Toddler Resource Packet

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ

GOD is GOOD

Lesson 3

Bible Story: Joseph Forgives His Brothers Genesis 42-47

Lesson Theme: God is GOOD-He gives us family and friends

Memory Verse: God is good. Psalm 34:8

Bible Character of the Month: Joseph

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BIBLE TIME for Toddlers

Little ones need to learn to love the Bible. These activities can be repeated frequently. Toddlers love repetition.

Bible Truth:

Show your child different Bibles, such as a text only Bible, a storybook style Bible and a baby picture Bible. Emphasize that although these books look different they are all God's Word and they all tell the same story of God's goodness and love for us. We can trust that God's Word is true.

Memory Verse:

Teach your toddler the simple memory verse from Psalm 86:5, "God is good!"

Say: "The Bible tells us that God is good" (hold up your Bible). "Can you say God is good? God is good! We are learning God's Word. Say it with me again, God is good!" (Add simple hand motions, pointing up or signing God and giving a thumbs up).

Bible Cheer:

Teach your little one to love the Bible. Start by having your toddler stand on one side of the room and place a Bible on the other side. Tell your child to hop, crawl, run, or jump to the Bible. When the child reaches the Bible have him/her pick it up , give a big cheer and say, "God is good!"

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Bible Songs:

Sing favorite songs like The B-I-B-L-E, We Love the Bible, or try this new song.

God is Good (tune: Where is Thumbkin?)

God is good. God is good.

Yes, He is. Yes, He is.

The Bible says God is good.

The Bible says God is good.

Psalm 34:8. Psalm 34:8.

Game: God's Word-Keep It!

Play this game similar to Hot Potato. Play or sing your favorite children's Bible songs. As the music plays, pass a small Bible back and forth. When the songs stops, cheer for the person holding the Bible. Have him/her cheer for the Bible.

Bible Words Hide and Seek

Hide the memory verse construction paper happy faces in easily seen and reachable areas. Have your toddler find the happy faces. Read the verse to your child and ask him/her to say it with you.

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BIBLE STORY for Toddlers

These lessons are designed to teach toddlers and young pre-schoolers about the love of God. Think through how you have experienced the truth of God's goodness in your life. Let your relationship with Him and your experience of His abundant love for you overflow into your words as you teach your little one about Him.

Keep your lesson simple. Use expression when telling the story. Point to pictures and ask your toddler questions about the story.

The story of Joseph shares food can be found in Genesis 41. Turn to the scripture and show it to your child. Remind your toddler that God's Word is true and the events in the Bible really happened. Read the Bible story aloud from a child-friendly Bible, summarize the story, or use the handout.

Pray-Thank God for being so good to us!!

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Games & Activities

Life Skills

Role play with your toddler. Use dolls, stuffed animals or action figures to practice saying, "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you." Use scenarios familiar to toddlers such as someone bumping into them, taking their toy, etc.

Family Matching

Use the Animal & Baby Matching Cards. Lay out the cards and ask your child to match the animal parent to it's baby. Remind your child that God gives us family and friends.

Maps

Look at a map or globe. Point out where family members or friends live. You can even point out where some missionaries (church family) live. Remind your toddler that no matter how far away someone lives we can still be family and friends.

Family Pictures

Look at family pictures. Talk about how you all look alike or have different features that make each of you unique. For extra fun take a few impromptu family snap shots.

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Blocks

Build a trail. Tell your child that Joseph's family traveled a long way to get to Egypt and ask for food. Have your child use blocks to make a path for Joseph's brothers to get to him.

Crafts

Help your child complete the Craft page. Help your child draw your family. You may want to draw stick figures to represent each family member, then let your toddler color the hair and clothes, etc.

Let your child color the Joseph and his brothers color sheet.

Other

Send love to someone. Have your toddler color a picture or card to mail to a friend or family member, For extra fun, mail something to a missionary or a church member who lives alone.

Let your child practice scoop and pouring sand, water or rice. Joseph gave his brothers bags of grain that could be scooped or poured out.

Joseph Forgives His Brothers story picture

Be kind and forgiving to one another. Ephesians 4:32

Teaching Picture
Joseph and His Family

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Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Genesis 42-47

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Where Jacob and his sons lived the crops were not growing and there was little food. Jacob told his sons, "Go to Egypt and buy food for us." So, ten of his sons left for Egypt to buy food for their families. When the brothers reached Egypt, they went to the ruler who was selling the food. The ruler looked very important. He was dressed up like an Egyptian king. They did not realize this man was their younger brother, Joseph! But Joseph recognized them. He did not tell them who he was but gave them food to take back to their families.

Later the brothers returned to buy more food. This time Joseph told them who he was. They were afraid, because they remembered how they had treated Joseph years before. The brothers had laughed at his dreams and his special coat. In their anger, they had made a bad choice that sent Joseph far away. Still, Joseph told them not to be afraid; he would forgive them for being unkind. Joseph hugged all of his brothers and gave them plenty of food. Then he said, "Hurry home and bring back our father and your families. You can live with me in Egypt."

Soon Joseph's family came to live in Egypt. They must have been happy to be together. God was with Joseph and took care of him and his entire family. God gives us family and friends. **God is good!**

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God gives us family and friends.

Draw your family.

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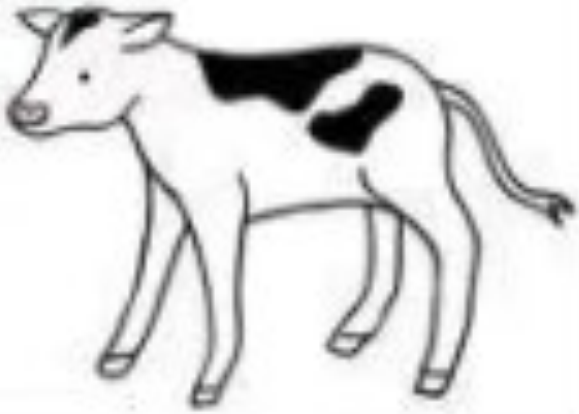
lamb	calf 

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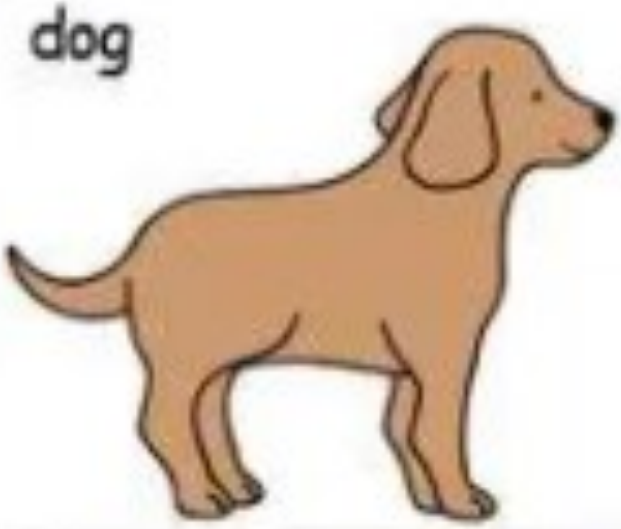

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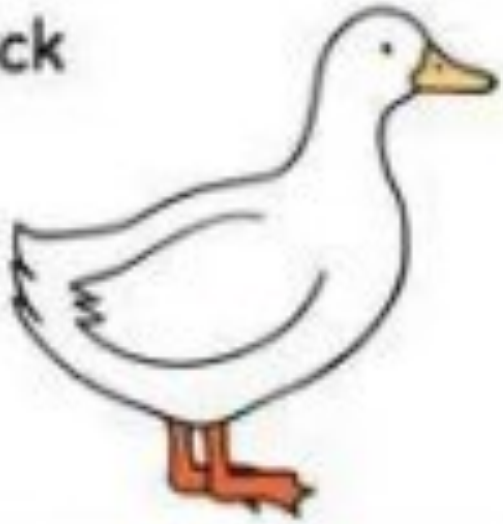

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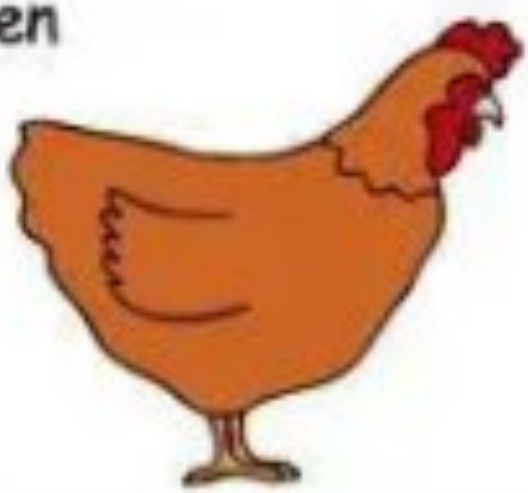

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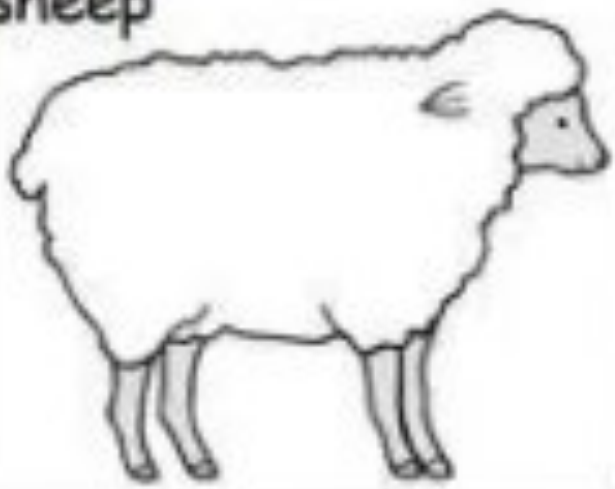

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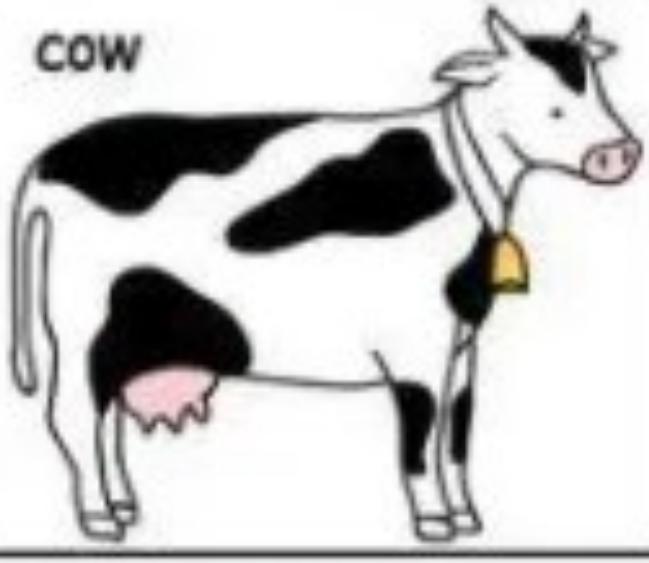

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