

Small Talk

SEPTEMBER 2010

Key Question:

Who loves you no matter what?

Memory Verse:

"Nothing can separate us
from God's love."
Romans 8:39, (NirV)

Basic Truth:

God loves me.

Bottom Line:

God loves me.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARIES:

WEEK 1

Paul and Silas • Acts 16:16-34

Paul and Silas are put in jail. Even while they are in jail, they know God loves them. God performs a miracle and releases them. Many people place their faith in Jesus.

WEEK 2

David and Goliath • 1 Samuel 17:1-50

David trusts that God will help him defeat Goliath even though he is scared. He does so with a sling and a stone.

WEEK 3

David and Jonathan • 1 Samuel 20:3-42

David and Jonathan are best friends. They are very sad when they have to say good-bye to each other. They know God loves them even when they are sad.

WEEK 4

David Praises God • 2 Samuel 6:14; Psalm 149

David is so thankful for God's love that he can't help but sing and dance praises to Him in the street.



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PLAY TIME

Take a nature walk and tell your child to look for five small stones, just like David did when he fought Goliath. When you get back home, lay the stones out and count them together. Talk about how God helped David because He loved him even though he was scared. Set the rocks somewhere in your home where your child will see them often. Each time you pass by the rocks, look at them and say, "God loves me!"



CAR TIME

God love each and every one of us. Help your child remember this truth by repeating it over and over with him. Each time you help your child in and out of the car this month, say, "One, two three...God loves me!"

This month's song, "I Know He Loves Me," and the September Bible stories are available from www.amberskyrecords.com.



BATH TIME

God loves us no matter what, and that should make us VERY happy. Happy enough to sing about it? Absolutely! Sing the song "If You're Happy and You Know It" with your child while giving her a bath. Substitute the traditional wording with actions like wash your hair, clean your body, dry your tummy...whatever you are doing at the time. End the song by saying together, "I'm happy because God loves me."



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray with him. "God, thank you for loving (*name of child*) no matter what. It makes me happy to know that you love him when he's sad or when he's scared or even when he's being silly. You love him all of the time! We love you God. Amen."

IMAGINE THE END:

"Does God still love me?" It makes us sad to think our children will ever ask this question silently in their hearts, but it happens every day. The temptation to doubt God's love is behind every difficult emotion, wrong choice and hardship. Your preschooler will one day face her own temptation to doubt God's love and we want her to be ready to fight it. This month we have repeated the basic truth, "God loves me," over and over and over with the hope that it will begin to build a strong foundation of faith that truly believes, without a doubt, that God loves me...no matter what.

MAKE IT PERSONAL:

Do you really want your child to believe that God loves her no matter what? Well, do you believe that God loves YOU no matter what? He does you know. There is no sin, no thought, no failure, no sickness, nothing...there is absolutely nothing that can separate you from His love. You are loved...no matter what. Make it a goal to memorize Romans 8:39 this month. Every time doubt starts knocking at your heart, answer back with this verse. In doing this, you will become the best example of faith for your child.

