

Brothers and Sisters

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Bible Story Text

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Bible Truth

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(*Ephesians 6:1*)

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activities: Preclass Centers

Welcome and Singing

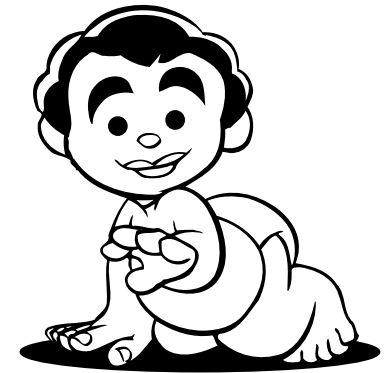
Centers:

Bible Story: Cain Has a Brother

Life Application: Big Sister

Craft: Family House

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Preclass Centers

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Materials

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Preparation

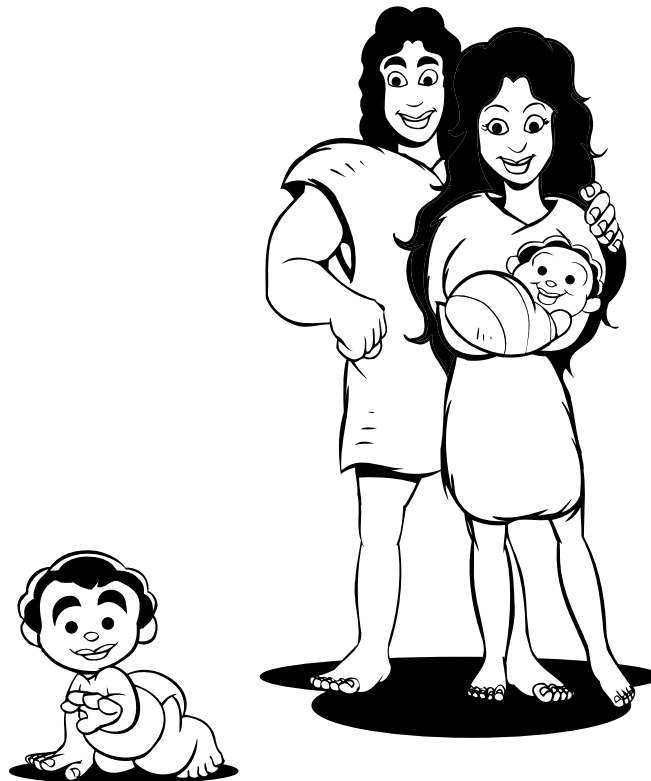
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2. Set up the centers before the children come into the classroom.
3. Assign a teacher to each center and have the teachers stay in those centers until the singing begins.

Instructions

Guide the play in each center reinforcing the unit theme.

Teacher Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Do not allow any small toys in the classroom. First check all toys for size. You can obtain a "safety cylinder" from a pediatrician. Any object that can fit into the cylinder is too small and could cause a child to choke.
- Be involved in the group play and offer guidance as needed.
- Wear comfortable clothes suitable for sitting on the floor.
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Cain Has a Brother

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Materials

For the teacher:

- teaching pictures from Unit 9 Lesson 1, Bible Story

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

- Cut out and color the copy of Reproducible Page A.
- Familiarize yourself with the story.

Abel

Show the children the picture of Adam and Eve in the garden. *God made the whole world. He made all the animals in the world. Do you remember some of the animals that God made?* Encourage the children to name some animals. *God made the first people in the world. He made a man. What was the man's name? Yes, that's right, Adam. Then he made a wife and helper for Adam. Does anyone remember her name? Right, her name was Eve. Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden that God made for them.*

One day, Adam and Eve had a little baby. Show the picture of Adam and Eve with the baby. The baby's name was Cain. Do you see Cain in this picture? Let the children identify Cain, Adam and Eve.

Cain grew and grew and got as big as you are. One day Cain's mommy said, "Cain, we have a big surprise for you! We are going to have a little baby. You will be a big brother." Cain was probably very excited! Would you like to have a baby in your family? Would you like to be a big brother or a big sister? Let the children respond.

One day Mommy and Daddy said, "Cain, come see your new baby brother. His name is Abel." Show the children the picture of Adam, Eve, Cain and baby Abel. Cain looked at the tiny baby. He had tiny hands and tiny feet. He yawned and his tiny nose wrinkled up, like this. Yawn and wrinkle your nose. Encourage the children to imitate you. Everybody loved the new baby. Cain smiled as Mommy hugged him and said, "You were our first baby, and we love you very much."

Conclusion

Show the teaching picture of Adam and Eve in the garden. Ask the children to name the first two people that God made. (Adam and Eve)

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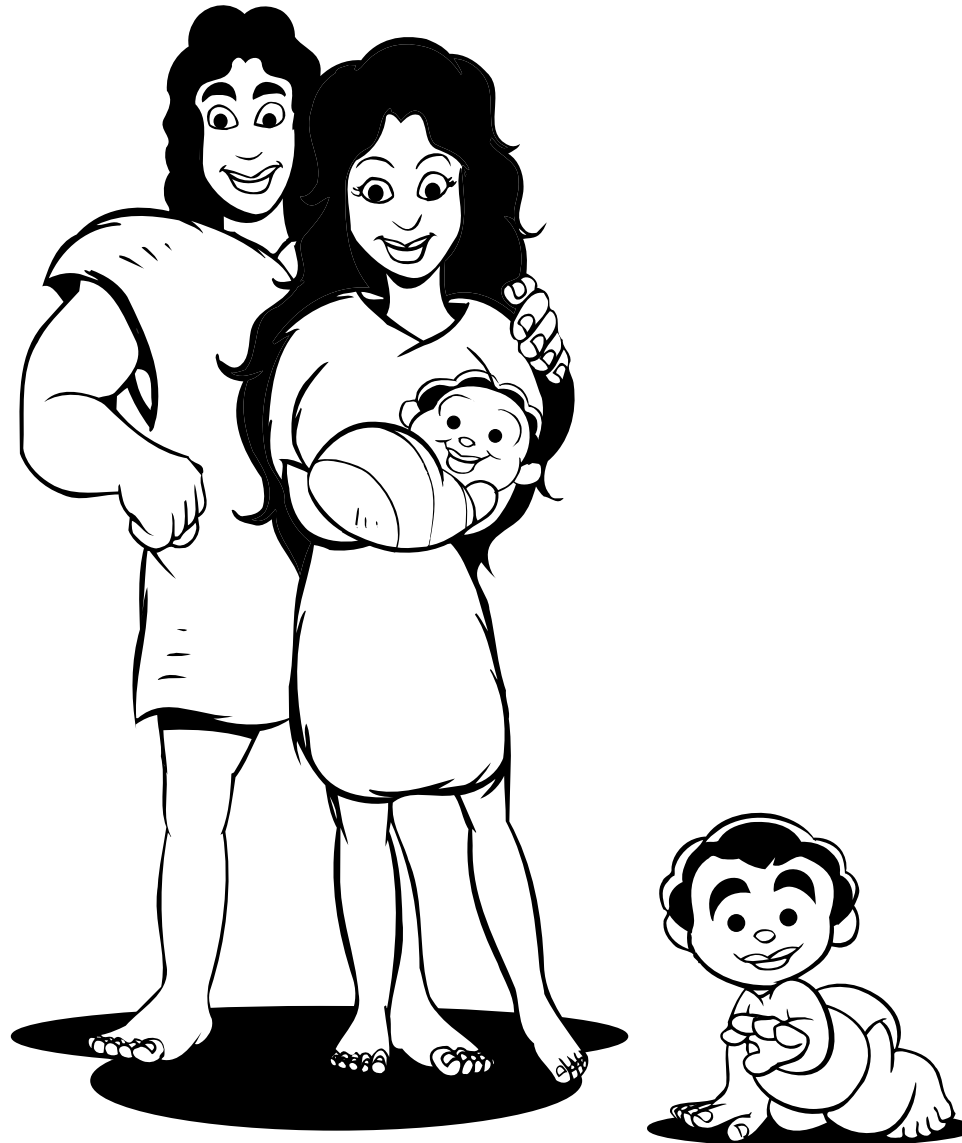
Show the teaching picture of Adam and Eve with Cain and Abel. Ask them to name the second baby that Adam and Eve had. (Abel) Ask them, *Who made Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel? That's right, God did! They were a family. Who makes families? Yes, God makes families!*

God's plan is for us to live in families. Everyone helps in a family. Let's thank God for our families. Say a short prayer with the children.

NOTE: Save all the teaching pictures for Unit 9 Lesson 4, Bible Story.



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Big Sister

The children will hear a story of a new baby coming into a family. It will help them to know that they are special even when a new baby arrives.

Materials

For the teacher:

- felt board figures from Unit 9 Lesson 1, Life Application
- scissors
- crayons or markers
- felt board
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the figure of the baby from the copy of reproducible Page B.
2. Color the baby.
3. Place tape on the back of the felt board figures.
4. Familiarize yourself with the story and song.

Instructions

Sing "My Own Loving Family" from the Unit 9 Song Sheet. (Place Grandma and Lesli on the felt board.)

Lesli jumped up from her bed and ran down the stairs. "Today is the day! Today is the day!" she exclaimed as she ran into the kitchen.

"Good morning!" said Grandma. "Would you like some orange juice?"

"Yes, thank you," said Lesli, jumping up and down. "Today is the day! Today is the day!" "And what are you so excited about?" Grandma asked.

"Today is the day my mommy comes home with my new baby sister! I can't wait to hold her and play with her and show her my room and my dolls and..."

"Wait a minute!" said Grandma. "Honey, the baby is still very little. She won't be able to play for quite some time. At first she will mostly sleep, and you and David will have to be very quiet so that you don't wake her up."

Lesli didn't think that sounded like very much fun. She thought about it while she ate her breakfast. She thought about it when she

went to her room to get dressed. Then she heard a car drive up. It was Daddy's car!

(Put Dad, Mom and David figures on the felt board.) Lesli and David ran out of the door to hug their mommy. Daddy was getting something out of the back seat.

(Put baby figure on the felt board.) "Meet your new baby sister," he said. "This is Sarah."

Sarah looked very small. She was all wrapped up in a blanket, but Lesli could see some black hair that stuck out like fuzz. Her eyes were closed, but when Lesli touched her baby sister, her eyes opened wide, and she began to cry very loudly. David put his hands over his ears.

"Oh, dear," said Mommy. "Let me get her inside and change her."

"Can I carry her?" asked Lesli.

"No," said Daddy. "She is too small, wait until she gets bigger."

Daddy and Mommy carried baby Sarah and all of her stuff into the house. She had a lot of stuff. Then they changed her and fed her and she finally went to sleep. Lesli was happy when baby Sarah went to sleep. She wanted to sit on her mommy's lap. "Sorry, Honey," said Daddy, "Mommy has to rest."

(Take all the figures off the felt board except Grandma, David and Lesli.) Grandma took David and Lesli to the park. It was fun, but Lesli really wanted Mommy to take her to the park. Grandma made them lunch. It was good, but Lesli really wanted Mommy to make her lunch.

(Put all the figures on the felt board.) Later Mommy tried to eat dinner with the family, but the baby started to cry. She cried and cried. She cried all through dinner. Lesli wished the baby would be quiet. Mommy tried to feed her. Daddy tried to walk her.

(Take all the figures off the felt board except Lesli.) Finally, when Lesli was getting ready for bed, baby Sarah was quiet. Grandma had said she would be up to tuck Lesli in, but Lesli was feeling sad. What she really wanted was to have her mommy tuck her in.

(Put the Mom figure on the felt board.) Just then Mommy walked in. "Mommy!" she said, running to her and hugging her. "You didn't forget me!"

"Oh, my precious girl," Mommy said, as she sat down on the edge of Lesli's bed "I know I have been very busy today. It will take a while for baby Sarah to get used to us and for us to get used to

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her, and we love her very much. But no one can ever take your place. You are my big girl and my big helper. When Grandma goes home, I am going to need you to help me.

"I am glad you need me to be your helper," said Lesli, snuggling in her mommy's arms.

"Would you like to go in and say good-night to your baby sister?" asked Mommy.

(Put the baby figure on the felt board.) "Yes," said Lesli. This time the baby was in her crib. Her eyes were open, and she looked right at Lesli. "Mommy," said Lesli smiling, "she knows I am her big sister."

"She sure does," said Mommy. "She will need you to love her and take care of her, and as she grows she will need you to teach her things."

"Mommy," said Lesli. "Am I still your princess?" "Yes," said Mommy, "you will always be my princess."

"Then what can baby Sarah be?" Lesli asked. She thought for a moment, looking down at her tiny sister with the big eyes and fuzzy hair. "I know," she said. "baby Sarah can be our little angel." "Yes," said Mommy, "baby Sarah can be our little angel."

NOTE: Save all of the felt board figures for Unit 9 Lesson 4, Life Application.

Conclusion

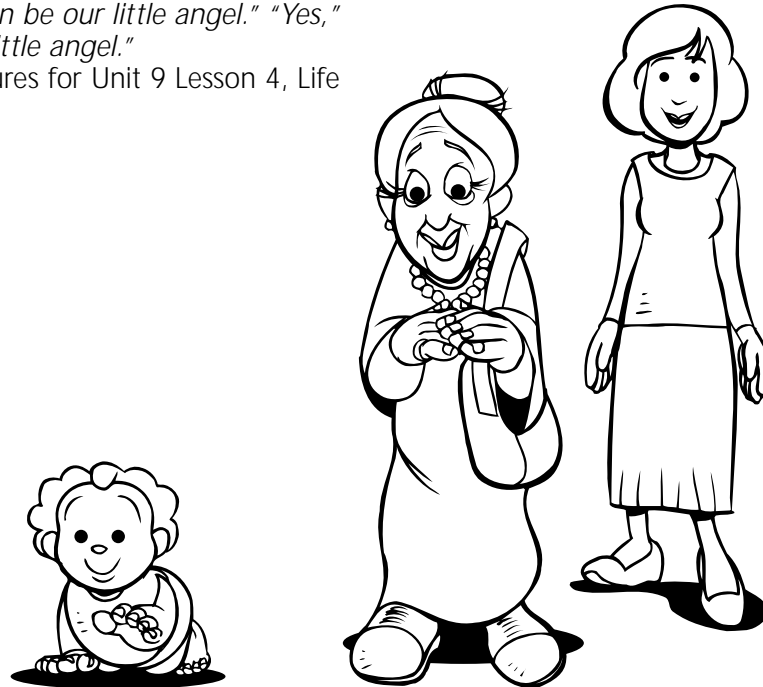
God has given some of us special jobs to be big brothers or big sisters. Are any of you a big brother or sister? It is very special when God gives us a baby to take care of. Babies are presents from God. You were all once babies. You are still special presents from God.

Say a short prayer to thank God for babies.

Do you have any friends who have babies in their families? Can you tell them that their baby is a special present from God?

Teacher Tips

- If you have all twos, you can simplify or shorten the story as needed.
- Cut out pictures from magazines and tape them to the felt board as props.
- Animate the figures by moving them as you tell the story.
- Place the felt board in front of you as you tell the story; this will help you to move the figures easily.



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Family House

This craft will help remind the children that God gives us families.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 envelope
- 1 piece of bright-colored construction paper
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- construction paper
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for each child
- Page D, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the family figures from the copies of Reproducible Page C.
2. Place a set of figures in an envelope for each child.
3. Cut out the house stencils from the copy of Reproducible Page D.
4. Trace and cut out one roof, one house frame, one door and two windows for each child from construction paper.
5. Write "God Gives Us Families" on the top of each piece of bright-colored construction paper.
6. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children your model of the completed craft. *God gives us families and places to live. This family lives in a house.*
2. Have each child choose a sheet of bright-colored construction paper.
3. Help each child complete the house, as shown in Figure A:
 - A. Glue the house frame to the center of the construction paper.
 - B. Glue the roof to the construction paper on top of the house frame.
 - C. Glue the door to the bottom center of the house frame.
 - D. Glue the windows to the house.
4. Give the children their envelopes and have them glue their family figures anywhere on the page.

Conclusion

Talk with the children about where they live. *Does your family live in a house? In an apartment?*

Say a short prayer thanking God for your families and your homes.

Teacher Tips

If you have a younger class, glue the house frame and roof to the construction paper ahead of time. Having less items to glue on will make the craft easier for them.



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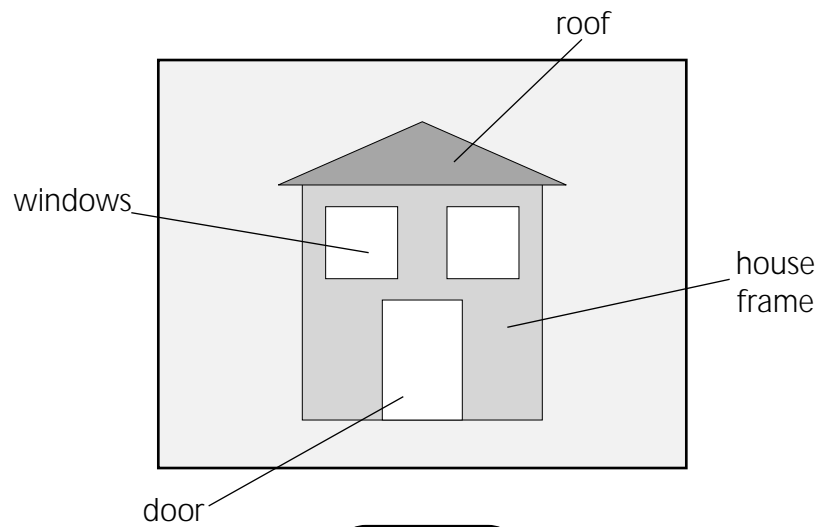


Figure A



Finished Craft





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Families

Lesson 3

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3. Assign a teacher to each center and have the teachers stay in those centers until the singing begins.

Instructions

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Preclass Centers

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Life Application: We Help at Home

Bible Story: Cain Has a Brother

Craft: Washing the Car

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Life

Application

We Help at Home

The children will enjoy learning ways to help at home.

Bible Truth

Obey your parents.
(Ephesians 6:1)

Materials

For the teacher:

- 3 washcloths
- 3 plastic dishes
- 3 plastic forks
- 3 plastic knives
- 3 plastic spoons
- 3 pairs of colored socks

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity and song.

Instructions

1. Explain to the children that they can do different chores to help their families at home. *There are many things that mommy and daddy need to do at home. Do you have some jobs that you do at home?*
2. Demonstrate for the children how to do each of the following chores: folding washcloths, setting the table and matching socks.
3. Give the children a turn at each of the chores.

Bible Truth Activity

Mommy or Daddy may ask you to help them by picking up your toys, or putting away clothes. What do you do when you are asked to help? The Bible says: "Obey your parents." Let's say our Bible truth together, "Obey your parents."

Conclusion

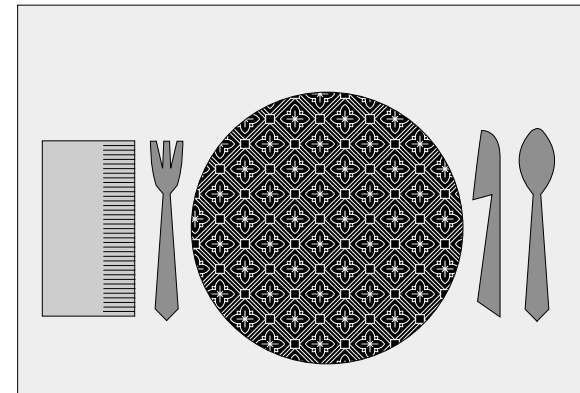
Sing "We Like to Help" from the Unit 9 Song Sheet.

Are you happy to obey? It makes our families very happy when we help and obey. Let's pray and ask God to help us obey and be good helpers for our families. Say a short prayer.

Are you enjoying your Bible class today? Do you have family that you can tell about Bible class? It would make them happy to hear that you are learning to obey.

Teacher Tips

You may add different chores if you would like. Be sure that the chores are safe and age appropriate.



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Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

- Cut out and color the copy of Reproducible Page A.
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Abel

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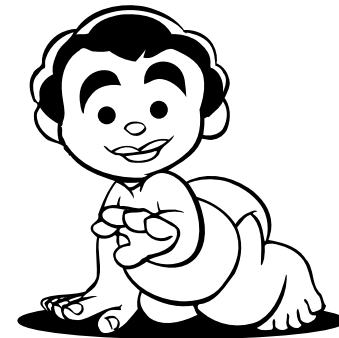
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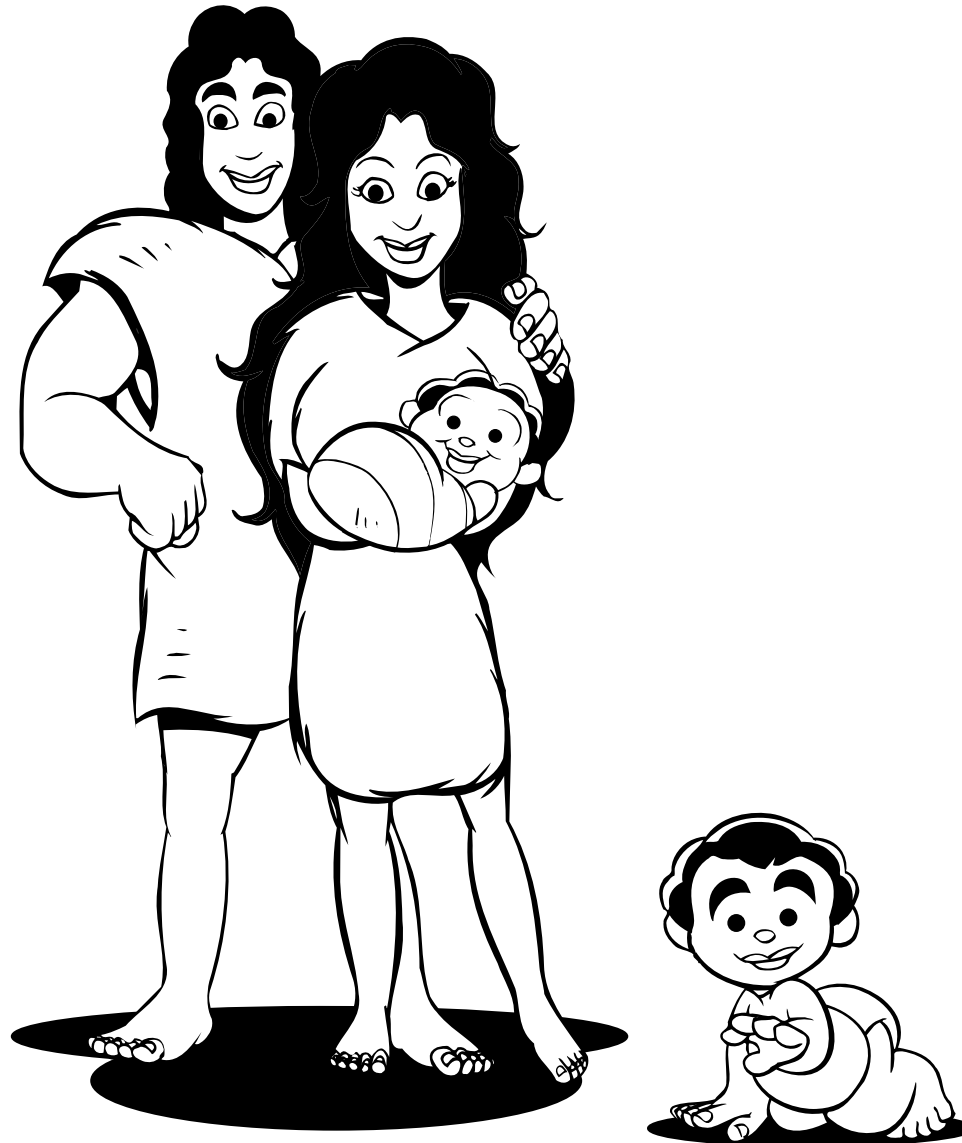
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God's plan is for us to live in families. Everyone helps in a family. Mommies and daddies take care of the children and the children obey their parents.

Let's thank God for our families. Say a short prayer with the children.

NOTE: Save all the teaching pictures for Unit 9 Lesson 4, Bible Story.





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Washing the Car

This craft gives the children an example of a way they can help their parents at home.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of construction paper
- crayons
- 1 piece of yarn, 6"
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- heavy aluminum foil
- kitchen sponge
- marker
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures of the cars from the copies of Reproducible Page E.
2. Cut out a bucket stencil from one of the copies of Reproducible Page E.
3. Trace and cut out one bucket for each child from aluminum foil.
4. Cut the sponge into 1/2" squares. Cut one square for each child.
5. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

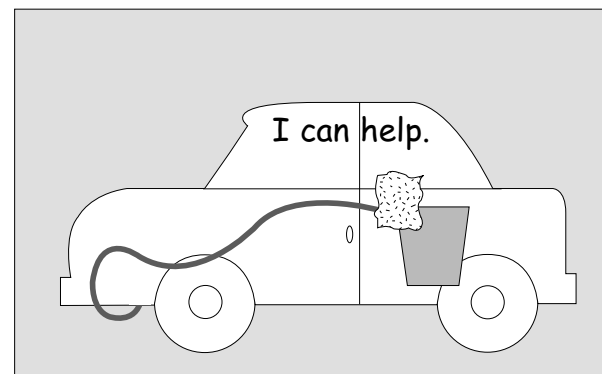
Instructions

1. Show the children the completed craft, and tell them that helping to wash the car is one way they can be a helper.
2. Give each child a car.
3. Have the children color their cars.
4. Give each child a sponge to glue onto the car. *This is a sponge. Do you know what sponges are used for? Yes, we use sponges to clean things.*
5. Give each child an aluminum bucket to glue onto the car. *This is a bucket. Do you know how we can use a bucket? Yes, a bucket can hold the soap and water we need to wash the car.*
6. Give each child a piece of yarn to glue to the car as a "hose." *This is a hose. It carries water to rinse all of the soap off the car.*
7. Help the children to glue their cars onto a piece of construction paper, as shown in Figure A.

Conclusion

Discuss other ways children can be helpers at home. *God tells us to obey our parents and love them. Helping them at home is one way to love them.*

Say a short prayer thanking God for our families, and thanking God that we can help our families.



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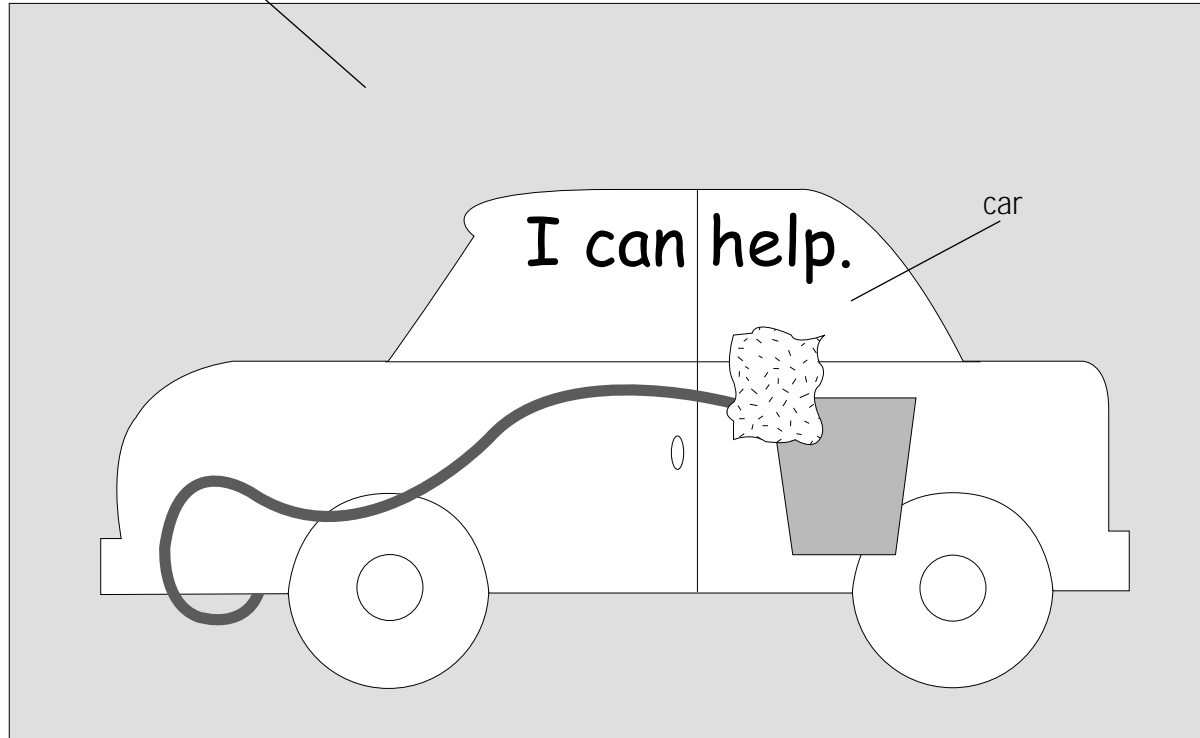
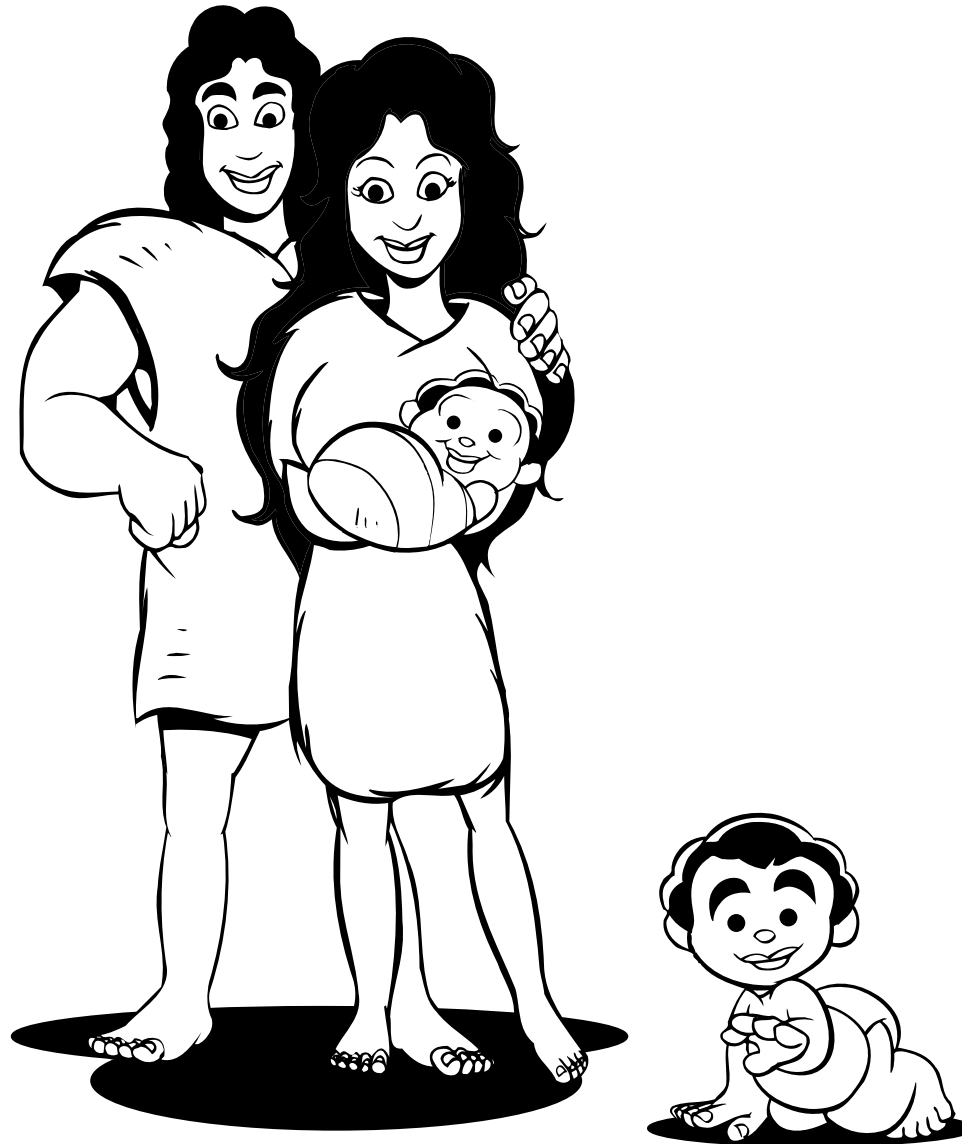


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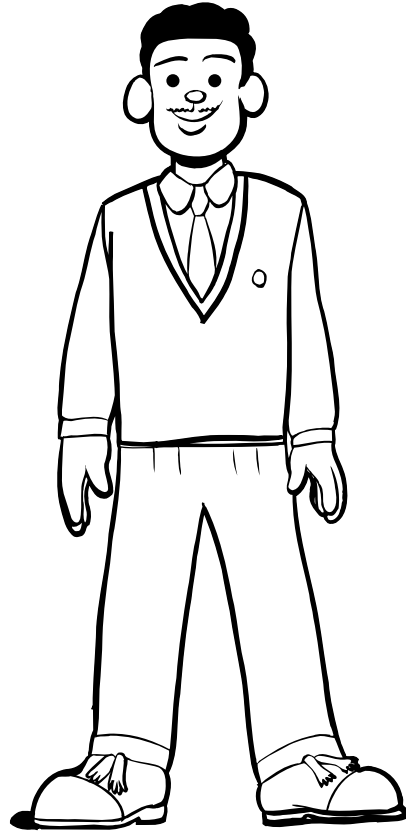


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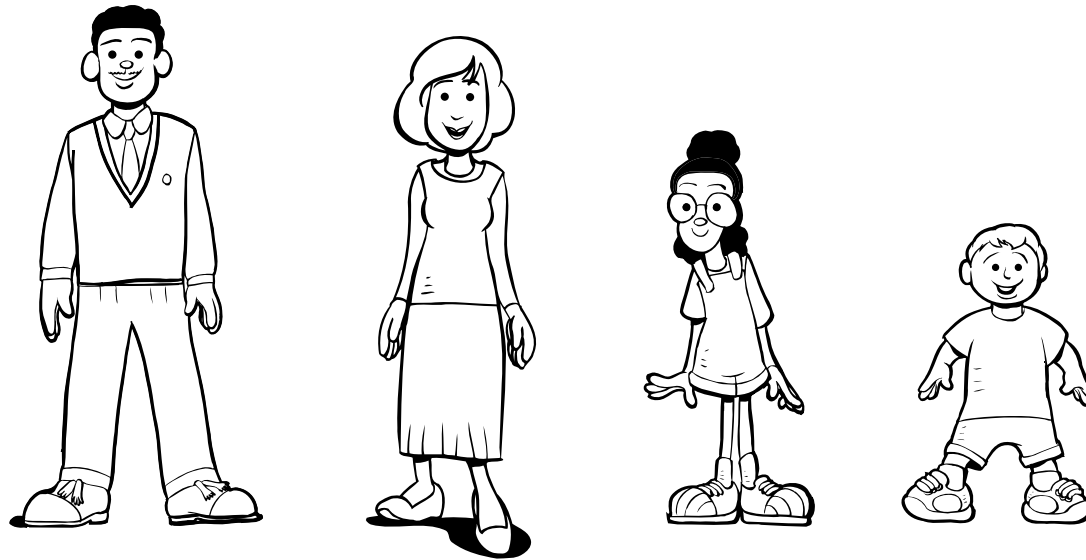


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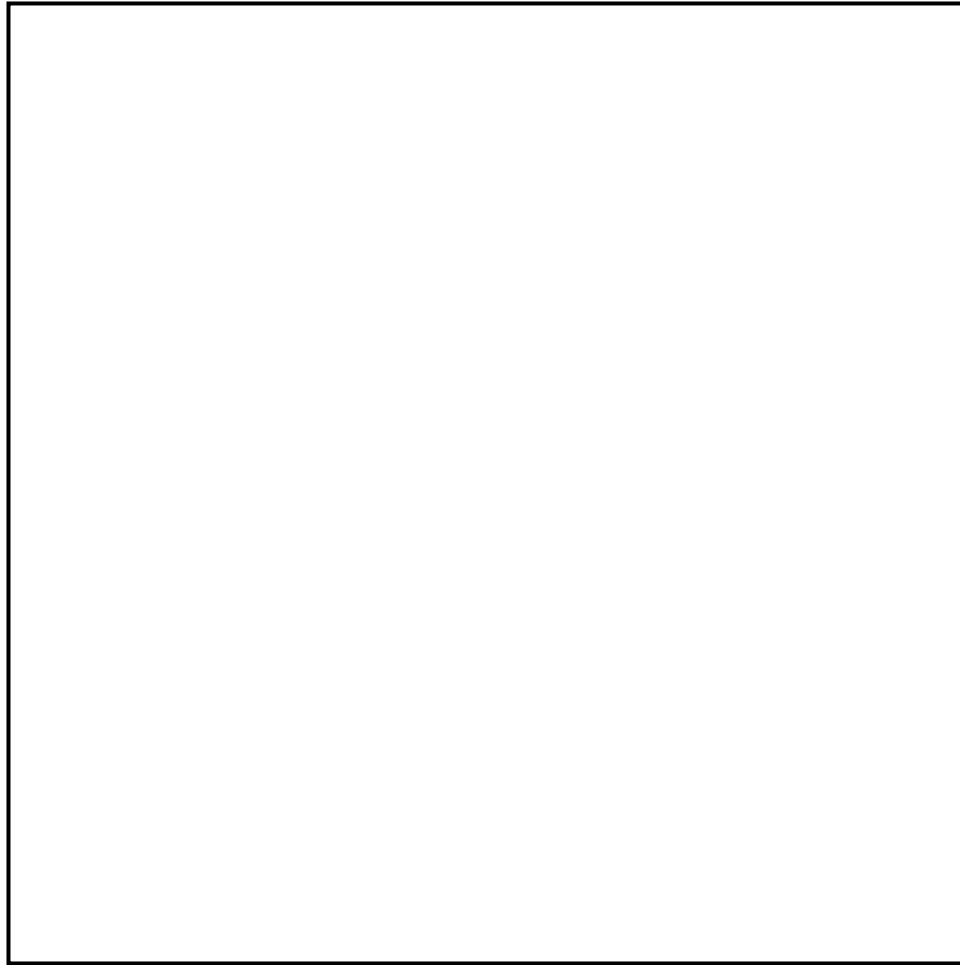


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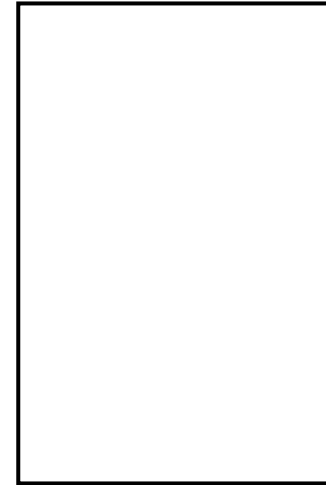




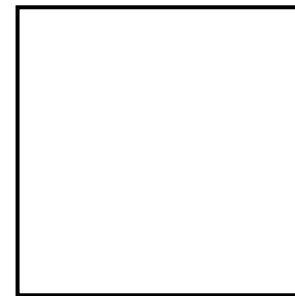
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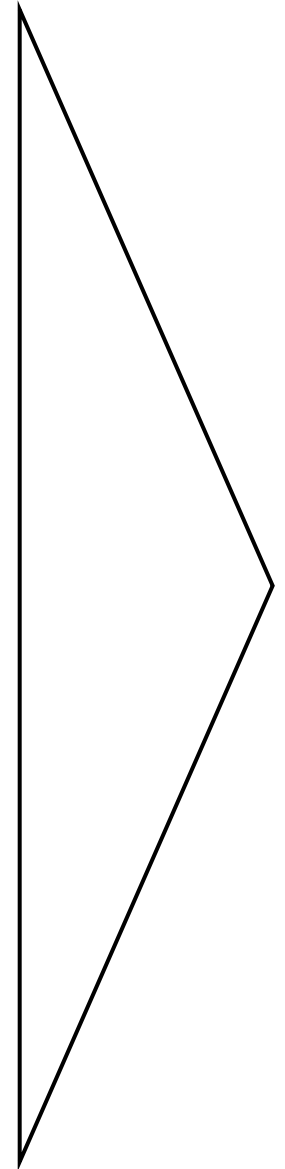
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