Small Talk

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Memory Verse:

"My God will meet all your needs."
Philippians 4:19, NIrV

Key Question:

Who will take care of you?

Basic Truth:

God made me.

Bottom Line:

God will take care of you.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARIES:

WEEK 1

Flowers and Birds • Matthew 6:25-34
Jesus teaches us not to worry. If God will take care of the birds and flowers, He will surely take care of His people.

WEEK 2

Elijah Fed by Ravens • 1Kings 17:1-6
God takes care of Elijah. He provides a brook for water to drink and ravens to bring him meat and bread to eat.
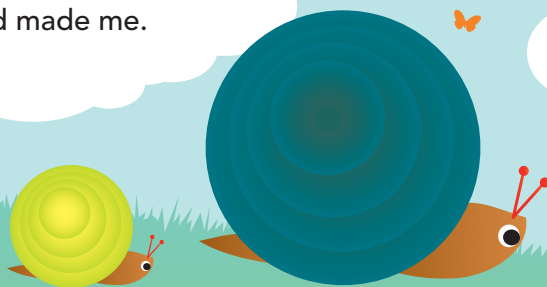
WEEK 3

Elijah and the Widow • 1Kings 17:7-16
God tells a woman to help Elijah. She gives him her last bit of bread to eat. God takes care of Elijah, the woman and her son by refilling her jars of oil and flour.

WEEK 4

Abraham • Genesis 12:1-7
God tells Abraham to move to a new land. Abraham trusts God's plan for his life and obeys Him.

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PLAY TIME

This is a great time of year to be outside take a nature walk with your child. Look for birds, squirrels and other animals and talk about how God gives them the food they need. If God gives animals what they need, He will give you what you need too. Look for colorful leaves on the ground or still in the trees. Talk about all the beautiful colors God gives the trees to wear. And if God gives trees and flowers colors to wear He will give you clothes to wear too.

CAR TIME

Talk to your child about the many different people God gives him to help him. If you're on your way to preschool, talk about how God gave him a teacher to help him. If you're on your way to soccer practice, talk about how God gave him a coach to help him. If you're on your way to the grocery store, talk about how God gave him a grocery clerk to help him. No matter where you are going talk about the people God gave him to help him.
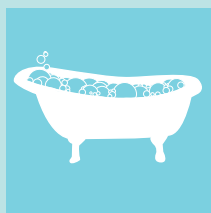
BATH TIME

Tell your child you help him with his bath because you want to take care of him. Talk through everything you are doing. "I'm running your bath water. Let me check it to make sure it's not too hot or too cold, because I want to take care of you. I'm helping wash your hair and body real, real good, because I want to take care of you. I'm going to dry you off and put some lotion on your skin, because I want to take care of you. Now I'm going to put some warm clothes on you, because I want to take care of you. God gave you (your name) to help take care of you."

CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray with him. "God, thank you for giving (child's name) and me what we need. Thank you for our food and our home and our clothes. Thank you for giving us people to help us like doctors and teachers and even the man at the grocery store. Thank you for always taking such good care of us. We love you, God. Amen."

IMAGINE THE END:

Have you ever looked at your preschooler and thought about the day when he will be all grown up? It's hard to imagine, but the day will come. Fortunately, God has a plan for your child's life. Did you hear that? God has a plan. A child who grows up trusting in that plan will end up where God wants him to be, doing what God wants him to do. God promises that as your child follows His plan, He will be with him every step of the way giving him what he needs, when he needs it. You won't always be with your child every minute of the day taking care of him, but God will. God will take care of him.

MAKE IT PERSONAL:

Have you ever sat down and made a list of all the ways God takes care of you? It starts with the obvious like food and clothes but so many times there are things God does for us that just get lost in our busy days. Things like that hug from a child right when you need it or when some unexpected money rolls in right when you REALLY need it. What if you put a piece of paper on your refrigerator and began writing down one way God takes care of you, every day, for a whole month? What if your children saw you making this list or you read this list to your family on Thanksgiving Day? There's no better way to teach your child to be thankful than to be thankful yourself.

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