

God Gave the Bible

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 1

Star Awards - Know that God gave the Bible to us. It is His book and is very special.

Know a prayer of thanks for the Bible

Know the memory verse - "The Lord gave the Word"

Psalm 68:11

Know a song about the Bible.

Text: Nehemiah 8:1-6

Materials Needed: Bible, several children's books, a scroll made from 2 straws(pencils) and a sheet of paper, Flicker Visuals 1-2.

Memory verse: Flicker 3-5 Place in order down a length of ribbon. Glue in place. Place a loop at the top of the ribbon so it can be hung easily.

Activity time: copy of art page for each child, blocks

Songs: The B-I-B-L-E, God gave us a special book, The Bible is its name (Tune:B-I-N-G-O), A-B-C-D-E-F-G

Prayer: Thank God for His Word, the Bible.

Lesson Approach:(Place your visuals in tote bag until the appropriate time. Have different books and the scroll. Have your Bible in your lap.)

(Taking the books out of the bag) - Who can tell me what these are?

Books, that's right! Do you have books at your house? What is your favorite book? (Let each child answer)

Each of us has books at home that we like better than others. These are special, aren't they?

Long ago people didn't have many books like most of us. Only a few men had books. So they took very special care of them. (Place extra books away) Men read their books to the people just like your mom or dad reads to you. (visual 1) One of these men's name was Ezra. Do you know what book he read to the people? It was God's Word, the Bible. (Show the scroll) It doesn't look like your books, does it? All of your books do not look alike either, do they?

In Bible days when Ezra read to the people, they would meet in the street.

(Place people by Ezra) Ezra stood on a big wooden box called a pulpit so everyone could see and hear him better. He read from early in the morning until lunchtime, and everyone listened very carefully. They stood all the time he was reading. The people were very quiet and still. They wanted to hear every word Ezra read from God's book. This was the only way they could learn what was in God's book.

Today most of us have Bibles. (Hold up your Bible) Don't we? Your mom or dad can read to you at home. You can sit and listen quietly as I read from my Bible in Sunbeams. Who else reads to you at church? (Sunday School teacher, Pastor, Children's church leaders) Through the Bible, God talks to us today. It is God's Word. I want to read you something that is written in the Bible. (Read from the Bible) Psalm 68:11 "The Lord gave the word." (Take out memory verse visual. Practice saying the memory verse.) Let's bow our heads now, and close our eyes. Say, Thank you, God, for giving us our Bibles, Your Holy Word. (Tell your Sunbeams that prayer is simply talking to God.)

Activities: Provide each child with a copy of the booklet. Fold the page in greeting-card style so the front says Holy Bible and the verse is on the back.

Let each child make a scroll with Psalms 68:11 written on it. Materials needed: Straws, Paper with verse written on it.

Extra activity: Draw around each child's hand. Cut out 6 copies. 2 will be of colored paper. Other 4 pages will be white to write what the children would like to pray for. Punch holes in all 6 copies and tie together with yarn or a ribbon.

With blocks let each child build a pulpit like Ezra would have read from.

The Bible Tells of God and His Creation

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 2

Star Awards - Know God as Creator of all things and that is recorded in His Word.

Know a prayer thanking God for creating all the things in the world and recording in His Word.

Know the memory verse - "The Lord gave the Word." Psalm 68:11

Learn a song about Creation

Text: Genesis 1:1-27

Memory Verse: "The Lord gave the word" Psalm 68:11

Materials: Flicker visuals- 6,7,8,9,10,11,12, pictures of creation, tote bag
Use your Bible as you present your lesson

Memory verse Flicker visual 3,4,5
copy of activity page for each child
glue sticks

Songs: "The Butterfly Song", "God Made Me" (See last page of this lesson)

Prayer: Thank God for our world and all He created.

Lesson Approach: (This lesson isn't meant for the children to learn the things created. The children are to appreciate the vastness of what God made.)

Who remembers what we learned last week in Sunbeams? The Bible is special! It teaches us many things about God. It tells us what we are to do and are not to do. It also tells us about God. He made our world and all that is in it.

Listen very carefully, and I will tell you what the Bible teaches us that God made first. Close your eyes. What do you see? You can see nothing with your eyes closed. Now keep your eyes closed. I will tell you when to

open them. That is the way the world was before God made light. There was only darkness everywhere. God said, "Let there be light." Open your eyes. What do you see now? It is light isn't it? God made the light and called it day. He called the darkness night. This was what God made on the first day. (Flicker visual 6)

(Flicker visual 7) On the second day God made the sky. When you are outside and look up you see the sky which God made.

(Flicker visual 8 or have some dirt/water) On the third day God made the dry land which He called earth and gathered waters which He called seas. After the land and water were separated, the green plants and trees began to grow. God saw that this was good.

(Flicker visual 9) Then came the fourth day(hold up 4 fingers). God made the sky pretty by placing the sun, moon, and stars up there. The sun lights up the daytime, and the moon and stars give us light at night. Do you like to look at them? God certainly made a lot of stars, didn't He?

God's task was almost finished. (Flicker Visual 10 or a toy fish) On the fifth day, God filled the seas with all kinds of fish, the little goldfish to the great big shark. (Show a toy bird)Then God made the birds to fly in the sky. There are all sizes of birds, too. All this was pleasing to God.

(Flicker Visual 11 or toy animals) On the sixth day God made all the animals - Cattle, elephants, squirrels, dogs and cats. Can you name some more animals? Last of all God made man. God made all the world and everything in it.He made us also!!

(Flicker 12) By the seventh day God finished His work. He was very pleased. On the seventh day God rested.

All these things are written in God's Word, the Bible, for us to know. (Hold up your Bible) Isn't it wonderful that God gave us His Word?

Work on Memory Verse - Toss a ball to a Sunbeam. Have him/her repeat the memory verse then they will toss it to someone else. This continues until everyone has a turn.

Let's pray thanking God for His Word and all that He created (Always encourage children to bow their heads and close their eyes. This will help them be reverent when praying.)

Activity sheet: Give each child a cut-out copy of the numbered section and God's Creation section from the following page. Glue the tab of God's Creation section to the back of Day 1 section. Fold the numbered section in accordion style so the God's Creation is seen on top. Unfold the long

section. Give each child the appropriate geometric shape cut out from copy of the following page. Review the days of creation as each shape is glued in place.

Extra activity: Go outside and look at God's creation. Let the Sunbeams collect rocks, leaves, feathers, flowers, things God created. They will want a paper bag to collect these in.

Song:

"God Made Me"

Tune: The Farmer and The Dell

God made me , God made me,
God made everything and God made me.

God made (child's name), God made (child's name)
God made everything and God made (child's name)

Repeat verses until every sunbeam has been included.

God made me a helper, God made me a helper,
God made everything and God made me a helper.

Finger play:

Here is our Bible

Here is our Bible,
Its stories are true!

(Hands beside each other like open book)

God gave us these stories
For me and for you.
(point toward heaven)

Quiet, so quiet,
We all now will be.
(put finger to lips)

Listen! A story!

(put hands behind ears)
And pictures to see!

The Bible Tells of God's Love for Us

Flicker - God's Word- Lesson 3

Star Awards - Know that the Bible teaches of God's love and that children are special to God.

Learn a prayer thanking God for His love and telling about about it in His Word.

Know the memory verse: "God is Love" I John 4:8

Know a song about God's love.

Materials needed: Prepare a flip chart using Flicker visuals 13-22. Cut nine 5 1/2" X 7" rectangles on which to mount figures 14-22. Complete the flip chart using metal rings or yarn through the holes.

The memory verse may be visualized using Flicker visual 23. Place the visual on the front of a small box so you may lift the lid easily. Inside the box place a Bible.

Songs: "The B-I-B-L-E", "Jesus Loves Me," "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Prayer: Thank God for His love and telling about it in His Word.

Lesson Approach: Who remembers what we learned last week from God's Word? God's Word told us what He made. We learned that God made everything. God made you. God made you very special because He loves you so much.

(Open your Bible.) There is a story in the Bible that tells about Jesus and little children like you. Would you like to hear it?

(Take out flip chart visual 13) One day Jesus went into the country. Many people followed Him there. He sat on a big rock to teach them. Mothers brought their children to Jesus. The disciples, Jesus' helpers, told the mothers that Jesus was too busy to see little children. They asked the mothers to take the little children away, Jesus heard them and told them to bring the little children to Him. The children came close to Jesus. Jesus touched and blessed the little children . He held some of them on His knees. Jesus loves little children everywhere. That means each of you, too.

Though some things are little they can have important influence as our story shows.

- (visual 14) Little is the seed.
- (visual 15) It grows into a tall tree. It gives fruit and shade.
- (visual 16) Little is the flower. It looks pretty and smells good.
- (visual 17) Little is your eye.
- (visual 18) It helps you to see God's beautiful world.
- (visual 19) Little is the bird. It sings a lovely song and flies in the sky.
- (visual 20) Little is the raindrop. It gives water for God's world.
- (visual 21) You are not as big as your mother and father.
- (visual 22) Still, you are important to God.

Memory verse: "God is love." (take out the gift-box shaped memory verse, visual 23) this means that God loves each of you no matter what your size. Can you say the memory verse? Where does God tell us of His love? Here's the answer. (Open the box. Show the answer.)

Prayer: Let's thank God for loving us. Thank God for His love and for His Word.

Activity:

Finger play

Some children are short,
(measure height with palm below waist)

Some children are tall,
(measure height with palm above head.)

But God loves them all.
(cross hands over heart.)

How much do I love God?
(point to self)

Just a little?
(shake head for no)

I love God - oh, so much.
(stretch arms wide.)

Activity page: Talk about the memory verse as children color the picture. Provide small squares of tissue. Glue the tissue over the baby's lap for a blanket.

Activity: Give each child a large heart with the memory verse printed on it. At the top of the heart make a hole for ribbon. Tie on ribbon. At the bottom of the heart add white streamers. Let the children run with these and see the streamers flying. Explain to them as we show God's love it spreads (flies) to others.

The Bible Teaches that God Gave Us Families

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 4

Star Awards - Learn that God gives us families Because He loves us so much

Know a prayer thanking God for our families

Know the memory verse "God is Love" I John 4:8

Know a song about God's love

Text: Genesis 2:18-25; 3:20; 4:1-2

Memory Verse: "God is love" I John 4:8

Materials Needed; This lesson will be more personal if photographs of each child's family are shown.

The memory verse visual used in last week's lesson will be needed with lesson also.

Flicker visuals needed: 24-28.

To use figures in a sand pan glue each one on poster board. Stand the figures in the sand.

Copy for each child the home following this lesson. Cut out the homes before class. To complete the activity in class, cut from catalogs pictures represent the members of each child's family. These will be glued inside the house.

Songs: "God is so Good" "Jesus loves Me," "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Prayer: Thank God for our families

As you teach this lesson be sensitive to different family situations. Single parents, divorced parents, living with Grandparents.

Lesson Approach: Have Family photographs and Bible figures in the bag as you begin.

Who tucks you into bed each night and is there when you wake up each

morning?

Who hugs you when you fall down and hurt your self?

Who helps you get dressed each day and fixes your food?

Who goes to work each day?

Who plays with you and takes you places?

That's right, your moms and dads. (Show pictures of their families.

Discuss each family.)

Let the identify the persons in their pictures. God gave each of us our family because He loves us so very much.

In our Bible, God tells us about the very first family. (Hold up your Bible)

(Place background scene in the sand pan scene)

When God made our world, He made a man named Adam (visual 24). God cared for Adam, but Adam was alone. There were no other people, just animals, fish, and birds. Adam didn't have another person with whom he could talk.

So, God made a woman for Adam (visual 25). Adam loved the woman. She loved him. He called her Eve. Adam wasn't alone anymore. They talked and did many things together.

Later, God gave them a baby boy (visual 28 in Eve's arms). Adam and Eve were very happy. The named their baby Cain. Adam, Eve, and baby Cain were a family.

Cain grew to be a big boy. (Remove visual 28 replace with 26) Then God gave Adam and Eve another little baby boy. (Place visual 28 in Eve's arms). His name is Abel. Adam's family was growing. Abel grew from a tiny baby to a big boy, too (remove visual 28 replace with visual 27).

Wasn't God good to care for Adam so much? God gave him Eve, then Cain, and Abel. God really loved His first family, didn't He? God loves as much as He loved Adam and his family. God gives us our families, too.

Who is in your family?

(Lead children in prayer thanking God for their family and His love.)

Activity: Give each child a cut-out copy of the house from the following page. Help children fold the house on the dotted line to form a card. Open the card. Let each child glue inside the card catalog figures to represent members of his family. Discuss care given by God to each family.

Help each child make a simple family tree including Grandparents, parents, the child, brothers or sisters.

Extra Activity: Use a Heart shaped pillow to toss between children as they

say the memory verse.

The Bible Teaches About Parents

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 5

Star Awards - Learn that God's Word teaches about Parents and how they care for children. Giving parents is one way God shows His love for us.

Learn a prayer thanking God for parents.

Know memory verse "Honour thy father and thy mother."

Exodus 20:12

Know a song about God's Love.

Text: Luke 2:4-16; Matthew 2:13-15, 21-23

Memory Verse: "Honour thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12)

Materials needed: tongue depressors to make rod puppets, flickers visuals 44 - 46 (a present day family)

For the Bible story you need visuals 38 - 42 for the flannelgraph. You will also need visual 43 for the memory verse. Color brown or gray. Mount on cardstock or poster board.

Songs: "I Believe the Bible" "God Gives Us Families" "Quickly Obey"

Prayer: Thank God for giving parents

Lesson Approach: (Have your Bible and Bag of visuals nearby) The Bible teaches us to honor our father and our mother. This means to show them how much we love them because of all they do for us. Can you think of some things your mom and dad do for you? (Allow the children to use the family to think of responses. Remind children that parents prepare food, see they are dressed, and provide clothes and a home for them.) Your parents do all these things for you because they love their children and care for you. God planned it this way because He loves you. (Put away the puppet family.)

Our Bible tells a story about a baby born many years ago. God loved Him very much. The baby was His Son, Jesus. (Place visual 38 on flannel graph board) God gave Jesus parents to care for Him when He was little

just like He gave your mom and dad to you.

Who love and cared for Jesus? (Place visuals 39 & 40) Mary and Joseph loved Jesus very much. They took very good care of Him. Jesus grew to be a little boy like some of you. Mary and Joseph still cared for Him.

Jesus liked His warm bed. He liked the good food Mary fed Him. He liked to laugh and play with Mary and Joseph. Mary and Joseph loved Jesus very much. Joseph wanted to keep Jesus safe and happy like your dad wants you to be safe and happy.

One night Joseph had a dream (Remove Mary and Jesus add visual 42).

An angel told Joseph to get up and leave Bethlehem quickly. "King Herod is a wicked king. He wants to kill Jesus." the angel said. (Remove angel).

Quickly Mary got Jesus ready for a long trip. Joseph packed their things on the donkey's back. (Place Mary, Jesus and the donkey - 41 by Joseph)

Clippity-clop went the donkey's feet as they left Bethlehem to go to Egypt.

Jesus may have cried as they went on their long trip. Don't you think Mary held Him closely like your mom does to make you feel better? Joseph made sure they had plenty of food to eat and water to drink for their long trip. It took a long time to get to Egypt. Mary probably had some warm blankets so they could stop and rest.

God gave good parents to little Jesus. Jesus loved His earthly parents. He obeyed and honored them. God has given each of you parents to love and obey, hasn't He?

One way to thank God for our parents is to love and obey them as Jesus Did. Let's learn a Memory verse. It will help us remember to honor our parents. (Take out the memory verse visual. Say the verse with the children. Lead the children in prayer thanking God for their parents.)

Activity: Have children sit around the table as you hand out their activity sheet. Discuss the pictures as you place the children's figures in the correct scene.

Extra Activity: Emphasize obeying and listening to parents by playing "Simon Says." Give each child a piece of paper. Have them follow your instructions if you say "Simon Says." If you don't say "Simon Says" then they should not follow your instructions. Tell them to draw a specific shape with a specific color. When you are finished look at the different pictures of the children.

The Bible Teaches about Fathers

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 6

Star Awards - Learn that the Bible teaches about fathers and how fathers cares for them. Children will grow to love and appreciate their fathers more.

Know a prayer thanking God for our fathers.

Know memory verse: "Honour thy father and thy mother."
Exodus 20:12

Know songs about obeying and God's love.

Text: John 4:46-53

Memory Verse: "Honor thy father and thy mother" Exodus 20:12

Materials Needed: Flicker Visuals 47 -51 Prepare for either Flannel graph or a sand box. If using sandbox glue tongue depressors to the back leaving an inch sticking out at the bottom. This will let them stand in the sand.

Also needed Exodus 20:12 (visual 43) and the rod puppets (visual 44-46). These visuals were used with previous lesson.

Songs: "The B-I-B-L-E" "The Butterfly Song" "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer: Thank God for fathers.

Lesson Approach: Last week we talked about our parents. We learned what the Bible teaches we are to do for them. Does anyone remember? (Hold up memory verse visual. Help children say the verse.) Today we are only going to talk about one parent, fathers. Daddies are special, aren't they? (Hold up the rod puppet father.) How can we show our daddies we think they are special? (Give time for response. Suggest hugging and kissing them, telling them we love them, helping them, and obeying them.) All those things will show obedience of the verse from God's Word. (Repeat the memory verse.)

(Take out the other rod puppets family members.) Let's pretend this child is very sick. He feels bad! He's crying, too. What can the mom and dad do? (Give time

for response.) It's hard work taking care of a sick child, isn't it? Moms and dads do it gladly because they love you so much.

There is a story in the Bible about a little boy who was very sick. (Open your Bible. Use figures as named. Show the little boy in bed with his father standing nearby.) His dad did everything he could to help him. Still he didn't get any better. The dad believed in Jesus and decided to find Jesus and ask for His help. (Remove the little boy and the bed.)

Finally the father found Jesus. (Place Jesus by the noblemen.) "Will you come home with me and make my son well?" he asked.

Jesus said kindly, "When you get home, your son will be well." (Remove Jesus, and show the man rushing home.)

As the man was hurrying home, he met his servants. (Place servants by father.) "Your son is well," they said.

When the happy dad got home, his son was well. (Show son standing by the bed.) Everyone was glad to see him well again. It was good the little boy's dad had gone to find Jesus. He knew Jesus can help everyone.

(Review the memory verse again. Help children say it as you explain it to them.)

(Lead children in prayer thanking God for their fathers.)

Activity: Give each child a copy of the following activity. Review the story as the children place the little boy in bed and take him out of bed.

Let the children make a thank you card for their fathers for all he does for them.

Extra Activity: Let the children make a get-well card for someone in your church.

Read a book about fathers and how they are special.

The Bible Teaches About Mothers

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 7

Star Awards - Learn the Bible teaches us about mothers and how they care for us. Children will grow to love and appreciate their mothers more.

Know a prayer thanking God for our mothers.

Know Memory verse: "Honour thy father and thy mother"
Exodus 20:12

Know a song about obeying and God's Love

Text: I Samuel 1:1-28, 2:19

Materials Needed: Flicker visuals 43 -46 will be used again with this lesson. You will also need Flicker Visuals 52-55. Prepare for Flannelgraph board. Metal brads will be needed to assemble activity.

Songs: The B-I-B-L-E, Jesus Loves Me, The Butterfly Song

Prayer: Thank God for mothers.

Lesson Approach: Boys and girls, do you remember our family? (Take out visuals) Which is the daddy? Who is the mother? Where is the child? Today we are going to talk about what the Bible teaches about mothers. (Put away family visuals. Take out Flannelgraph figures.)

The Bible tells about a lady named Hannah. She was very sad. She cried. (Place Hannah by the empty cradle.) Hannah wanted a little baby to go in her cradle. (remove cradle) She went to the tabernacle with her husband and prayed. Hannah asked God to give her a baby boy. God answered her prayer. He gave her tiny baby Samuel. (Place on the flannel board Hannah with the baby in the cradle.) Hannah thanked God for her baby.

Hannah took Samuel with her to the tabernacle to worship God. When Samuel was about your size, Samuel went to live at the tabernacle so he would learn more about God. (Show the picture of little boy Samuel.) Hannah made a new coat for him every year. Hannah loved God and loved her son very much. She

was a good mother.

Mothers are very special!! God planned it this way. That is why He tells us about mothers in His Word. How can you show your mom you love her? Hugging and kissing, telling her you love her, helping her, and obeying her are ways to show love. God's Word tells us what we can do. Exodus 20:12 says "Honor thy father and thy mother."

Let's pray. Can you thank God for your mother? (Lead in prayer.)

Activity: Hand out the parts of the mother. Help the children fasten the parts of Hannah together with metal brads. Show them how to help Hannah hold the little baby.

Activity: Let the children make a card thanking their mother for all she does for them.

Jesus Gives Children an Example

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 8

Star Awards - Learn that Jesus was a small boy at one time just as they are now. Jesus is our best example to follow in all that we do.

Know a prayer thanking God for Jesus' example to follow.

Know the memory verse: "Children, Obey your parents"
Ephesians 6:1

Know songs about Jesus' love

Text: Luke 2:41 - 46, 51, 52

Materials Needed: As with all lessons, your Bible opened to the lesson text is an important visual.

Flicker-66 The memory verse is printed on this visual. Color the visual red. Attach a tongue depressor to the back as a rod with which to hold the sign. You will also need flicker 67-68 (figures of Jesus). Attach to a tongue depressor or a craft stick to each figure. You will also need church shapes 69-74.

Songs: A-B-C-D-E-F-G, The B-I-B-L-E, Jesus Loves Me

Prayer: Thank God for Jesus' example to follow.

Lesson Approach: All of you have heard about Jesus when He was a baby. (Show the picture of baby Jesus) A few weeks ago we learned about Jesus as a little boy like some of you. (Show Jesus as a little boy. Encourage children to talk about the pictures of Jesus.)

Today we are going to talk about when Jesus was bigger than you. (Measure with your hands) But He was not yet as big as your dad. (Measure taller with your hands) Who has a brother or sister bigger than you? Give time for responses. If someone mentions an older brother about 10 or 14 years old, begin the story. Take out the church shapes. (Show Flicker - 69)

Our Bible tells a story about Jesus when He was about the size of __ (Name of Child)____ 's brother. Jesus went on a trip. Do you like to go on trips with your

family? (Flicker - 70) Jesus was very happy on this trip with His family. Some of their friends went along, also. They went a long way from their home to the big city of Jerusalem. (Flicker - 71) They went to the place of worship which they called the temple. (Flicker - 72) In the temple Jesus worshiped God. This is why we go to church, too, isn't it? (Flicker - 73) When Mary, Joseph, and their friends started home, Jesus was left behind. Mary and Joseph thought He was lost. I'm sure they were very worried just like your parents would be if they thought you were lost. They went back to Jerusalem to find Him. (Flicker - 74) They found Jesus in the temple. They were very happy. Jesus went home with His family. He always obeyed them.

(As you put away the church shapes, take out the memory verse visual.) Our memory verse for today is "Children, obey your parents" Ephesians 6:1. What do you think this means? (Encourage response. Accept definitions of "to mind," "to do what you are told.") That's right! When your parents tell you to pick up your toys, you should obey. When they tell you to come to them you should obey. Jesus always obeyed Mary and Joseph. The Bible teaches that all children should obey, too.

(Lead children in prayer.) Thank You, God, for Jesus and our parents. Thank You for Your Word.

Activity: Let the children color and fold the sheet on the dotted lines to make their place of worship. Let them draw the outside of a church on the back of their paper. Talk about the memory verse as they color.

Extra Activity: Play the "Mother, May I?" game.

How to play: Line up the players facing you, about 10 feet away. Give commands to one kid at a time: "Sarah, take one hop forward." If Sarah responds, "Mother, May I?" you can say either "Yes, you may" or "No, you may not." If your reply is "yes," make sure that Sarah says "Thank you" before she goes. Anyone who forgets her manners or makes a move without permission is sent back to the starting line. Keep playing until one child reaches Mother. Give each child a chance to be mother.

Children Are to Obey

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 9

Star Awards - Know that the Bible teaches us to obey. Obedience is taught in God's Word for everyone.

Know a prayer thanking God for His Word and asking Him to help us obey.

Know memory verse - Ephesians 6:1 - "Children, obey your parents."

Learn a song about obedience.

Text: I Timothy 1:5, 3:15

Memory Verse: "Children, obey your parents" Ephesians 6:1

Materials Needed: Flicker 66 - memory verse

Flicker visuals 75-80

Songs: "The B-I-B-L-E," "God is so Good"

Prayer: Thank God for His Word and ask Him to help us obey.

Lesson Approach: Do you remember what we learned last week about the word obey? (Visual 66) That's right we learned our memory verse, "Children, obey your parents." Whom did we learn about that always obeyed His parents? That's right - Jesus. (Each child needs to understand what the word obey means. Review its meaning if needed.)

Would you like to hear a story about a mouse and what he learned about obeying? (Take out the barn shapes - Flicker 75.) There is a mouse who lived in this barn. His name was Melton. Melton lived with his mom and his dad. Melton did not always obey his parents. Melton's mom said, "Melton, you must play close to home. Always watch out for cats, dogs, and mousetraps." Melton forgot what his mom said. He wandered farther and farther away from home.

Melton's dad told him not to climb the high steps, but Melton didn't listen. (Flicker - 76) One day Melton climbed the high steps and saw a large yellow cat

waiting there to eat him. Melton hurried away. He slipped and fell down the steps. Melton gave a loud cry. He wasn't hurt, only scared. He remembered Mom's and Dad's words. He had not obeyed, but he was OK.

Melton dried his tears and decided to go for a walk. Melton looked out the barn door. There was a large, black dog. (Flicker - 77) The big, black dog really scared Melton. He decided not to go outside the barn, but he would go look around inside the barn.

Melton's mom said, "Stay close by"; but Melton didn't listen again. Off Melton went. He came to a large barrel. (Flicker 78) The barrel had such a good smell. "I must see what this is!" Melton said. He found a little door, and said, "Oh, boy, now I will see what smells so good!" He peeked in. And then he saw something he had never seen before. It was a strange thing! It was big! It was a mousetrap! (Flicker 79) Melton thought, "I got away from the big yellow cat. I got away from the big black dog. I can get away from a mousetrap, too. There on top of that mousetrap was the good smelling cheese. Melton rushed to get it. Snap! Right down on Melton's foot the trap came. He cried and cried. "Oh, if only I had obeyed," he cried.

Daddy mouse heard Melton crying and hurried to find him. He freed him from the trap and carried Melton home. Melton's mom and dad cleaned and wrapped his hurt foot (Flicker 75). The next day Melton went out to play again. This time he had a bandage on one foot. Melton knew his foot would hurt for many days. How he wished he had listened to his mom and dad. He wished he had obeyed.

The Bible teaches us to obey. Would you like to hear a story about a little boy like some of you? This story is found in the Bible. (Flicker 80) Timothy lived with his mom and dad. Someone else lived with them - his grandmother.

Grandmothers are nice, aren't they? Timothy's grandmother told him Bible stories and taught him memory verses. His mom taught him, too. I imagine they taught him the same memory verse we are learning. (Hold up the memory verse visual. Say the verse.) Timothy listened very carefully and obeyed his grandmother and his mother. He obeyed what they taught him from the Bible.

This made Timothy's parents and grandmother very happy. It makes your parents happy when you obey, too. There is someone else who is very happy when we obey. Can you tell me who? That's right, God wants us to obey.

(Lead children in prayer.) Thank You, God, for helping us to obey.

Activity: Have red, green, and yellow circles cut from construction paper. Each child will need a set of circles. Give each child a copy of the traffic light. Help them glue circles to the traffic lights. Note that the light helps drivers obey laws. Talk about the memory verse as the children work. Encourage them to say the verse aloud to you.

Extra Activity: Play the Red light, Green light game.

Directions: Have players stand in a straight line anywhere from 20 feet from the finish line. One child stands at the finish line, turns his back and Says "green light" counts to ten, and says "red light" and then turns around. Meanwhile, while the light is green, the players need to advance as far as possible from the starting line towards the finish line. Whoever is seen still moving when the caller turns around has to return to the starting line. The first person to pass the finish line wins. The child at the finish line could hold up a green go sign or a red stop sign for the appropriate action.

Children are Important

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 10

Star Awards - Learn that God has a special place in their family for them and that each child is special. Also learn that helping is obeying.

Know to thank God for the special place of children in each family.

Know the memory verse - Ephesians 6:1 - "Children, obey your parents"

Know the songs - "The B-I-B-L-E," "God is so Good"

Text: Exodus 1:1 - 2:10

Memory Verse: "Children, Obey your parents" (Ephesians 6:1)

Materials Needed: Bring to class a doll and a baby blanket. For each child, make a doll from a plastic spoon. Draw a face on the back of each spoon. Add yarn hair if desired. Also, provide a tissue for each child to use as a doll blanket.

Extra idea: Let each child bring a stuffed animal or doll to class with them to take care of during class.

The stop sign visual (Flicker-66) will be used again in this lesson to visualize the memory verse. You will also need Jochebed (81), Miriam (82), Moses (83), a basket (84), and the water scene (85). Each child will need copy of the activity following this lesson. Before class cut out all figures. Green and brown crayons will be needed so children may color grasses.

Songs: "The B-I-B-L-E," "God is so Good" "God gave us a special book"

Prayer: Thank God for the special place of children in the family.

Lesson Approach: (Wrap the doll in the blanket as you talk.) Do any of you have a tiny baby at your house? Do you know any little tiny babies? Babies can't talk or walk like you. They can't feed themselves. They need help doing everything because they are so little. You are getting to be big boys and girls, but once you

were all little babies.

Our Bible tells about a little baby named Moses. His mother took good care of him. His sister, Miriam, helped, also. (Put the doll away. Take out the plastic spoons and tissues or let the children take care of their baby).

I want to see what good helpers you can be these little babies. Can you wrap your baby in his blanket? What else can you do to care for your little baby? (Encourage each child to pretend to feed, rock, and hold and love the baby.)

Hold your babies very quietly while I tell you how Moses' sister, Miriam, helped take care of him.

When Moses (83) was a tiny baby, there was a mean king who wanted to kill all the baby boys. Moses' mother had to hide him from the king. (Place mother (81) on the board. Place Moses (83) in her arms). One day she made a basket that would float. (Place the basket (84) on the flannel board.) "It will be like a boat. It will float on the river," she told Miriam?"

Miriam was a good helper. She helped her mother by watching baby Moses. God is happy when we help our parents and do as they say.

That is what our memory verse is about. (Take out memory verse visual. Help children repeat the verse.)

(Lead children in prayer.) Thank You, God, for the special place you have given us in our families. Please show us how to be good helpers.

Activity: Pass out the river scene cut from the following page. Let the children color the grass. Help them place Miriam in the slashed line. Move Miriam along the river bank.

Extra Activity: Needed for each child: 8X11 sheet of blue paper, 3 1/2X8 sheet of green paper, large coffee filter, make a copy of Miriam and Baby Moses for each child. Let the children color Miriam, Baby Moses, Coffee filter (basket). Fringe the green sheet of paper to within a 1/2 inch of bottom. Glue 1/2 inch edge of green paper to the blue paper. Glue Miriam behind the green paper on the blue sheet. Glue the basket (filter) on the blue sheet and baby Moses in the basket.

The Bible Teaches Us to Help Our Families

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 11

Star Awards - Know that God's Word teaches us to be helpful to our brothers, sisters and parents.

Know a prayer thanking God for His love and for their brothers and sisters.

Know memory verse - "Love one another" John 15:17

Know songs about Love and the Bible

Text: I Samuel 17:12-22

Memory Verse: "Love one another" John 15:17

Materials Needed: You will need Flicker 88, 89, and a metal brad to hold them together. You will also need Flicker 87.

Each child will need a copy of the activity page following this lesson. Metal brads will be needed to complete the work in class.

Songs: "Jesus loves Me", "The B-I-B-L-E" "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Lesson Approach: Last week we talked about a little girl named Miriam who helped watch after her baby brother. Do you remember? Do you remember the babies you took care of during the lesson?

Today we are going to learn about a little boy who helped his older brothers. Do any of you have older brothers? Do any of you have older sisters? Do you do things to help your family? What some things you can do to help your older brothers or sisters?

In your Bible there is a story about a little boy named David. David's father owned a lot of sheep. David and his brothers had to help care for the sheep.

(Take the lesson visual. Show scene 1) David's brothers had to leave home. They were in the army. They wouldn't be home any longer to help care for the sheep.

(Show scene 2) David really had a big job now caring for the sheep all day long.

(Show scene 3) One day David's father asked him to go and see how his brothers were. His father asked David to take them some food. It was a long way to go, but David didn't mind. He loved his brothers and wanted to help.

(Show scene 4) At last David came to the army camp. David took the food to one of the soldiers and went to find his brothers.

(Show scene 5) How glad David was to find his brothers! They were all well and strong. David was happy helping his brothers. He loved them.

Flicker 87 - The Bible tells us in John 15:17 to "Love one another." David obeyed God's Word, didn't he? You can, too. By helping your mom and dad and your brothers and sisters, you are showing love for each other. How do you help your family? This makes God very happy. Let's practice saying the memory verse.

Prayer: Thank You, God, for Your love and for brothers and sisters. Help us to love each other more.

Activity: Pass out the activities cut from copies of the following page. Let the children color the pictures. Help them put the circles together. Use the wheels to review the lesson.

Activity: Have a snack. Let the children help you get ready for the snack and to pass out the snack. They can also help clean up afterwards.

The Bible Teaches Us to Love and Forgive

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 12

Star Awards - Know that the Bible teaches us the right way to treat each other. We are to love and forgive.

Know to thank God for His love and for helping us to be able to love and forgive.

Know the memory verse "Love one another" John 15:17

Know songs about love and the Bible

Text: Genesis 37:3-32; 42:1-8; 45:7-15

Memory verse: "Love one another" John 15:17

Materials Needed: Visual 87 - memory verse, visuals 90 - 96, Using card stock make a copy of the face (90) for each child.

Each child will need a copy of the coat following this lesson. Have small pieces of wall paper, tissue paper, or cloth in a container. Glue will be needed to complete the activity.

Songs: "God is so Good" "Jesus Loves Me" "Jesus Loves the Little Children" "God gave us a special book The Bible is its name"

Prayer: Thank God for His love and for helping us to be able to love and forgive.

Lesson Approach: We have been talking about what the Bible teaches us, haven't we? What is another name for the Bible? (God's Word) God's Word tells us what we should and what we should not do. What do you think the Bible teaches you to do when someone hurts you? We should forgive and love them.

(Visual 90 with the frowning face up) How does this person feel? How do you look when you are sad or angry? (Make an angry face) How do you look when you are sad? (Give children time to appropriate faces.) Let's look at a Happy face. (Turn the face around to the happy face.) Which one makes you feel the best? That's right; a happy face is much better.

(Pass out the faces to the children. Present situations and let them turn the face

to show an appropriate expression.)

You just received a new toy. How do you feel?

You fell and hurt your leg. How do you feel?

Your big brother won't let you play with him. Are you happy or sad?

Your little sister broke your favorite toy. How do you feel?

You told her it was all right, "I forgive you." How do you feel?

You were very nice and kind to your brother. Were you happy or sad?

Sometimes we get angry with our brothers and sisters, but we shouldn't stay angry. The Bible teaches us to forgive and love one another. The Bible tells story about a man named Joseph who forgave and loved his brothers. (Take out the coat shapes. Show flicker 91.) Joseph's father loved him very much. One day Joseph's father gave him a present - a beautiful new coat! It was very colorful. It was blue, red, green, yellow, and purple.

(Show Flicker 92) Joseph's brothers were very angry. They were jealous. They probably said, "We never got a pretty new coat like that." Joseph's brothers were so angry that they did something very mean!

(Show Flicker 93) They sold Joseph to some men going to a faraway country. They didn't want to ever see Joseph again. Then Joseph's brothers did something else that was very mean and wrong. They told their father a lie about where Joseph was.

(Show Flicker 94) They said, "Joseph is dead. A wild animal killed him. Here is his coat." This made their father very sad. Oh, they were so mean to do this to Joseph and their father.

(Show Flicker 95) God took care of Joseph. God helped him to grow up to be a very smart man. He got a very important job in the faraway country.

Many years later there wasn't enough food in the country where Joseph's father and brothers lived. They had to go far away from their home to buy food. A very special smart man was selling the food. Can you guess who it was? That's right, it was Joseph. Joseph looked at his brothers. They had been mean to him. Was Joseph angry? Was he mean to them?

(Show Flicker 96) NO! He loved his brothers. He forgave them. Joseph asked them to get their father and come live with him where there was plenty of food. That was what they did. They told Joseph that they were very sorry for being so mean to him. Then Joseph, his father, and his brothes lived together again. They were very happy because they loved each other.

(Flicker 87) That is what our memory verse is about. Help the children to learn the memory verse.

(Lead children in prayer) Thank you, God for Your love and for helping us to love and forgive. Amen.

Activity: Pass out to each child the activity sheet of the coat. Place container of small pieces of material, wallpaper, wrapping paper, tissue paper in the middle of the table. Let children decorate their coats gluing the scraps on in any chosen manner.

Activity: You will need a large paper sack for each child. Cut a line down the front making a coat. Make armholes and neck hole. Let each child decorate their coat.