

PreSchool

Student

Activities for Parents  
and Preschoolers

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## Unit Overview

The lessons in this unit teach your child how important each one of us is to Jesus and how much He loves us. Your child will learn the following stories:

- Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-26).
- Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus (Luke 18:35-43; Mark 10:46-52).
- Zacchaeus is important to Jesus despite his wrong actions (Luke 19:1-10).
- Jesus calls Matthew to be His disciple (Matt. 9:9-13).

## Family Time

When you are shopping at a mall, take a break for a few minutes and look at all the different people. Talk about how God loves all these people—even though they don't look the same.

### UNIT THEME:

We Are Important to Jesus  
BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

## Bible Time

Many older adults, especially those who don't have family living close by, can feel unimportant. Brighten their day by visiting them. You may have your preschooler bring along a copy of *My Sunday Pictures*.

Thank God that we are important to Him. Ask Him to show you ways to show others that they are important to Him.

## Teaching God's Word

Use this action rhyme to help your child learn this unit's Bible Memory Verse. The memory verse is in bold.

Jesus cares if you cry,  
(Touch cheeks.)  
If you're tall or small,  
(Reach high then low.)  
He wants you to be happy,  
(Point to smile.)  
**He cares for you all.**  
(Point to the children.)

# Family Faith Steps

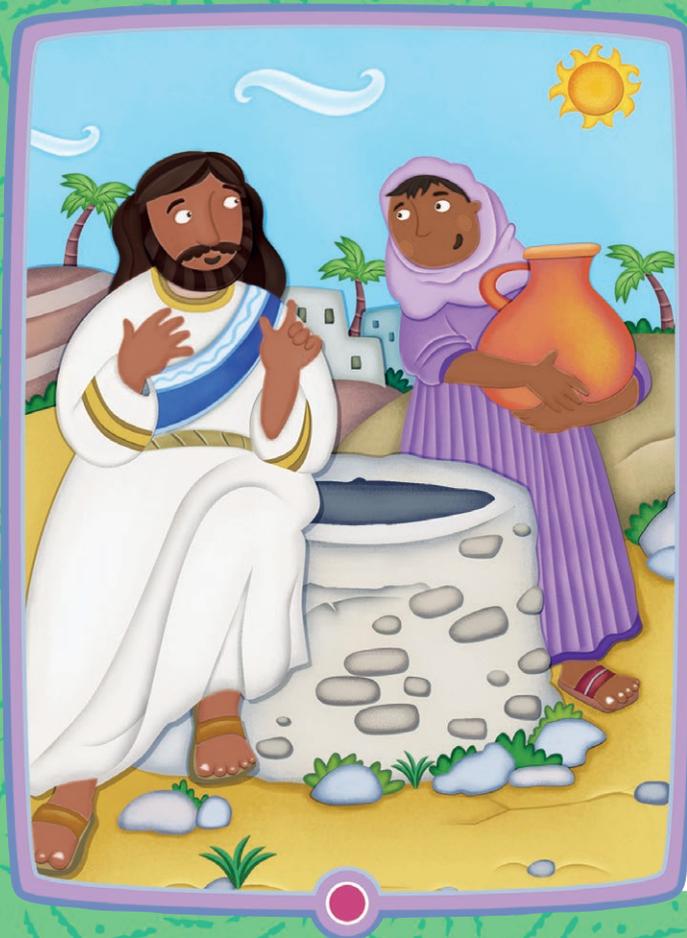


Every four or five weeks your child will bring home a *My Sunday Pictures* card just for you. On it will be information to use throughout the unit. You may wish to start a file of these cards in a box or envelope.

Your child will also get a weekly card with the Bible story for you to read together and activities to do.

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## Jesus Talks with a Woman at a Well

*This story is based on John 4:4-26.*

Jesus was sitting by a well. He was resting. He was tired and very thirsty.

There was water in the well. But Jesus needed a jar to get the water out.

Soon a woman who was carrying a jar walked up to the well. Jesus told the woman, "I'm thirsty. Will you give Me a drink of water?"

The woman was quiet. She knew that she and Jesus were from two

different countries. The people from those two places were not friends.

So the woman asked, "Why are You asking me for a drink?"

Jesus said, "I came to be a friend to everyone. I am God's Son. If you love Me, I will always be your friend. You will never be alone."

The woman was happy. She knew that Jesus cared about her. She ran to tell others about Jesus.

# The Cookie Jar

Bible Truth: Jesus cares for us even when we seem to be all alone.

Curtis's mama was on the phone with Beverly, the next door neighbor. Curtis reached into the cookie jar.

"Curtis! Go sit in that chair!" Mrs. Johnson yelled. *How did she know? She could not see me. She was in the other room,* Curtis thought. Curtis sat in the chair. He felt all alone. Curtis started humming the Sunday school song he had learned:

"Jesus cares if you cry,  
If you're tall or small,  
He wants you to be  
happy.  
He cares for you all."

He felt better. Knowing Jesus loves and cares for him made Curtis happy.

Just then, Curtis's daddy came home from work. Curtis's mother finished cooking dinner. The family sat down at the kitchen table. They prayed to God and gave thanks. Curtis said he was sorry for trying to take a cookie.

Curtis and his family ate cookies for dessert. This was much better than eating a cookie alone!

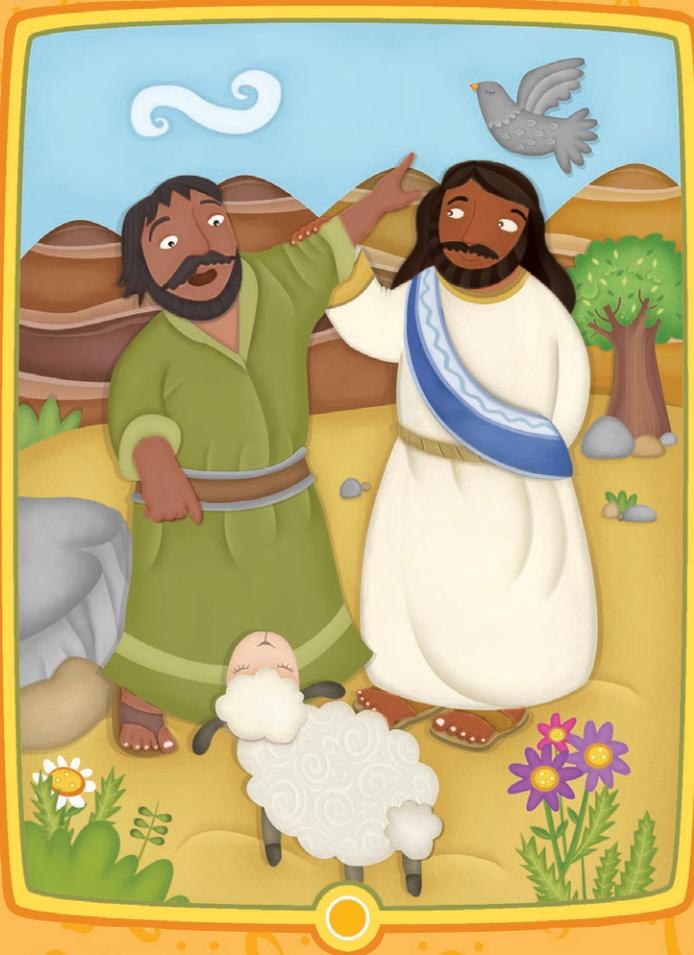


## Family Time

Feeling alone is frightening to a child. You can use this week's Bible story to reassure your child that Jesus is always with him. To review the story, use toy figures and a bowl of water. You take the role of Jesus, and your child can be the Samaritan woman. As the woman is getting water from the well, have Jesus say, "I am God's Son. If you love Me, I will always be your friend. You will never be alone." Encourage your child to pray when he feels alone. Review the memory verse.

## Bible Memory Verse

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7



## Jesus Helps Bartimaeus See

*This story is based on Luke 18:35-43; Mark 10:46-52.*

A man sitting by the side of the road was named Bartimaeus (*bar-tih-MEE-us*). Bartimaeus could not see because he was blind. (*Have your child close his eyes.*) But he could hear. (*Have your child point to his ears.*)

Talk, talk. He heard people talking. They had exciting news. They said, “Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!”

Bartimaeus was happy to hear about Jesus. He was excited. He called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, please help me.

Please! Please!”

Jesus heard Bartimaeus! He asked some people to bring Bartimaeus to Him. Jesus asked, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

Bartimaeus said, “I want to see.”

Then Jesus did something wonderful. He helped Bartimaeus see! Jesus said, “You believed in Me, and now you can see.”

“Thank You, Jesus!” said Bartimaeus. “You listened when I asked for help.”

**Lesson 2**

# Dominoes

Bible Truth: Jesus listens when we ask Him for help.

Anthony lay very still in his bed. Mom laid her soft hand on his warm head.

Tiana yelled from her room, "I'm sorry you're sick, Anthony." Tiana was stacking dominoes. "Hope you feel better. Can you play with me soon?" she asked.

"Shhhh, not right now, Tiana. Maybe later," Mom answered.

Mom told Anthony to take a nap. She left the bedroom.

Tiana knocked down the dominoes. She grabbed her picture

Bible. She peeked into Anthony's room. "Hey, Anthony, look at this picture. This is the story of how Jesus helped a man with sick eyes. That man asked Jesus to heal his eyes. Jesus did. Let's pray, Anthony. Then you can feel better and play," Tiana said.

Anthony put his hands together and closed his eyes, "Dear, Jesus, please help me feel better too. Amen."

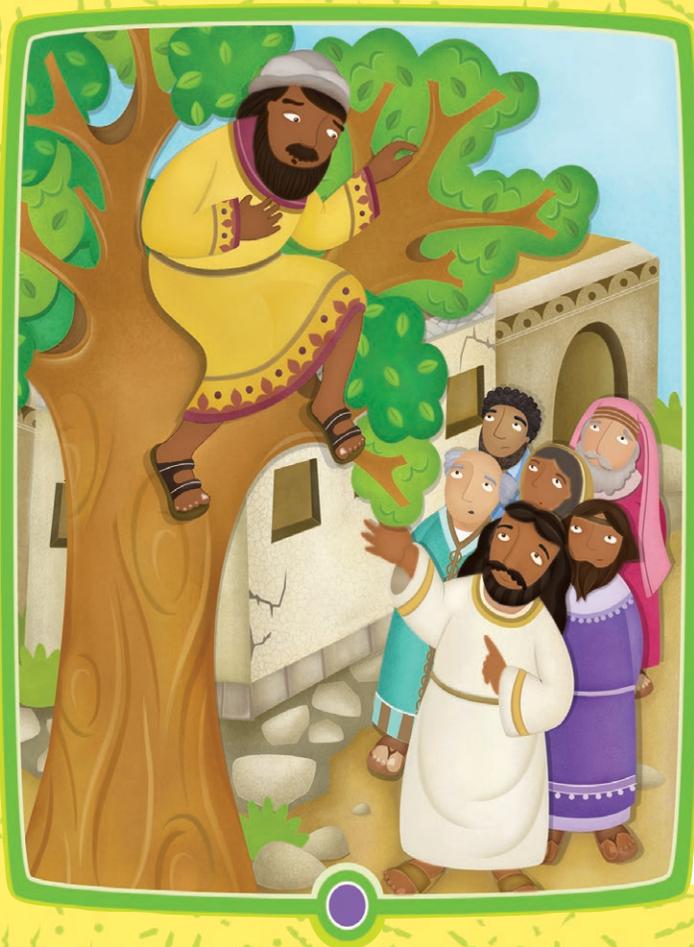
When Anthony felt better, he and Tiana played dominoes.



## Bible Memory Verse

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

**Family Time** Try this simple way to help your child review the Bible story. Have your child use a dark crayon to fill a piece of paper. Explain that this is how everything looked to Bartimaeus when he was blind. Then reread the last part of the story. Help your child think of things Bartimaeus saw after Jesus healed his eyes. Let your child color on another piece of paper with bright colors, like blue for the sky, yellow for the sun, and green for the grass. Tell your child that Jesus listens when we ask Him for help.



## Jesus Visits Zacchaeus

*This story is based on Luke 19:1-10.*

Push, push. The people moved closer together. They were waiting to see Jesus.

Zacchaeus (*zak-KEE-us*) could not see Jesus. Zacchaeus was a short man. He could not see over other people's heads.

But Zacchaeus was smart. Zip, zip. He climbed a tree. Now he could see Jesus better than the other people could.

As Jesus came nearer, He saw Zacchaeus sitting up in the tree. Jesus

looked up and said to him, "Come down, Zacchaeus. I want to stay at your house today."

Zip, zip. Zacchaeus climbed down the tree. He was glad that Jesus wanted to visit his house.

Zacchaeus told Jesus he was sorry for the wrong things he had done. Zacchaeus said, "I will pay people back. I will give half of my money to poor people."

Jesus was happy. He said, "I came to help people like you, Zacchaeus. I love you."

# The Wall

Bible Truth: Jesus loves us even when we have done wrong things.

Anthony was riding the big city bus with his older cousin, Michael. Anthony stared out the bus window. He could see some big boys drawing strange pictures on a wall. Anthony thought about drawing his own pictures.

Anthony and Michael got off the bus at the store. Anthony asked Michael to buy him some colored markers. Michael did. Later they caught the bus to go home.

When they got off the bus near Aunt Mary's house, Anthony took a purple marker and

started drawing on a wall. "Anthony, why are you doing that?" Michael yelled. "I saw some big kids doing it," Anthony said.

When they got to Aunt Mary's home, Michael told her about Anthony's drawing. "You can't write on the wall," Aunt Mary said.

"I'm sorry, Aunt Mary," Anthony said. "I will wash the marks off."

"Here's some drawing paper for you," Aunt Mary smiled. "Can you write J-E-S-U-S L-O-V-E-S M-E?"

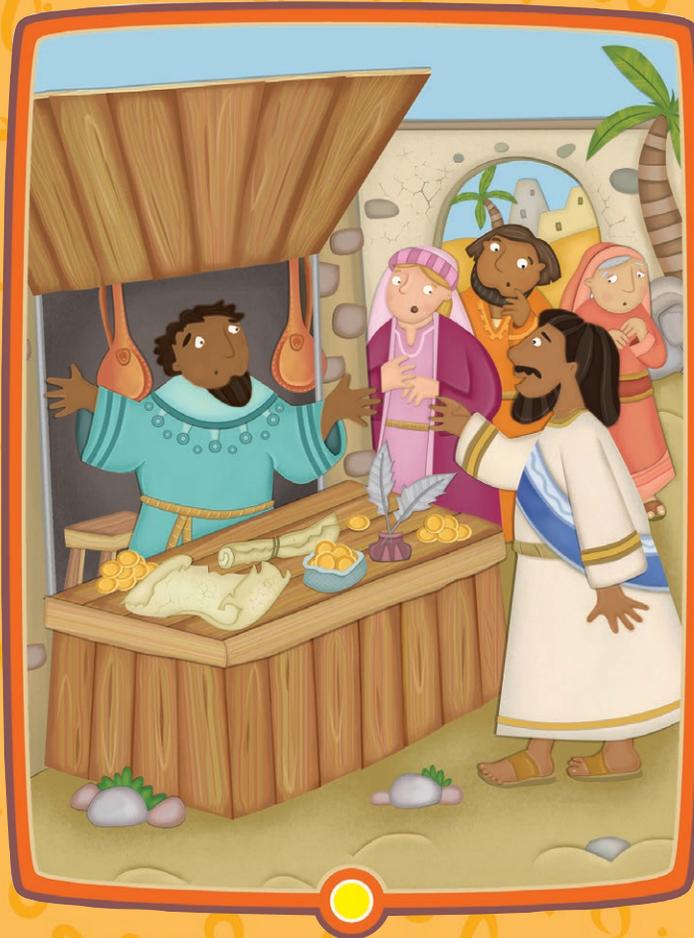
Anthony gave Aunt Mary a big hug.

## Bible Memory Verse

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7



**Family Time** Use this activity to help your child understand that Zacchaeus was sorry for his wrong actions. Draw a happy face on one side of a paper plate and a sad face on the other side. As you read the story, help your child show the side of the plate that shows how Zacchaeus feels. After the story, talk about how happy Zacchaeus felt because Jesus loved and forgave him. Have your child show the face he feels because Jesus loves and forgives him. Practice the memory verse.



## Jesus Calls Matthew

*This story is based on Matthew 9:9-13.*

One day Jesus saw a man named Matthew. People had to give money to Matthew. He gave the money he collected to the king. Clink, clink.

The people did not like Matthew because he sometimes took more money than he was supposed to take.

Jesus walked over to Matthew. He wanted Matthew to be His disciple, so He said, "Follow Me."

Matthew wanted to be Jesus' disciple. So he invited Jesus to come to

his house for dinner. Some of Matthew's friends came over too. They all ate dinner together.

The people from town saw Jesus go to Matthew's house. They were angry. They said, "Why is Jesus eating with Matthew? Matthew does bad things."

Jesus heard the people. He said, "I came to teach everyone about God. I want all people to follow Me—even people like Matthew."

# Following Jesus

Bible Truth: Jesus wants us to follow Him.

Anthony and Tiana's mom and dad took the children to Uncle Walter and Aunt Mary's home before they went to work. The Jacksons care for the children during the day.

Uncle Walter and Aunt Mary played follow-the-leader with the children.

Uncle Walter had Tiana and Anthony follow his big steps, then little steps. They jumped and hopped and skipped.

Aunt Mary had the children follow her in the kitchen. They pretended to sweep and cook.

After lunch, Uncle

Walter explained to the children that Jesus wants us to follow Him.

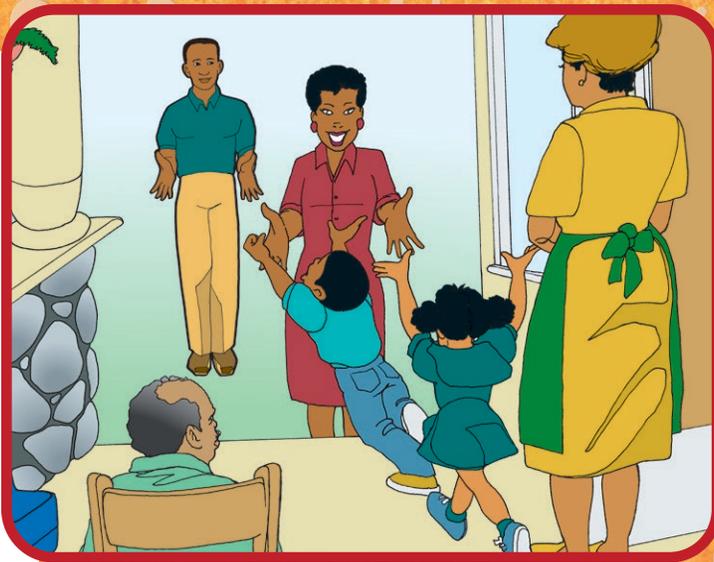
"How do we follow Jesus?" asked Tiana.

"We live the way Jesus showed us in the Bible," Aunt Mary said. "We love others, pray, read and obey God's Word."

"I get it," said Anthony. "Tiana, let's play follow-the-leader at home with mom and dad."

"Then we can tell them about how we learned to follow Jesus," said Tiana.

Mom and Dad picked up the children and got big bear hugs from them.



**Family Time** You can provide a fun review of the Bible story for your preschooler by playing follow-the-leader. Have your child pretend to be Matthew sitting on a chair and collecting money from the people. You pretend to be Jesus and say, "Follow Me." Then lead your child through the house—walking, crawling, tiptoeing, etc. Reread the end of the story to reinforce that Jesus wants us to follow Him. Then say the Bible memory verse.

## Bible Memory Verse

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

# Family Faith Steps

## Unit Overview

**T**his unit focuses on the fact that Jesus helps us. Over the next four weeks, your child will learn the following stories:

- Jesus uses a boy's lunch to feed over 5,000 people (John 6:1-14).
- Jesus teaches that God cares for people's needs (Matt. 6:25-34).
- Jesus tells a story about a shepherd who rescues a lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7).
- Jesus tells a story about a boy who ran away (Luke 15:11-24).

**UNIT THEME:** Jesus Helps Us

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** The Father himself loves you.  
John 16:27





## Family Time

**W**hile you do errands, have your child look for things that God has provided. Point out things in nature, food on the table, a bed to sleep in. Talk about how God cares for us by providing these things.

**L**ook at a small unbreakable mirror. Talk about how Jesus loves us all the time. Have your child look into the mirror and say, "Jesus loves me all the time." Smile big!

**A**s you tuck your child in, talk about the good things of the day as well as the things that weren't so good. Remind your child that you love her no matter what and, more importantly, so does God.

## Teaching God's Word

**U**se this action rhyme to help your child learn this unit's Memory Verse. The verse is in bold.

You may be short; you may be tall;  
*(Touch ground, then reach high.)*

You may love pink or blue  
*(Hug self.)*

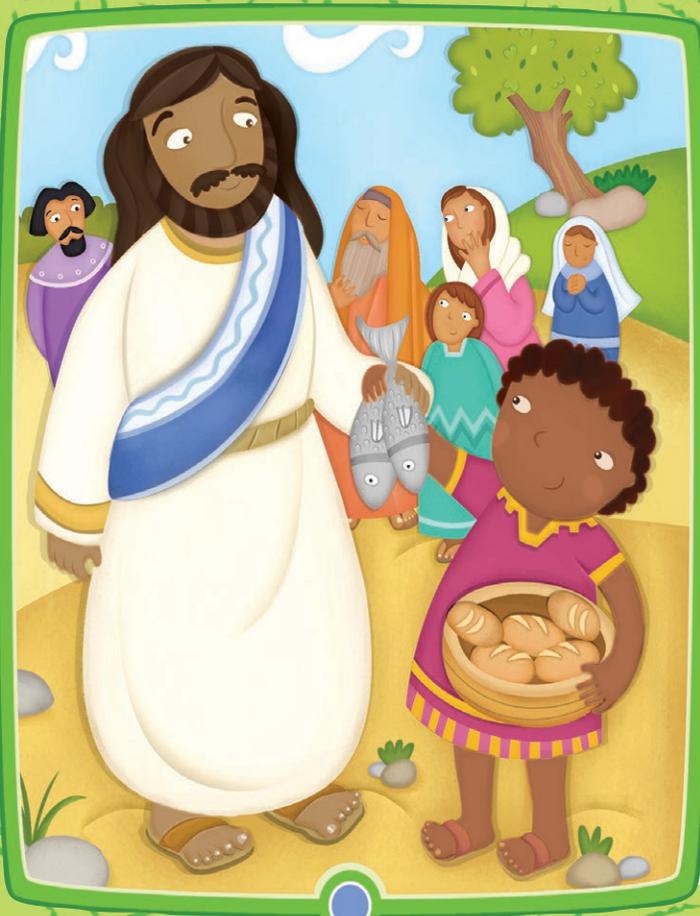
But you're a special child, (child's name).  
*(Point to your child.)*

**The Father himself loves you.**  
*(Extend arms palms up; hug self.)*

## Bible Time

**H**ave your preschooler help you make lunch to take to a friend or someone in need. Choose a simple meal your child can help make such as a sandwich, carrot sticks, cookie, and a water bottle. Let your child decorate the lunch bag. Talk about how Jesus did a lot with the little boy's lunch.

**A**s you pray with your child, thank Jesus for helping your family. In your prayer, mention specific ways Jesus has helped you.



## Jesus Uses a Boy's Lunch

*This story is based on John 6:1-14.*

Tromp, tromp.  
Jesus and His disciples  
climbed up a hill. Many  
people followed them.

Jesus saw the people.  
He said, "Where can  
we buy food to feed so  
many people?"

One disciple said,  
"Here is a little boy with  
some bread and fish.  
But this is not enough  
food to feed so many  
people."

Jesus took the bread  
and said a prayer. He  
began to break the  
bread into pieces.  
Jesus made something  
wonderful happen! He

made more and more  
bread! Next Jesus took  
the fish and began to  
hand them out. Now  
there were more and  
more fish!

Jesus told His  
disciples to give the  
food to the people to  
eat. Munch, munch.  
All the people ate and  
ate until they were full.  
There were even 12  
baskets of leftovers.

Jesus used the little  
boy's lunch to feed  
all the people. Jesus  
cared about the hungry  
people. Jesus can do a  
lot with a little.

# Feeding the Hungry

Bible Truth: Jesus cares about us when we are hungry.

Kwame was happy to see Aunt Mary and the other missionaries come to his village. The people in his village were hungry. He prayed for God's help to feed them. Kwame ran to greet them.

Aunt Mary spoke to the children. "We have brought bread for you. Let's form a line."

The children scrambled into a long line in front of Aunt Mary.

Kwame stood to the side. "There's not enough bread," Kwame frowned.

Aunt Mary heard Kwame. She turned to

him. "Child, there is enough. Look, there are 10 more baskets of bread in the pastor's van. Come. Help me hand out the bread."

Kwame helped Aunt Mary and the missionaries feed the people.

"You are God's helper, just like us," Uncle Walter told Kwame.

"We came here to feed the people, and to tell them that Jesus loves them and we do too."

"God answered my prayer," Kwame said. "He sent you here to help us.

## Bible Memory Verse

The Father himself loves you. John 16:27



**Family Time** Let your child help you purchase food to give to a food pantry. Explain that the food pantry will help families who are hungry. We each give like the little boy gave his small lunch. Jesus can do a lot with a little. He cares about us when we are hungry. Join together as a family and pray for the family who will receive the food you are giving. You may read about other times God did a lot with a little. See 2 Kings 4 that tells about Elisha and the widow's oil and flour. Review the memory verse.



## Jesus Teaches about God's Care

*This story is based on Matthew 6:25-34.*

One day Jesus was telling His disciples how much God cared for them. Jesus looked up at the sky. He said, "See the birds? They don't worry about food. God helps the birds find food to eat every day."

Jesus looked down at the ground. He said, "See the pretty flowers? God gives them beautiful colors and helps them to grow. Even a king doesn't look as beautiful as they do!"

Jesus told His disciples that God loves people even more than He loves birds and flowers.

Jesus said, "Do not worry about having food to eat. God will help you have food to eat. Do not worry about what you wear. God will help you have clothes to wear. God will give you everything you need."

Then Jesus said, "God knows what you need. God does not want you to worry."

# The Package

Bible Truth: Jesus doesn't want us to worry.

Curtis mailed a special package to Kwame. There was a great need in Kwame's village. The children needed medical supplies. Curtis's dad, Pastor Johnson, had the church collect money to send to help the people in Kwame's village. Every day Curtis wondered if Kwame received his package. Curtis had put a special note in the package for Kwame. He prayed that the supplies would get there safely for the sick children. He worried about them. One day his

mom said, "Curtis, some special mail has come for you. It's a package from Kwame!"

Curtis quickly opened the big brown box. Inside the box were some gifts from Africa! There was a beautiful African robe. Kwame sent a letter to Curtis, thanking him for his prayers and the money his church gave them. He sent a picture. It showed the children in his village. They had big smiles.

Curtis said to his dad, "I didn't have to worry. Jesus took care of everything.

## Bible Memory Verse

The Father himself loves you. John 16:27



**Family Time** Help your child notice examples of God's care around him. As you water plants or throw bread crumbs to the birds, mention that God made the sun and rain for plants to grow so people and animals have food. List some worries people in your family might have. One by one, ask God to take each of these worries, and for each one, blow a bubble and let your child pop it. Popping each bubble symbolizes that God takes care of the worry. We don't need to worry about it.



## Jesus Tells about a Lost Sheep

*This story is based on Luke 15:1-7.*

Jesus told this story one day to a group of people.

Once there was a shepherd. He had a large flock of sheep. The shepherd helped the sheep find water and grass. At night he found a safe place for them.

One day the shepherd counted his sheep. And he found that one was lost. He started looking for the little sheep right away.

The shepherd walked and walked. He came to a rock. Maybe the sheep

was behind the rock! The shepherd looked. No, his sheep was not there.

The shepherd walked and walked. He came to a bush. Maybe the sheep was behind the bush. The shepherd looked. Yes, the sheep was there!

The shepherd called all his friends. He said, "Be happy with me. I found my sheep."

At the end of the story, Jesus said that He is like the shepherd. Jesus cares if we are lost.

## Kiara Is Lost

Bible Truth: Jesus cares if we are lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Elam met Anthony and Tiana and their mom, Beverly, at the market. The Elams brought their grandbaby, Kiara. She was three years old.

Kiara said, “Cookies.” But Grandma Elam told Kiara, “Let’s get the sweet potatoes first.”

Mr. Elam, Anthony, and Kiara looked at the turnips. Grandma Elam picked through the greens with Beverly. Kiara thought, *Cookies*.

Kiara walked away. She saw the juice. But she could not see the cookies.

Kiara looked around the store. She could not see Grandma Elam.

Kiara got scared. “Grandma Elam is lost!” she yelled.

Then Kiara saw Grandpa Elam, Anthony, and Tiana.

Mr. Elam picked up Kiara so she could see that Mrs. Elam and Beverly were shopping over by the potatoes.

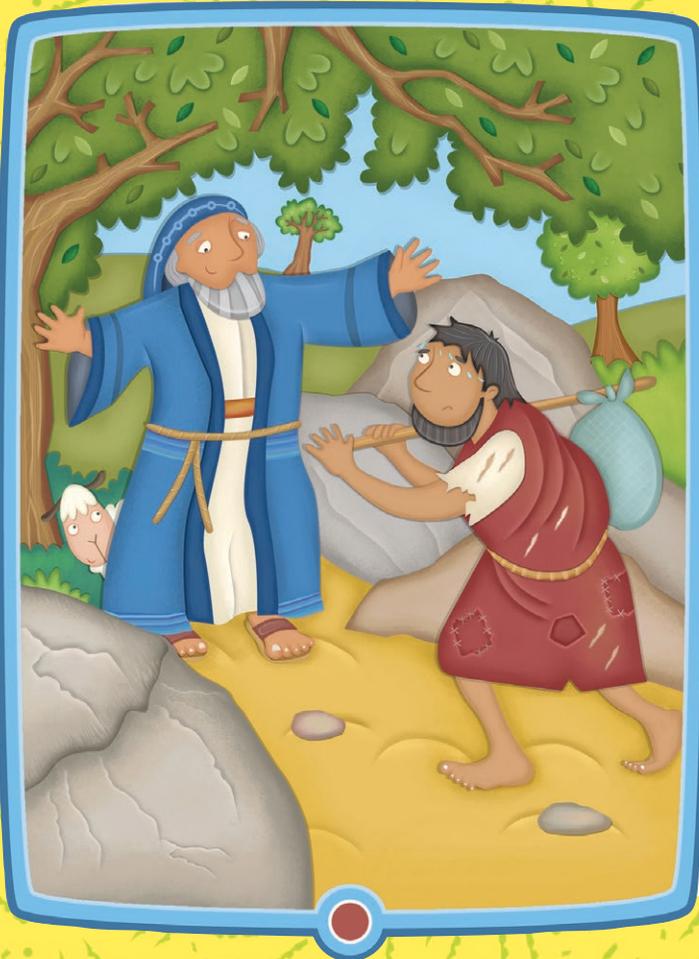
Mrs. Elam said, “Kiara, baby, you got lost looking for those cookies. I watched you the whole time! Now, stay with me, Sweetie.”



### Bible Memory Verse

The Father himself loves you. John 16:27

**Family Time** Play a variation of hide-and-seek to review this week’s story. Have your child be the lost sheep and hide. While hiding, the “lost sheep” should say, “Baa, baa, baa.” As you look around the room, say, “I’m so sad. I love my little sheep and miss you very much.” When you find your child, give her a big hug. Say, “I’m so glad I found you, little sheep. I love you very much.” Then remind your child as you review the Bible memory verse that God loves her, too.



## A Son Comes Back Home

*This story is based on Luke 15:11-24.*

Jesus told a story about a father and his two sons.

The younger son said to his father, “Please give me the money you saved for me.”

So the father gave both his sons a lot of money.

The younger son took his money and went far away from home. He did many wrong things. And he wasted his money. Then he had no money for food or for clothes.

The son thought,

*I am so hungry. Maybe my father will give me a job if I go home. Then I will have food to eat.*

So the son started home. The father saw him coming. He ran to meet his son and gave him a big hug. The son said to his father, “I am sorry I’ve done wrong things.”

The father said, “I still love you. I’m happy you are home.”

Jesus told this story to help us know that He loves us even when we do wrong things.

# The Big Party

Bible Truth: Jesus loves us always, even when we do wrong things.

Everybody carried something to the church basement for the big party. Uncle Walter carried a big jug of apple cider. Aunt Mary carried a plate of cookies. Michael carried a bag of popcorn. Anthony carried hot dogs. Tiana carried the hot dog buns. Pastor and Mrs. Johnson carried apples and chips. Grandpa Elam carried a pecan pie. Grandma Elam carried a chocolate cake. She put the cake on a table and told Kiara not to touch the cake.

Kiara just wanted to

touch the icing. It looked so yummy. SPLAT! Kiara had pushed the cake and cider off the table. Kiara looked at the food on the floor. Then she looked up at her Grandma Elam's face. She was not happy that Kiara disobeyed. Kiara told her, "I'm sorry."

Grandma Elam said, "I still love you, Kiara. I forgive you. Now, help me clean up this mess."

Kiara and Grandma Elam hugged. Kiara was happy her Grandma still loved her.

## Bible Memory Verse

The Father himself loves you. John 16:27



**Family Time** If you have a few extra minutes, make some simple puppets from paper bags or socks to review the Bible story. You can take the part of the father and let your child be the son. You may want to set up a "store" and let your child pretend to spend all his money buying candy and toys, leaving no money for food and clothes. As the "son" returns home, have the puppets hug as you say, "I'm so glad you are home. I love you." Review the Bible memory verse.

# Family Faith Steps

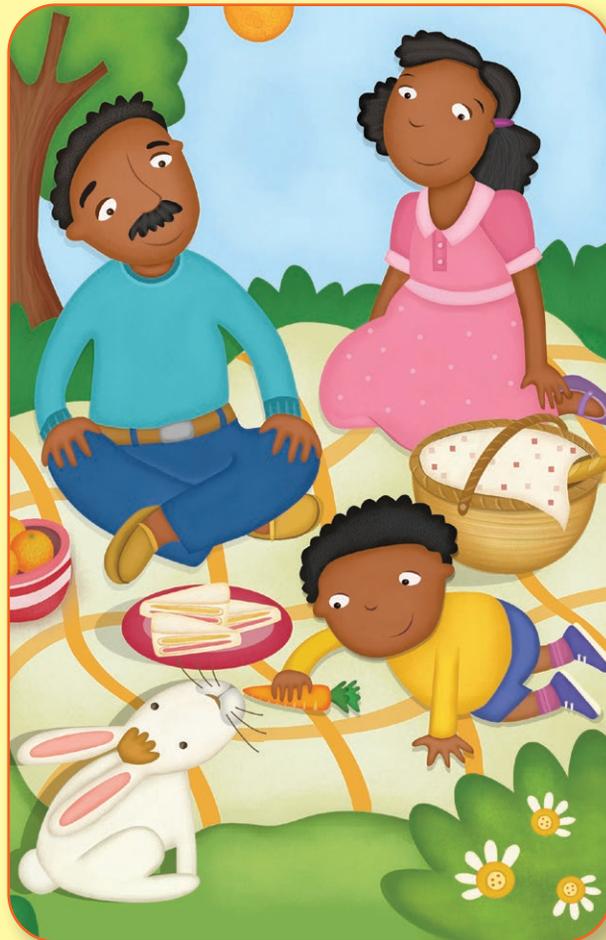
## Unit Overview

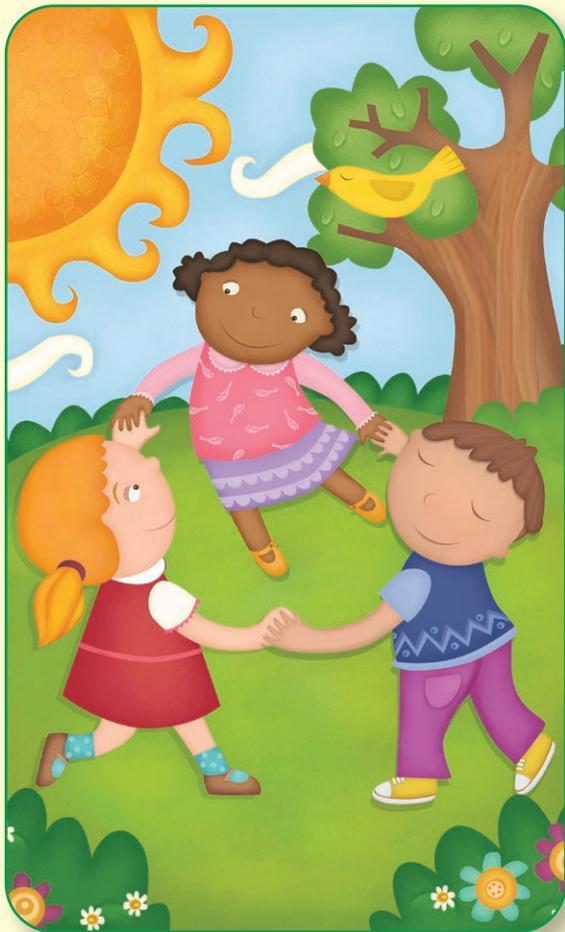
**T**his unit focuses on the fact that God made the world. Over the next five weeks, your child will learn the following stories:

- God made the sun and day (Genesis 1:3, 5, 14-16; Psalm 104: 22-23).
- God made the night with its lights (Genesis 1:4-5, 14-19; Psalms 63:6-8; 121:3-4).
- God made the water and air for fish and birds (Genesis 1:6-10, 20-23).
- God made land and plants (Genesis 1:9-12, 29-31).
- God made animals (Genesis 1:24-25, 30; Psalm 104:10-12, 17-18).

**UNIT THEME:** God Made the World

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31





## Family Time

**V**isit a zoo, farm, or pet store to see baby animals. Talk about how the animals need food and someone to take care of them, just as people need food and people to care for them. God gives the animals what they need, and He takes care of us, too.

**G**ive your child a good-morning hug. Talk about each activity you will do that day. Talk about the different things you do in the daytime and nighttime.

**M**ake a potted plant using soil in a styrofoam cup. Let your child help plant a seed and care for the plant by watering it and making sure it has sunlight. Talk about all the different kinds of plants God made and some of their uses.

## Bible Time

**M**ake a basket filled with fruits and vegetables to take to an elderly neighbor.

## Teaching God's Word

**U**se this action rhyme to help your child learn this unit's Memory Verse. The verse is in bold.

**God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.**

*(Put hands above eyes then clap hands.)*

The sun, moon, and stars so bright,  
*(Raise arms in a circle overhead.)*

The water and air,  
*(Wiggle fingers in front of you.)*

Plants and trees, and bumblebees,  
*(Stretch up tall)*

Even the great big bear!  
*(Hop in place.)*

As your child arranges the basket, mention that God made each of the fruits and vegetables. Then have an apple or orange for a snack. Point out the seeds inside. God takes care of us by giving us good food to eat.

**H**elp your child say a prayer before bedtime thanking God for His care during the night. Assure your child that God is taking care of her at night and all day long.



## God Made Daytime

*This story is based on Genesis 1:3, 5, 14-16; Psalm 104:22-23.*

A long, long time ago there was no light. *(Have your child close his eyes.)* We cannot see anything with our eyes closed. That's how the world looked in the beginning.

God had an idea. God said, "Let there be light." And there was light! The light is called day. *(Have your child open his eyes.)*

God wanted a special big light for the daytime. We call this bright light the sun. *(Have children raise their*

*arms in a circle overhead like a big, bright sun.)*

The sun rises high in the sky early in the morning. Up, up, up. Now it is day. It is time for people to wake up and start their work for the day.

Thump, thump, thump goes the hoe. The farmer digs in the ground. Jump, jump, jump. The children jump as they play games.

God saw that the daytime He made was good.

# A Day in Africa

Bible Truth: God made daytime.

Uncle Walter and Aunt Mary went to Africa. During Sunday school, Aunt Mary and Uncle Walter showed photos of their trip. Anthony asked, "What do the people do every day in Africa?"

Aunt Mary and Uncle Walter played a guessing game. Uncle Walter pretended to drive a car. (*Pretend to steer.*) "Driving!" the children said.

Uncle Walter pretended to dig and plant. "I know!" Anthony raised his hand. "They plant seeds for food."

Aunt Mary pumped something. (*Pretend to*

*pump water.*) Then she put something on top of her head. Uncle Walter said, "They pump and carry water."

Aunt Mary held her hands out in two fists. She moved them up and down. Curtis raised his hand, "They milk cows."

"They also wash clothes and crush grain for bread," Uncle Walter said.

Aunt Mary picked up something and put it on her back. "No guesses? I'm carrying a baby. There's a lot to do each day in Africa," Aunt Mary said.



**Family Time** Each day, look for sunshine, shadows, and clouds. Tell your child that God created the sun that shines as he works and plays. You might take a walk around the neighborhood and point out things people can do during the day. You may see someone mowing the grass, raking leaves, or riding a bicycle. Note that the bright sun gives us light even when it is behind a cloud. Review the Bible memory verse together.

## Bible Memory Verse

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.  
Genesis 1:31



## God Made Nighttime

*This story is based on Genesis 1:4-5, 14-19; Psalms 63:6-8; 121:3-4.*

Last week we learned that it was very dark a long time ago. Then God made the light. God saw that the light was good. He called the light day.

But God knew that we would need the darkness, too. (*Close your eyes.*) He called the darkness night.

God wanted to have a little light at night. So He said, “Let there be lights in the night sky.” And there were lights in the night sky! One light is called the

moon. (*Make a circle with fingertips.*) The other lights are called stars. God put lots of twinkling stars in the night sky. (*Wiggle fingers.*)

God made the moon and stars to shine at night when children sleep. But someone we know never sleeps. That someone is God. God is always busy watching over us.

God saw that the nighttime He made was good.

# Night-Night, Everybody

Bible Truth: God made nighttime.

Curtis was spending the night at Anthony's house. Curtis and Anthony were busy playing when they heard Mom call their names.

"It's time for everybody to go night-night," Mom said. "Anthony, Tiana, Curtis, get in bed quickly, and I'll tell you a story.

"It's about my little friend José. Before José goes to bed in the country where he lives, he says goodnight to the yellow birds in the sky. José says, 'Night-night, yellow bird.'

Then José says goodnight to his burro. He pats the animal on its back. Then José waves (*wave*) goodnight to the stars that twinkle in the sky. Then José says his prayers and says goodnight to his family. 'Night-night, everybody.' Now, let's say goodnight," Mom said.

Curtis, Anthony, and Tiana prayed, "Night-night, God. Please take care of our parents and take care of us."

Then everybody went to sleep.



## Bible Memory Verse

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**Family Time** To focus on the fact that God made night with its beautiful lights, surprise your child with a bedtime snack outdoors. Do this on a clear night when the moon and stars are shining. Point out some well-known constellations. Then explain that God made these special lights for the night, and He watches over us when we are sleeping. If you do not know the location of specific stars, just enjoy the beauty of the night with your child. Talk about the awesomeness of God. Say the verse.



# God Made Water and Air

*This story is based on Genesis 1:6-10, 20-23.*

God made the daytime, which is light. God made the nighttime, which is dark. God made blue skies and fluffy white clouds.

When God looked around at what He had made, He saw that there was water everywhere. So God said, "Let the waters come together in one place."

Whoosh, whoosh. The waters *did* come together. God called the waters the sea. *(Point to the water.)*

Later God had more ideas for the water and the sky.

God said, "Let there be fish in the water." And there were fish. *(Point to them.)* They were swimming in the water.

Then God said, "Let birds fly in the sky." And there were birds. *(Point to them.)* They were flying in the air.

God looked at everything He had made. He said, "My work is very good."

# Aunt Mary's Sack

Bible Truth: God made water and air.

Aunt Mary collected things when she traveled. One day, Aunt Mary showed her Sunday school class a sack full of her collections. She brought these things for the children to see and touch.

Tiana looked inside the bag. She saw some pretty rocks. Anthony and Curtis looked in Aunt Mary's bag. They picked up some feathers. Kiara looked in the bag and found a big seashell. She held it to her ear.

"What's this?" Kiara asked.

"It's a conch shell from

the islands. A little animal used to live in it, and these feathers came from a blackbird."

Aunt Mary explained, "God made everything. He made the water and air. He made fish to swim in the sea and birds to fly in the sky."

Anthony looked outside the window. "Did God make that bird, Aunt Mary?" Anthony asked.

"Yes, He did," Aunt Mary said. The bird began to sing a beautiful song.

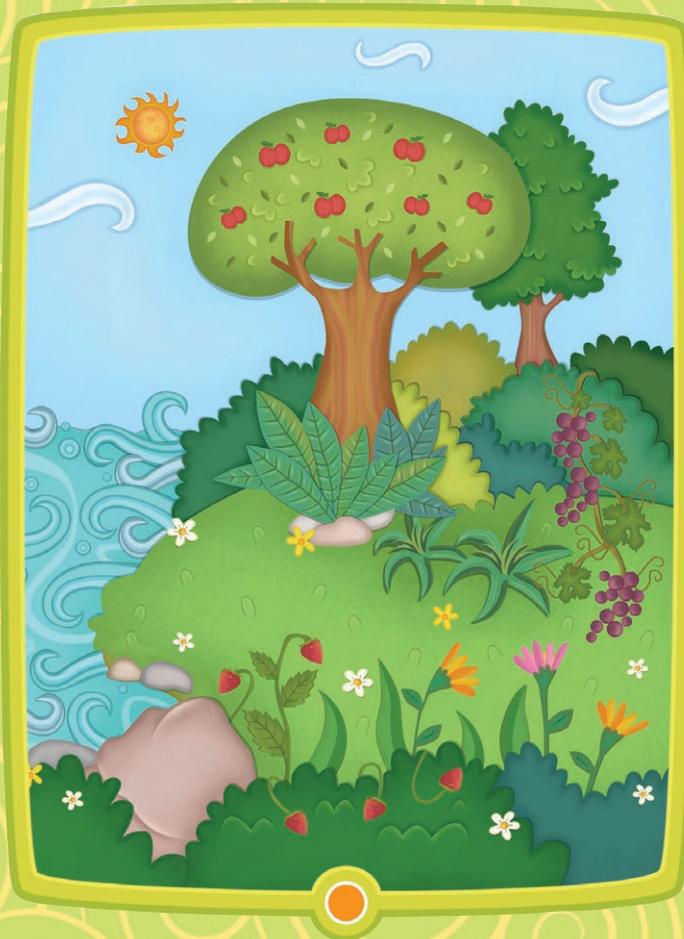
"I think that bird is thanking God for making him," Tiana said.



**Family Time** Your child learned that God made air and water for the birds and the fish. You can help your child remember some of God's creations by playing a simple version of "Simon Says," substituting "Mom" or "Dad" for "Simon." Examples: Mom says, "Swim like a fish." Dad says, "Fly like a bird." As you pretend to swim or fly, say that God made the fish... birds.... End your game by saying the Bible verse. Thank God for making water and air, fish and birds.

## Bible Memory Verse

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## God Made the Land and Plants

*This story is based on Genesis 1:9-12, 29-31.*

Splish, splash. Splish, splash. The big sea covered the world. God looked around. He was ready to make more things.

God had an idea. He wanted a dry place where there was no water. So God said, “Let there be dry ground.” And there *was* dry ground! (*Point to the land.*) God called the dry ground “land.” And He saw that it was very good.

Now there was land where plants could grow.

So God said, “Let the land grow plants. And let every plant make its own seeds.” And there were plants! God made big plants like trees and small plants like flowers. Each plant had its own seeds so more plants could grow.

The farmer plants seeds. The tiny seeds will grow into plants. Soon vegetables and fruit will grow on the plants.

Everything God made was very good.

# Kiara Likes Rice

Bible Truth: God made plants.

Uncle Walter brought Kiara to her preschool classroom. Aunt Mary was teaching about the food God gives us.

Aunt Mary held up a red cabbage. "I've never seen that before," Curtis said.

Next Aunt Mary showed them some green beans. "I helped you pick those at the market," Tiana said.

Then Aunt Mary held up a sweet potato. "Uncle Walter loves these!"

"I don't like sweet potatoes," Anthony said, "but, I like to eat sweet potato pie."

Aunt Mary and Uncle Walter left church and took the children to their home for supper. Kiara followed Aunt Mary to the kitchen.

Aunt Mary said, "Kiara, I made something I know you will like." She opened the oven.

"Chicken and rice!" Kiara said. "I love chicken, and I love rice." Kiara and the children thanked God for making plants that are good to eat. They ate their supper and had sweet potato pie for dessert.



## Bible Memory Verse

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**Family Time** As you shop with your child at the grocery store, take a few extra minutes to name and look at the variety of plants that God has given us for food. Your child will enjoy helping you select any fruits and vegetables you need to buy. When you finish each selection, substitute the names of different plants as you say together, "God made the . . . grow so we could have food. Thank You, God!" Say the Bible memory verse.



## God Made Animals

*This story is based on Genesis 1:24-25, 30; Psalm 104:10-12, 17-18.*

God made the fish that lived in the water. He made the birds that flew through the air.

Now God was ready to make more living things. So God said, “Let there be all kinds of animals to live on the land.” And there were all kinds of animals!

God made farm animals like cows. A baby cow is called a calf.

God made crawling animals too, like a wiggly little worm you

might see on a leaf.

Roar! God made the big, noisy lion. God made an animal with a long tail—a monkey!

What animals can you find in the picture?

God took good care of the animals He made. He made sure that each one had food and water. And God made places for the animals to live.

God looked at what He made. His work was very good.

# Down on the Farm

Bible Truth: God made animals.

Uncle Walter liked to tell the children stories about when he was a little boy.

"I grew up on a big farm with my parents. I had 13 brothers and sisters!" Uncle Walter said. "We worked from sunup until sundown. We grew corn, beans, cotton, and blueberries. Mmm! We went fishing and swimming in a big pond. We had lots of animals. We had a donkey, cows, and chickens. My daddy and momma took good care of us children and the farm. Here's a little song about that. You kids

can sing the words with me." (*Sing to the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."*):

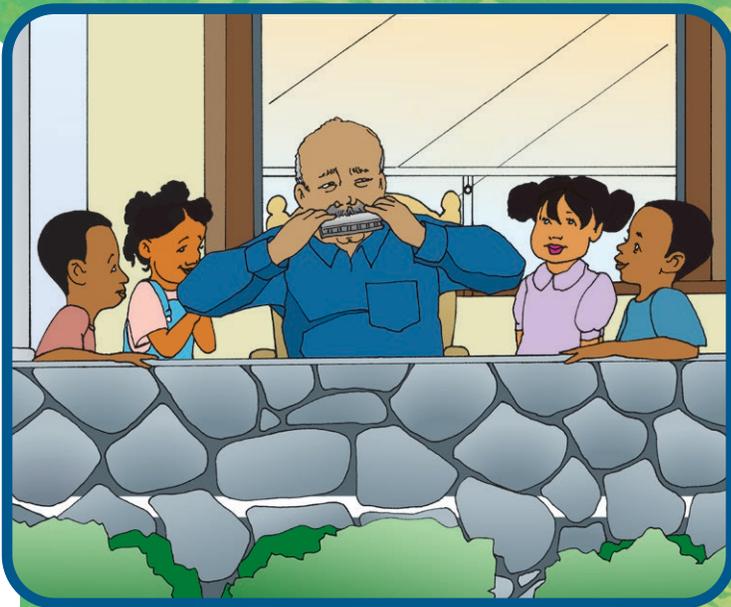
"God made donkeys, chicks, and cows.

Hee-haw, peep-peep, moo. Daddy cared for each of them.

God showed him what to do. Momma fed the animals food. Yum, yum, that tastes good.

God helped the children work and play, God helped us every day."

The children enjoyed listening to Uncle Walter's song and his story.



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**Family Time** After you read the Bible story to your child, gather some stuffed animals. Then imitate the sound and movement of each animal and help your child name what the animal likes to eat and where it might live. As you talk about each animal, mention that God made the dog, bear, and so on, and that He helps this animal have food to eat and a place to live. Thank God for all the animals He made.