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How To Use The Lesson Plans

1. Lesson plans are a page long. Each plan is followed by a page that explains the activities in more detail. After reading through the two pages a couple of times, you can just look at the activity name on the first page and remember what to say and do. The plans are not scripts to be read aloud. They are just your prompts as you talk to the children about their great God. It is understood that you will pray with the children during each class. Prayer is not specifically listed in the lesson plans.
2. Lessons include activities and songs. Children are encouraged to participate in each activity by “playing” with the visual aids. Babies participate in the songs by playing rhythm instruments (rattles, drums, small tambourines, etc.) or waving flags. Keep these items readily available in your room. They are not mentioned in the lesson plan material list. Although babies are encouraged to participate, they are not “required” to participate. Sleeping babies are always welcome in class. Spiritual truth is aimed at the spirit, not the mind.
3. Each lesson contains several items used to illustrate the teachings. Put these in a large box. It is too distracting to the children if your teaching aids are all out in plain view. Each plan has a Materials Needed section at the end. Use it as a checklist for packing your lesson box. Keep rhythm instruments or flags in your box for every lesson. They are not listed in the plan.
4. Most activities are illustrated using common household items and toys. Some activities require you to cut out the activity patterns included with each unit. Copy these patterns onto card stock, then laminate your finished products so they can be reused. They are not intended to be sent home with the children.
5. At some point during each lesson, Bibles will be handed out to the children. Bible songs are sung at this time, but no instruments are used. Purchase small New Testament Bibles that their little hands can manage. They can open the Bibles, and you can help them treat the Bibles respectfully. (You do not have to locate the correct page for each child. Some quotes are from the Old Testament. It’s okay that the words are not on the page in front of them. They will hear the Word from you.) All Bible verses are taken from the New International version, unless otherwise noted.

6. You will need to make a few purchases for this unit. Buy a set of small New Testament Bibles. You want something that little hands can manage.

7. When you make the clock (in the activity patterns section) attach the hands with a brad so they are moveable.

Some lessons require the use of small dolls. You can use a doll house family, or the people that come with the large snap-together building blocks.

Lesson 5 - How Big Do You Have To Be?

Song - I'm Small (1st verse, p. 30)

Activity 1 - hearts with writing

“But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” (Literally infant, baby or young child, Matthew 18:6) How big do you have to be before you can believe in Jesus? Jesus said infants can believe in Him. He is the author of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2) He writes His word in our hearts.

Activity 2 - Bibles

“At that time Jesus said, ‘I praise you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.’” (Literally a baby not old enough to speak, Matthew 11:25)

Activity 3 - blindfold

How big do you have to be for God to reveal His wisdom to you? Jesus said that babies not old enough to speak could receive His wisdom. People who trust in themselves and lean on their own understanding are blinded to God’s wisdom. But you saints of God will have the “eyes of your heart” opened. (Ephesians 1:18)

Activity 4 - spoon, bowl, and baby shirt

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40) How big do you have to be to represent Christ on earth? Well, have your parents ever fed or clothed you? Then Jesus says they have ministered to Him as well.

Song - I Am Big Enough (p. 28)

Activities for lesson 5 - How Big Do You Have To Be?

Activity 1 - hearts with writing

Cut out a paper heart for each child (p. 37). Personalize them with the first phrase of John 3:16. "For God so loved Kate..."

Activity 2 - Bibles

Sing "The Word of God" (p. 25) as you hand a small Bible to each child. Quote the Bible verse and reference twice. Collect the Bibles as you sing "Sanctify Us" (p. 25).

Activity 3 - blindfold

Use a handkerchief to blindfold yourself. This illustrates those who trust in themselves. Take the blindfold off. This illustrates how God can open the eyes of your heart.

Activity 4 - spoon, bowl, and baby shirt

Let children take turns holding these items as you explain Matthew 25:40.

Materials needed:

heart with Bible verse for each child

small Bibles

handkerchief

spoon, bowl, and baby shirt

God Knows Me

Words and Music by
Tamey Bomersbach



God knows me, and still He loves me as I am.



God has searched me and knows me well, and still He



loves me as I am.

2. God chose me, and He chose when I would be born.
God has chosen the best for me, and I will
trust Him with my life.

I Am Big Enough

Words by
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I am big e - nough to love God, to be - lieve and walk in



faith. I am big e - nough to love, to be - lieve and walk in faith. I am



big e - nough to love God ev' - ry day.

The melody is similar to "Jesus Loves the Little Children" which is in the public domain.

I'm Small

Words and Music by
Tamey Bomersbach



I'm small. (clap, clap) That's all. (clap, clap) But I'm



real-ly ve-ry big in God's eyes.

2. I'm weak (xx) but God seeks (xx) to give me special protection.

Jeremiah 1:5

Words by
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Be - fore I formed (child's name) I knew her. Be - fore I



formed (child's name) I knew her. Be - fore I formed (child's name)



I knew her. This is the word of the Lord.

The melody is similar to "He's God the Whole World in His Hands" which is in the public domain.