

Lesson 1—Dramatic Play Center

Items Needed: Large white t-shirts

Encourage the children to put on the white t-shirts and pretend to be angels. Share the Heartprint: **Jesus Is God's Son** with the children and encourage them to say it to each other.

TALKING POINT: Today we are going to learn about an angel who gave a special message to a woman named Mary and a man named Joseph. We just shared a special message with our friends. Do any of you remember what that special message was? Encourage response.

Lesson 2—Transportation Center

Items Needed: Toy cars, boats, or planes

Encourage the children to play with the toys.

TALKING POINT: Today we are going to learn Mary and Joseph had to travel to a different city. They didn't have cars, boats, or planes to travel in. Mary and Joseph had to travel by walking or riding on a donkey. What are some ways you have traveled?

Lesson 3—Small Motor Skill Center

Items Needed: Cotton balls

Plastic bowls

Tongs

Plastic placemats

Before class, spread the cotton balls across placemats. Place several bowls next to the placemats along with tongs. Have the children use the tongs to move the cotton balls from the placemat to the bowls.

TALKING POINT: Our cotton balls are like tiny sheep. Shepherds take care of sheep. Today you will hear about the message an angel gave to some shepherds who were caring for their sheep.

Lesson 4—Dramatic Play Center

Items Needed: Play doctor's kits

Adhesive bandages

Allow the children to play with the doctor's kits. Give children an adhesive bandage to put on themselves.

TALKING POINT: Have any of you ever been sad? Encourage response.

Sometimes we are sad because we have a boo-boo or don't feel well.

Sometimes a bandage helps us feel better. Sometimes we have to go to the doctor to get medicine to feel better. Other times we might be sad because someone hurt our feelings or we can't do something we want to. Today we will learn what the Bible teaches us about what to do when we are sad or someone we know is sad.

Lesson 5—Matching Center

Items Needed: Mittens

Separate mittens from their mate and put them in a pile on the floor. Have the children match up the mittens in pairs according to their color or design.

TALKING POINT: Today we will learn how showing mercy brings more mercy. Think of one mitten in the pair as the mercy you give and the other mitten as the mercy you get.

Lesson 6—Building Center

Items Needed: Building blocks

Allow the children to build with the building blocks. Encourage them to build houses.

TALKING POINT: Today in our lesson, we will learn that Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor. We often think of our neighbor as just the people who live close to our houses. But today we will learn exactly who Jesus says is our neighbor.

Lesson 7—Puzzle Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate puzzles

Allow the children to put the puzzles together.

TALKING POINT: Last week we learned about some robbers who stole from a man who was traveling. They were not good neighbors. Look at these puzzle pieces—each one is different. But when they are put together, they make a pretty picture. God made each of us different, but together we make a beautiful world. God wants us to care and love for each other and be good neighbors.

Lesson 8—Play-Doh Center

Items Needed: Play-Doh

Star-shaped cookie cutters

Allow the children to make star shapes with the Play-Doh and cookie cutters.

TALKING POINT: Today we are going to learn about a promise God made to a man named Abraham about the stars in the sky. We just made stars with our Play-Doh and cookie cutters. When we see the stars in the sky, we can remember *God Keeps His Promises*.

Lesson 9—Creative Play Center

Items Needed: Dolls, cribs, blankets, bottles, etc.

Allow the children to play with the dolls caring for and feeding them.

TALKING POINT: Last week, we learned God promised Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son and his family would be as many as the stars in the sky. Did Abraham and Sarah have any children? Encourage response. **No, they did not, and they were also old. But he trusted God would keep His promise. Today we will learn more about how God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah.**

Lesson 10—Book Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate books about choices, obedience, Abraham and Isaac

Easy Reader Bibles

Allow the children to look through the different books. Consider asking a parent to come to class to read to the children.

TALKING POINT: We just read some books about choices and obedience. Today we will learn how Abraham had to make a hard choice to be obedient to God. He trusted God's promise of a large family. He knew *God Keeps His Promises*.

Lesson 11—Small Motor Skills Center

Items Needed: TE 11-7

Marker

Cardstock

Construction paper scraps

Scissors

Glue sticks

Before class, make a copy of TE 11-7. Use a marker to write a large *T* in the center of the coloring frame. Then copy TE 11-7 with the *T* on cardstock for each child.

Distribute TE 11-7, construction paper scraps, and glue sticks to the children. Have the children cut the construction paper into small pieces and glue them on the letter *T*. Encourage the children to use a variety of colors and make their picture very colorful.

TALKING POINT: Today we are going to hear about a young man named Joseph whose father gave him a very special gift. It was very colorful. Listen carefully to find out what it was and how Joseph trusted God. *I Can Trust God*.

Lesson 12—Dress-Up Center

Items Needed: Dress-up costumes for various jobs (toy doctor's kit, white button down shirt, fire hat, police officer hat, etc.)

Let the children play dress up with the various items and pretend to have different jobs.

TALKING POINT: Today we are going to learn about a couple of different jobs Joseph had after he was sold to Potiphar. Joseph trusted God to take care of him, and we can trust God to take care of us too. *I Can Trust God with my life.*

Lesson 13—Creative Play Center

Items Needed: Canvas bags

Toy food

Let the children put the food in the canvas bags and walk around the room. Have them return to where they started and take the food out.

TALKING POINT: Today we are going to learn Joseph's father sent his brothers to get some food from the king. When Joseph saw his brothers, he had to trust God to know what to do.