God is our help.

Bible Lesson Verse

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).

Family Activity

Is asking for help easier than giving help? Everyone writes two tasks he needs help completing this week. Partner up to help each other complete the tasks. Plan a celebration for when all tasks are completed. This is how God wants us to approach Him. We ask. He partners to help us. We all celebrate!



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Today I had fun praising the Lord!

God's People Praise Him

Q: How did God help His people when they were stuck? What happened when the bad men came to get them?

A: He moved the waters out of the way; He made the water swallow up the bad people.

Q: What did Miriam do after God helped them?

A: Praised the Lord with her tambourine

Provide hand-held musical instruments or noisemakers for everyone (plastic bowls and spoons for drums; funnels for trumpets; pie tins for cymbals). Have a praise march through your house, praising the Lord as you play your instruments. God loves to hear us praise Him. You can read this story in Exodus 15:1-20.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- *Moses' Dry Feet* (Arch Book)
- *The Story of Moses and God's Promise* by Martina Smith
- *I Can Praise God!* by Diane Stortz

Bible Passage: "Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 150:6)..

Bible Words: Praise the Lord!

Scripture Text: Exodus 15:1-20

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I will praise God.

Talk Time

Read Exodus 15:1-20 to see how the Israelites reacted after God saved them from the Egyptian army.

Q: Why did Moses and the people praise God?

A: He had saved the people and destroyed the enemy.

Q: How did Moses and Miriam praise God?

A: Moses and the men sang; Miriam and the ladies danced and played tambourines.

Q: What are some ways we can worship God?

A: Bowing, kneeling, standing, dancing, singing, playing instruments.

Together Time

Put on some praise music and take time to simply praise the Lord. Provide instruments: sticks, spoons, plastic tubs (drums), tubs of dried beans, toy musical instruments, and so on. Take turns being the leader and leading in different motions: kneeling, marching, bowing, standing, and so on.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 3 Bible Verse: : *Proverbs 4:20, 22*

Special Memory Passage: *Psalm 19:7-10*

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Truth about God

God loves praise and He can be praised in many ways.

Bible Lesson Verse

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 150:6).

Family Activity

Host a praise-a-thon at home. Pull out any instruments you have. If you do not have any, improvise with colanders, pots, pans, spoons, and pill bottles. Put on your favorite praise and worship music, and dance and sing unto the Lord. Between songs, testify of God's goodness.



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Today I learned that God listens when I pray.

God's People Pray

Q: Did Elijah hear God in the wind?

A: No

Q: Was God in the earthquake?

A: No

Q: Did Elijah hear God in the fire?

A: No

Q: How did God speak to Elijah?

A: In a still small voice (whisper)

Create 30-second scenarios such as stomping feet, clapping hands, and blowing hard. For each scenario, everyone stops when you whisper, "God is listening." As you review the activity paper and memory work, talk with your child about how God listens to our prayers and He will talk to us. You can read this story in I Kings 19:9-18.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- *Why Did Elijah Hide?* by Pauline Youd
- *God's Quiet Things* by Nancy Sweetland
- *Larry Learns to Listen (VeggieTales)* by Karen Poth

Bible Passage: "Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 150:6).

Bible Words: Praise the Lord!

Scripture Text: I Kings 19:9-18

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I will pray to God.

Talk Time

Read Psalm 86 and I Kings 19:9-18 to see the difference between David and Elijah's prayers: David asked God for help; God had to start the prayer when Elijah needed help.

Q: What did David pray when he needed God's help?

A: He asked God to listen to his prayer.

Q: Tell the story of Elijah in the cave.

A: Elijah was hiding from the queen. God sent a strong wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but He didn't speak until those were gone. Then He spoke in a whisper.

Q: What is prayer?

A: Talking to God

Together Time

Prayer is having a conversation with God. We talk; He listens; He talks; we need to listen! After a brief prayer asking God to speak to you, have everyone be quiet for one minute and listen for God to speak. He may put a thought or an image or a name in your mind. After one minute, discuss what God said. It's OK if He didn't speak to each person.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 3 Bible Verse: *Proverbs 4:20, 22*

Special Memory Passage: *Psalm 19:7-10*

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Truth about God

God listens to our prayers.

Bible Lesson Verse

"Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications" (Psalm 86:6).

Family Activity

Every night this week, have family prayer for ten minutes. Set a timer. Each person takes a turn praying, going from person to person until the timer buzzes. Try praying for ten minutes in the mornings too. You will soon want more time. Talking to God is the best way to begin and end the day!



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Today I heard how God likes it when we pray and worship.

God's People Worship

Q: Who got thrown into the lions' den?

A: Daniel

Q: Who shut the lions' mouths?

A: God

Q: Who was so happy when Daniel was OK that he told everyone to worship God?

A: The king

Throughout the week, have your family prayer time at various windows in the home. Daniel prayed three times a day at his window, even when the law said he could not. As you review the activity paper and memory work, talk with your child about how God wants us to worship and pray at all times, no matter what. You can read this story in Daniel 6.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- ***Daniel and the Lions' Den*** by Juliet David
- ***Daniel and the Lions*** (Arch Book) by Larry Burgdorf
- ***Children's Book about Lions*** by Jessica Lopez

Bible Passage: "Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 150:6).

Bible Words: Praise the Lord!

Scripture Text: Daniel 6

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I will worship God.

Talk Time

Read Psalm 23 and Daniel 6 to learn of two people who prayed and worshiped God all the time.

Q: When did David worship God and why?

A: All the time, because he trusted God and God always took care of him

Q: What happened when Daniel prayed and worshiped God?

A: He was thrown in the lions' den, but an angel kept the lions' mouths closed and nothing happened to him.

Together Time

In the simplest of terms, worship is complimenting God. Form a circle and let each person go around the circle complimenting each person. After each person has taken a turn, let each one name their favorite compliment they received. Finish by complimenting—worshipping—God.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 3 Bible Verse: Proverbs 4:20, 22

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7–10

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Truth about God

God desires our worship at all times.

Bible Lesson Verse

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker" (Psalm 95:6).

Family Activity

Practice making Thanksgiving muffins. Ingredients: 1 cup self-rising flour, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1 cup thickened cream, 1/2 cup chocolate chips. In a large bowl, mix flour and sugar. Barely fold in cream and chips. Mixture will be wet and lumpy. Spray a mini-muffin pan. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit (180 degrees Celsius) for twelve minutes. While serving the muffins, each person shares one attribute of God they are thankful for (e.g., mercy, love, etc.).



Toddler Home Connection - Ages 2-3

Today I had fun thanking God.

God's People Give Thanks

Q: What did Paul tell the people to do in his letter?

A: Say thank you.

Q: Who did Paul thank?

A: God and the people

Q: Who should we say "Thank You" to every day?

A: God

Paul wrote a thank-you letter to the Philippian church. Help your child write a thank-you letter to your pastor. As you review the activity paper and memory work, talk with your child about how God is good and He likes it when we say thank you. You can read Paul's thank-you text in Philippians 4.

Here are some lesson-related books to read:

- ***Tiny Blessings for Giving Thanks*** by Amy Parker
- ***The Berenstain Bears Give Thanks*** by Jan and Mike Berenstain
- ***Thank You, God!*** by Kathleen Long Bostrom

Bible Passage: "Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 150:6).

Bible Words: Praise the Lord!

Scripture Text: Philippians 4

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I will thank God.

Talk Time

Read Psalm 100 and Philippians to see what David and Paul had to say about being thankful.

Q: What David tell us to do in Psalm 100?

A: Thank God because He is good. Come to God singing songs of praise and thanks. Tell how good God is.

Q: What did Paul write in his thankful letter?

A: Tell God thanks and tell each other thanks. God takes cares of us because He is good.

Q: Name things to thank God for.

Together Time

Let each person find one small object in the house for playing hot potato. Form a circle and set a timer for thirty seconds. Pass the items until the timer dings. Each person gives a reason for being thankful for the item he is holding. Repeat. Finish by letting each person tell God something for which she is thankful.

Word Time

Learn these passages with your child.

Unit 3 Bible Verse: Proverbs 4:20, 22

Special Memory Passage: Psalm 19:7–10

Primary & Preteen Home Connection - Grades 3-6

Truth about God

God is good.

Bible Lesson Verse

"For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5).

Family Activity

Write T-H-A-N-K-S down the left side of papers. Beside the letters write things/events for which you are thankful (e.g., "God T-aking care of me," "T-oys," "Mom T-elling me I love you," "H-air," "H-ot dogs," "A-fter school snacks"). Whose were similar? Whose were funniest? Remember to give God thanks for everything we have.

