

Bible Class for Home

Introduction

Attached is a revised copy using the five basic songs and props that are a part of the specialized curriculum written for our younger children at Living Word.

Babies and toddlers of all ages enjoy the teaching. The teaching follows two key principles of learning for small children; simplicity and repetition.

All of the songs were written to be sung to the tune of Jesus Loves Me. We have also provided a copy of the picture props that can be mounted on poster board and covered with laminate for lasting props. You will need to provide a small Bible and Mirror.

We suggest you pick a certain place and time each day to present this teaching for your child.

Individual songs can be repeated throughout the day to comfort your child.

Blessings,

Pastor Ginny

Picture of Church/Picture of Home

A picture of a traditional church is attached to this packet. Feel free to replace this picture with a picture of your home. Replace the word "church" with the word "home" in the song.

I'm so glad you are here with me today, (child's name). This is a picture of a church (our home). At church (home) we learn about God's Word.

Sing, Church, to the tune, Jesus Loves Me:

Church (home) is where I learn God's Word It is spoken and then heard It is something I must know It will help my spirit grow Optional:

Yes, I must know Yes, I must know Yes, I must know To help my spirit grow

Bible

Show the child a small Bible. Hug it and pat it affectionately. Open the Bible showing your child the Bible pages as you sing.

The Bible is a very special book. It is God's written Word.

Sing, <u>A Special Book</u>, to the tune, <u>Jesus Loves Me</u>: *The Bible is a special book*.

What's inside? Let's take a look! When I open it up wide

I can read (see) the words inside

Optional:

Yes, a special book

Yes, a special book

Yes, a special book

We can take a look

As the child gets older you can talk about how we turn the pages carefully, allowing the child to hold the Bible and practice turning the pages.

Mirror

Allow the child to see him/herself in the mirror.

My Bible tells me how much God loves me and how much God loves you!

Sing, In God's Heart, to the tune, Jesus Loves Me:

Look at, (child's name), see his/her face In God's heart there's a special place God loves, (child's name), just this way Each and every brand new day

Optional:

Yes, look at, (child's name) Yes, look at, (child's name)

Yes, look at (child's name)

God loves him/her just this way

Picture of Jesus

Show your child the picture of Jesus.

Not only does my Bible (show Bible again) tell me that God loves you just the way you are, it tells me that He loves you so much he sent His only Son, Jesus for (child's name)!

Sing, <u>Jesus</u>, <u>My Friend</u>, to the tune, <u>Jesus Loves Me:</u>

Jesus came to be my friend
A friendship that will never end
He came down to show God's love
From His home way up above

Optional:

Yes, He's my friend

Yes, He's my friend

Yes, He's my friend

He came to show God's love

This is a good time to hug your child or touch them affectionately on their cheek or bare arm or leg.

Jesus came to tell everyone that would listen, how much God loves and cares for them.

Point to Heaven as you say the following:

When Jesus' work was done, He went back to Heaven to live with God. He's in Heaven talking to God for (child's name). We can talk to God, too!

Praying Hands

Show the picture of praying hands. As the child gets older, you can demonstrate and assist them to fold their hands.

Sing, <u>Talk to God</u>, to the tune <u>Jesus Loves Me</u>:

We can pray and talk to God Thank Him for the things He's done Folding hands just this way Very quietly, I pray

Optional:

Yes, I fold my hands

Yes, I close my eyes

Yes, I bow my head

And quietly, I pray.

Pray

You can either sing the following prayer or simply speak pausing after each phrase to allow the older child to repeat the words.

Sing, Thank you, God, to the tune of, Jesus Loves Me:

Thank you, God, for things You've done I know I'm a special little one Because you love me just this way Each and every brand new day

Optional:

Yes, thank you, God Yes, thank you, God Yes, thank you, God In Jesus' name. Amen

Return to Play/Go to Sleep

The following song can be used to transition your child back to play.

Sing, Return to Play, to the tune of, Jesus Loves Me:

Little (child's name), return to play
We can have some fun this way
Church (Home) is a happy place to be
It's a special time for me

Optional:

Yes, we can play

Yes, we can play

Yes, we can play

And have some fun today

Some parents choose the teaching time as part of their bed/naptime routine. If so, you can use this time to speak scriptures or affirmations, quietly over your child as you lay them down to sleep.



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