

Small Talk

January 2010

Key Question:

How can you love God?

Memory Verse:

"Love God with all
your heart."
Matthew 22:37, NIV

Basic Truth:

Jesus Wants To Be
My Friend Forever

Bottom Line:

I can love God like Jesus did.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARIES:

Week 1

Luke 2:41-50

When Jesus was a boy, His family traveled to the temple. On the way home, Jesus' mommy and daddy couldn't find Him. He had stayed in the temple to teach like His Father had told Him to do.

Week 2

Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus teaches us in the Bible that the most important thing we can do is to love God and love people. Jesus taught us how to love God while He was on earth.

Week 3

Acts 9:1-30

Jesus appeared to a man named Saul and taught him to love God and love people. Saul learned that the best way he could love God was to love the people around him.

Week 4

Matthew 6:5 -13

Jesus taught us to pray. We can tell God He is Special and His way is always best. We can ask Him for what we need and ask for forgiveness and help to do the right thing.

Week 5

John 17

Jesus taught us to pray for others as well as ourselves. Who can you pray for this week?



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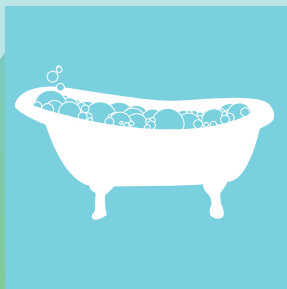
Play Time

Play a fun game of hide and seek with your preschooler. Have your preschooler hide and you try to find them just like Jesus' mommy and daddy tried to find Him. For older children, give them an instruction for what they should be doing while they're hiding (reading a book, doing a puzzle) just like Jesus did what His Father told Him to do in the temple.



Car Time

Download this month's song, "Talk To God," from www.amberskyrecords.com. After singing it several times together, brainstorm places we can talk to God. What can you talk to Him about? Download this month's Bible stories as well. Listen with your preschooler and then discuss loving God and loving people.



Bath Time

Jesus taught us to pray for others. While sitting with your preschooler during bath time this month, brainstorm for whom you would like to pray as a family. For older children, use a tub crayon to write the names on the bathtub, practicing letter and name recognition as you write. Then, at bedtime or meal time, be sure to pray for those people.



Cuddle Time

Cuddle with your preschooler under a warm blanket. Pray together through the Lord's Prayer in a preschool way. God, You are so special. You made everything! God, Your way is always best. Thank You for the Bible for instructions. God, please give me what I need; a place to live and food to eat. God, please forgive me and help me to do the right thing.

Imagine the End:

Parents, Imagine your child knowing how to love God like Jesus did. Knowing that by loving and serving those around him, he is loving his Heavenly Father. What an amazing trait to foster in our children.

Make it Personal:

Spend some time reading Matthew 22 this month. Jesus tells us that the most important thing we can do is love God and love others. How are you modeling that in your home?



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