

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Praise God for family.

OBJECTIVE:

We can thank God for our family and friends.

KEY PASSAGE:

Genesis 2:18-22, God Makes Eve to be With Adam

MEMORY VERSE:

"I will sing praise to the Lord. He has been so good to me." Psalm 13:6 (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

God deserves our praise. God is so good to us. God gave us the family and friends that we have, because He loves us.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving me family and friends.

Amen

MEMORY VERSE

"I will sing praise to the Lord. He has been so good to me." Psalm 13:6 (NIRV)

LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Teach the kids the verse, using the following hand motions: "I will sing praise" (Place your hands near your mouth. Move your hands in small circles as you lift your arms up above you.) "to the Lord" (Stop making the small circles. Extend your arms fully up to the sky.) "He" (With arms still extended, point upward with your index fingers.) "has been so good" (Bring your arms down and embrace yourself.) "to me." (Point to yourself with both hands.)

SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY: See how loudly you can shout the verse together.

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: Ready for the Party

ITEMS NEEDED: Balloons

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

CHARACTERS: Mike, Sara

Mike is on stage, blowing up a balloon. Sara enters.

SARA: Hi, Mike.

Mike stops blowing up the balloon.

MIKE: Hi, Sara.

SARA: What are you up to?

MIKE: Just getting ready for the party by blowing up these balloons.

SARA: Need some help?

MIKE: Yeah, that would be great.

Mike hands Sara a balloon. They both get to blowing. Then Sara stops.

SARA: Who's coming to your party?

MIKE: My mommy. My daddy. My little sister. You can come too if you like.

SARA: Thanks. Sounds like your whole family will be there.

MIKE: Yep.

SARA: Is it your birthday?

MIKE: Nope.

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

SARA: Is it your mommy's birthday?

MIKE: Nope.

SARA: Is it your daddy's birthday?

MIKE: Nope, it's not anyone's birthday.

SARA: Then why are you having a party if it's not anyone's birthday?

MIKE: We're having a Praise Party.

SARA: A Praise Party?

MIKE: Yes. We're celebrating God.

SARA: I don't understand.

MIKE: God deserves to be celebrated. He's given me so much.

SARA: He has?

MIKE: Sure. He gave me my mommy and daddy and little sister. God gave me a family. And God gave me friends.

SARA: Like me?

MIKE: Exactly.

SARA: You know, God's given me so much too. I want to join in on the Praise Party for God.

MIKE: Well then, we better finish blowing up these balloons.

Mike and Sara put renewed energy into blowing up their balloons. End.

SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED:

Assorted cookies

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: “Today’s snack is cookies. Please let your child’s teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack.”

CONNECTION:

On each plate, give an assortment of cookies – chocolate chip, Oreo, vanilla wafer, etc. Talk about how each one is different but they are all in the cookie “family.” Thank God for giving us families that we can be a part of, despite our differences.

CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED:

Large sheets of craft paper, markers, crayons, stickers

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Tape large sheets of craft paper to the walls.

DIRECTIONS:

We are in the middle of a Praise Party for God. Every party needs decorations. Give little ones markers or crayons and have them decorate the walls for your party. Have festive stickers available for them to place on the craft paper. Remind them that the purpose of the party is to celebrate God and thank him for everything he has done for us. (Keep the decorated wall up until your big Praise Party on week 4.)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Bag, various personal items: lipstick tube, electric razor, earrings, pacifier, etc.

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Place the items in the bag.

DIRECTIONS:

Have one kid come up and remove an item from the bag. See if they can identify the item. Have them pass the item around so others can touch it. Who in your family would use this item: mommy, daddy, baby, etc.? Select another kid to come up and remove another item from the bag. Repeat the process. Talk about how God gave us our family. We are all different – just like we all use different objects – but we can thank God that we are all one family.

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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God's Word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

In the beginning God made everything. He made the earth and the sky. He made the plants and the animals. And he made a person.

The first person was a man named Adam. Adam was all alone. God said, "It's not good for Adam to be all alone."

Adam met all of the animals. He met the grizzly bear and the giraffe. He met the lion and the kitty cat. He met the snail and the rhinoceros. He met them all. But Adam was still all alone.

Adam needed another person to be with him. So God made another person. God made a woman. Her name was Eve.

Adam was no longer alone. Adam had Eve. And Eve had Adam. They became husband and wife. Adam praised God for giving him Eve.

We are not alone. God has given us a family. God has given us friends. We have so many reasons to praise and thank God.

LESSON

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving me family and friends.

Amen

MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER:

Get up and get your bodies moving with some energetic praise and worship music.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

See how loudly you can shout the verse together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who made everything?

What was the name of the first person?

Who did God make to be with Adam?

Who has God given us so that we are not alone?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:

Stand in a small circle, facing each other. Pull out a party balloon. Hit it to one of the kids. Have them hit it to someone else. Keep the balloon in the air, don't let it hit the ground. When we remember all that God has given to us, we won't ever stop praising him.

1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1-2 YEAR OLDS

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON: Adam was the first person; he was all alone. God didn't want Adam to be alone, so he made Eve. Adam and Eve were the first family. We can praise God for giving us families.

MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Praise Party Preschool Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: PRAISE GOD FOR FAMILY

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



DRIVING:

In the car, play some kids' praise and worship music together. Celebrate God for who he is and everything that he has done for you.



PLAYING:

Set up a play date with one or more of your little one's friends. Encourage your little one to thank God for giving us friends that we can enjoy and spend time with.



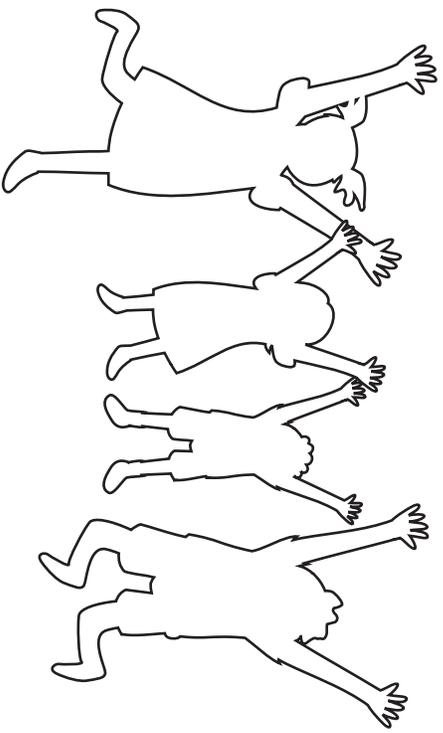
EATING:

During your mealtime prayer, thank God for the gift of friends and family.

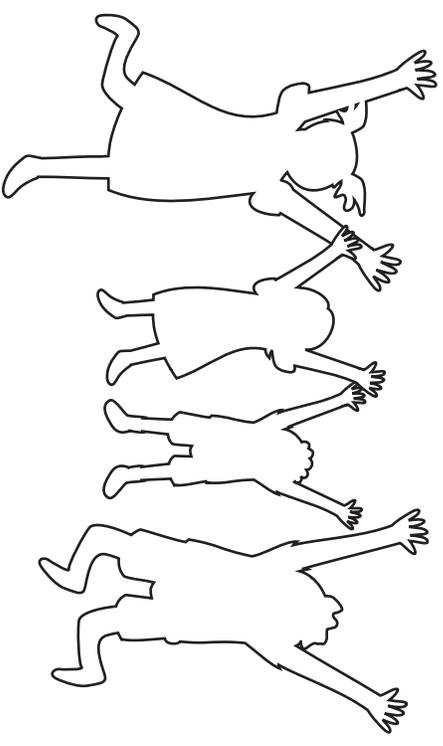


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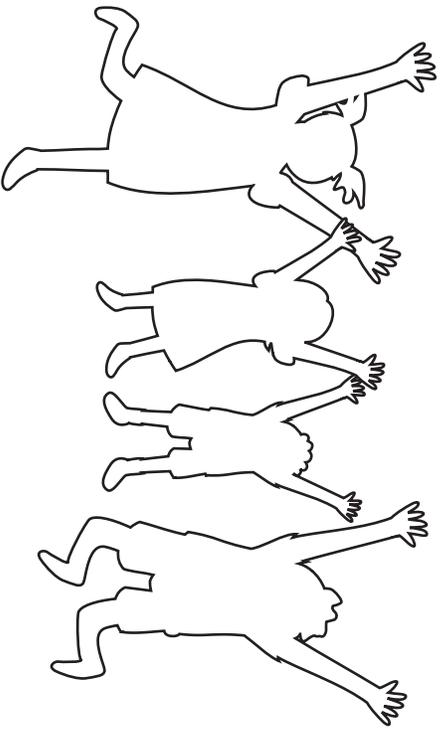
Hold your little ones close and have an intimate moment of worship. Pray to God together. Thank Him for the gift of family. Thank Him for the gift of friendship.



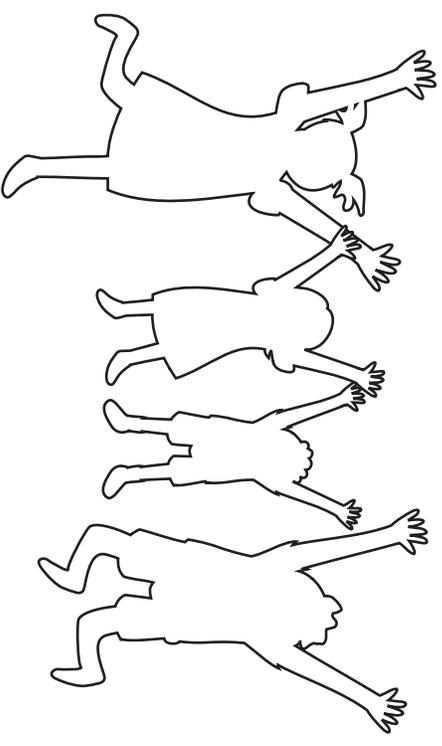
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