

SEPTEMBER

EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM TODDLERS

Bottom Line

We See
God's Love at
Church



Week

Sep. 25

Bible Story

Jesus came to church.
Luke 2:22-38



"I like to come to church."
Psalm 122:1

Bible Story taught with Bible open.
Prayer as a class.
Speak at least 1 affirmation to every child.

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

As you watch and learn from the children you teach, notice how anxious each one is for food to satisfy the pangs of hunger. No substitute will do! You may try distraction and play with toys, but a little one's requests for food will not stop until physical hunger is satisfied. This is one time when the child knows exactly what he or she needs.

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. The apostle Peter urges us to have the same single-minded drive in satisfying our spiritual needs. Unfortunately, we often allow ourselves to be sidetracked. We try a wide variety of ways to find fulfillment or to eliminate problems. But our spiritual hunger continues, often making us as cranky as a hungry child! Peter tells us that only the pure milk of the word (see verse 2) can nourish the deepest needs of the human soul. Take time to be fed. Recognize the symptoms of your need and satisfy that hunger!

As a teacher, the gentle care you provide introduces young children to the nurture and love of the people who love God and His Son, the Lord Jesus. Your tasks may seem to involve only the physical care of changing, feeding, playing, cuddling and singing. However, those actions must be bathed in the warmth of Jesus' love. Such love will radiate from you as you take time each day to "taste" the goodness of the Lord (see Psalm 34:8). Just as children single-mindedly demand to be fed, demand "time out" from your busy schedule to feed your soul from God's abundant resources.



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Make It Fun:

God Loves Me

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What You Need: nothing

What You Do: Sing the following words to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb":

God loves Nathan very much,
very much, very much.

God loves Nathan very much. I love Nathan, too.

What To Say:

I know a song about how much God loves us. Let's sing it!

At church we learn about God's love. I'm glad we're at church together.



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Make It True:

It is important to hold the Bible open while telling the story. We want the children to know that stories we tell are from God's Word and all of God's words are true.

Bible Story for Toddlers

What You Need: September Bible Story Picture from I Love to Look! or Nursery Posters
Several sturdy children's Bibles with pictures

What to Do:

Set out Bibles for children to explore.
With an interested child, look at the Bible, talking about the pictures as you or child turns the pages. Show and talk about the Bible Story Picture.

What to Say:

The Bible helps us learn about God's love.
God loves everyone! God loves you, Brandy.
Thank You, God, for loving us.
I see this picture of Jesus at church.
Jesus went to church when He was a baby.
People at church were glad to see Jesus. They loved Him.

Prayer

LEADER: "God, thank you for allowing us to worship you. We love you. Amen"



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