

BIBLE PLAY & LEARN

First steps to connecting the Bible to your baby's life

* WHAT ARE BIBLE LEARN & PLAY ACTIVITIES?

Young children learn best through play. That's how God made them. Play gives children opportunities to move, do, and explore. Play provides a fun way for children to imitate and practice what they see and hear in their world. And play with a purpose leads children to learn ideas and attitudes about God, Jesus, and the Bible.

* WHY NOW?

God created babies with brains to learn! Even before birth, your baby's brain was busy. He will learn more in the first 12 months than at any other time in life. Everything your baby experiences in his world, the environment, and from the

people around him, will influence him and begin to determine who he becomes. That's why it is important to begin now to teach your baby about Jesus.

* WHY ME?

The Bible is clear. God entrusted the family to be the spiritual teachers and guides for children. In Deuteronomy 6:4-6, God instructs parents to teach about Him every day so their children will know Him, love Him, and follow Him. You are your child's best teacher.

This quarter babies are learning . . .

PARENT NOTE

FOR BABIES

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Today at church teachers helped your baby learn from the Bible.

WORDS BABY CAN HEAR AND LEARN . . .

- * food
- * thank you
- * help

SPECIAL FOCUS



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Thank You, God

LIFE POINT

God gives us what we need, and we should thank Him.

BIBLE PHRASE

We thank You, God.

Psalm 75:1

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE BABIES

Bible Learning at Church

What your baby will hear and learn

UNIT 1: I AM SPECIAL

In Unit 1 your baby's teachers will help your baby learn that she is special. Babies will hear that they are special to God, God's rules help them and others, and God loves their families. Babies will hear Bible story conversation and songs related to these Bible truths. They will hear Bible stories about Moses — Moses and his family, God's rules for the people, and Moses spoke about families.

UNIT 2: DO WHAT IS RIGHT

In the second six-week emphasis, babies will hear teachers talk about making choices. Babies will learn about relationships and how God cares for us. Teachers will use Bible story conversation and sing songs related to the Bible truths God wants us to help our families, God shows me how to help others, and God wants us to show love. All the Bible stories are about Joseph.



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BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

God Cared for Elijah

Based on 1 Kings 17:7-24

- **Elijah asked a woman for food and water.**
- **God helped the woman have enough food.**
- **The woman thanked God for helping her.**

Activity to do with your baby this week

As you rock your baby, say: "Rock-a-bye baby; we thank You, God. Rock-a-bye baby; we thank You, God." Simple songs like this help your baby associate cheerful times with God's name and thankfulness. Sit on the floor with your older baby. As he plays happily with a toy, say: "Thank You, God, for happy times at home."

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WORDS BABY CAN HEAR AND LEARN ...

- * baby
- * basket
- * safe

UNIT 1 • WEEK 1



UNIT 1 • SESSION 1

God Loves Me

LIFE POINT

I am special to God.

BIBLE PHRASE

God loves and helps us.

Ephesians 1:3

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UNIT 1 • WEEK 2



UNIT 1 • SESSION 2

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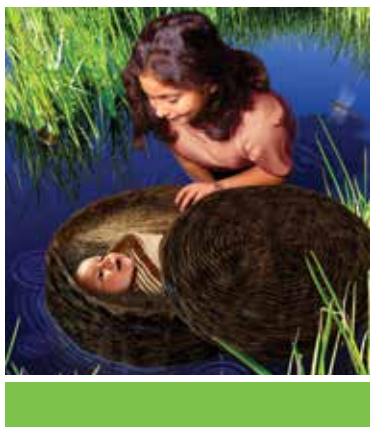
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BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

Baby Moses

Based on Exodus 2:1-10

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- **Sister watched the baby near a river.**
- **God helped keep the baby safe.**

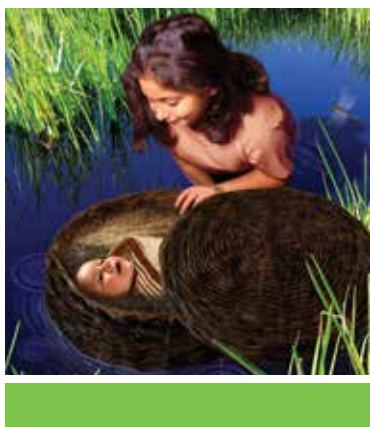
Activity to do with your baby this week

When your baby smiles, respond:

"Lindsay has a happy smile. Lindsay is special. Mommy and Daddy love Lindsay. God loves Lindsay." As your older baby drops a toy, kindly hand it back to her. Showing kindness to your child will help her discover that God loves her. Say: "Mommy loves you, and Daddy loves you. God made you very special. Thank You, God, for Lindsay."

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Activity to do with your baby this week

Babies have ways to tell us they are uncomfortable, sleepy, or hungry.

Just as your baby "asks" you for what he needs, your family can ask God to provide for them. Throughout the day, use simple conversation with your baby about God. Thank God for loving you and helping you. Pray simple sentences as you routinely care for your baby. This helps your baby to begin to sense that God loves him and he is special to God.

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- * rules
- * love
- * God

UNIT 1 • WEEK 3



UNIT 1 • SESSION 3

God Cares for Me

LIFE POINT

God's rules help me and others.

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UNIT 1 • WEEK 4



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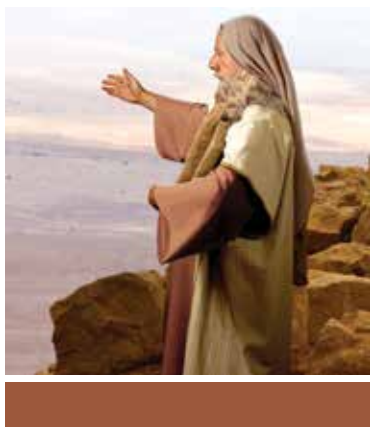
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BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

Rules for the People

Based on Exodus 20

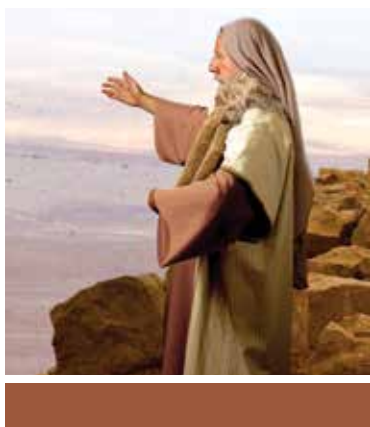
- **God gave people rules to know what to do.**
- **God wants people to love Him.**
- **God wants people to do what He says.**

Activity to do with your baby this week

The Bible tells us that we are wonderfully made in God's image (see Psalm 139:14). Isn't it a joy to see the way your baby changes and grows each day? God planned for that growth to occur in a loving and nurturing environment. Your baby will feel special when you notice his accomplishments and encourage him in his efforts to move, do, and learn.

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BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

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Activity to do with your baby this week

Throughout the day sing simple songs to your baby. Choose simple songs with repetitive words. For example, sing the chorus of "Jesus Loves Me" as you change your baby's diaper. Sing the song "God Is So Good" as you hold your baby on your lap and clap his hands. Say: "You are special. God loves you." Ask your baby's Sunday School teachers for outdated music CDs that have Bible-related songs for preschoolers. Play and sing these songs often.

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- * family
- * love
- * teach

UNIT 1 • WEEK 5



UNIT 1 • SESSION 5

My Family Loves
Me

LIFEPOINT

God loves my family.

BIBLE PHRASE

God made us to do good.

Ephesians 2:9

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UNIT 1 • WEEK 6



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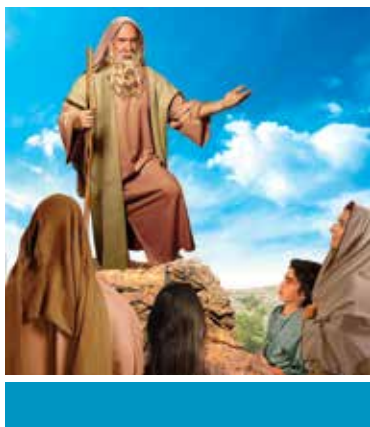
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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE BABIES

BIBLE PLAY & LEARN



BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

Moses Spoke About Families

Based on Deuteronomy 4–6

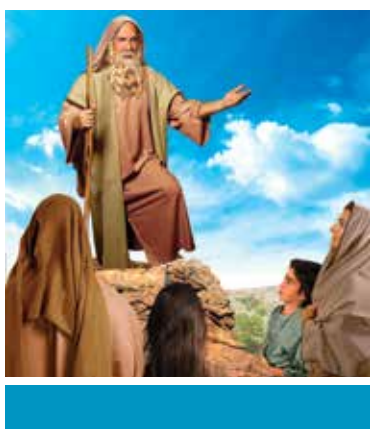
- **Moses talked to families.**
- **Moses told families to love God.**
- **Moses told families to teach children about God.**

Activity to do with your baby this week

Family is the most important thing in your baby's world. Tell your baby you love him. Show him love as you care for him. Each day sit with your baby and read. Not only will this "story time" create a bond between you, it will enhance his academic success later. Also use this time to tell Bible stories and look at the Bible together. You can begin helping your baby learn about God and His love. You are your baby's first and best teacher!

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Activity to do with your baby this week

Make a book about your family. Gather pictures of each family member. Tape the photos on papers that have been cut a little larger than the pictures. Staple the pages together. As you look at the book with your baby, identify each family member. Say something like, "This is Daddy. Daddy loves Kimmy." After looking at the book, say a thank-you prayer to God for your family.

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- * love
- * help

UNIT 2 • WEEK 1



UNIT 2 • SESSION 1

Joseph, a Helpful
Son

LIFE POINT

God wants us to help our
families.

BIBLE PHRASE

Do what is right.
Deuteronomy 6:18

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UNIT 2 • WEEK 2



UNIT 2 • SESSION 2

Joseph, a Helpful
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LIFE POINT

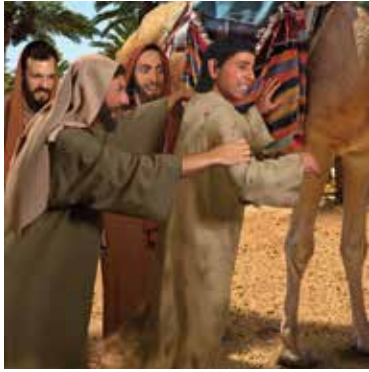
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BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

Joseph Looked for His Brothers

Based on Genesis 37:12-17

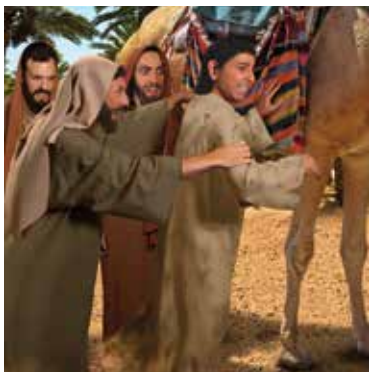
- **Joseph's daddy sent him to find his brothers.**
- **Joseph listened to his daddy.**
- **Joseph helped his family.**

Activity to do with your baby this week

Most babies enjoy bath time. This can be an occasion to tell your baby how much you love and care for her. As your baby splashes the water, comment that you are helping take care of her by giving her a bath. Say: "In the Bible we learn about Joseph. Joseph listened to his daddy and helped his family. Mommy helps you. God gave you a family."

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Activity to do with your baby this week

Get two containers (large oatmeal canisters or large butter tubs). Place a small toy under one container. Lift the container not covering a toy. Say something like: "Peek-a-boo, is it here? No, no, peek-a-boo, it's right there!" Lift the other container that is covering the toy. Switch places with the toy and play again. Your baby will enjoy the surprise. Thank God for the fun you have together.

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WORDS BABY CAN HEAR AND LEARN . . .

- * king
- * dream
- * help

UNIT 2 • WEEK 3



UNIT 2 • SESSION 3

Joseph, a Wise
Helper

LIFE POINT

God shows me how to help
others.

BIBLE PHRASE

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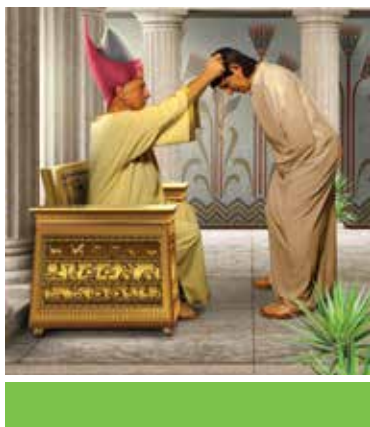
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BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

Joseph Helped a Friend

Based on Genesis 41:1-4,8-12,14-21

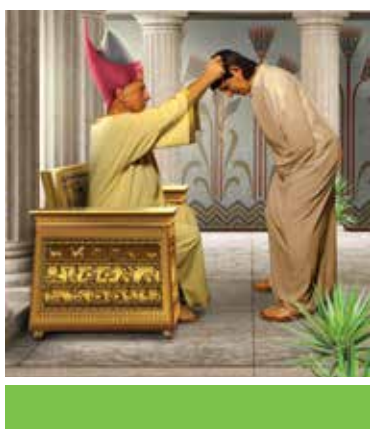
- **The king had a dream.**
- **Men knew Joseph could help the king.**
- **God helped Joseph know how to help the king.**

Activity to do with your baby this week

Look at your church's upcoming schedule of events. Select at least one activity that involves helping others (for example, taking donations to the food pantry, delivering meals to the homebound). Include your child in preparing for this event. Your older baby can help you place some food items in a bag. Talk about why you are gathering these food items and where you are taking them.

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Activity to do with your baby this week

Invite a new mother to your home for a snack and playtime. Select someone who has a child about the age of your baby. Say a simple thank-you prayer to God for the snack. Enjoy some adult conversation and watch as the babies explore toys and books. At this stage babies enjoy simply playing side by side rather than playing together, so make sure to provide plenty of toys!

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WORDS BABY CAN HEAR AND LEARN ...

- * brother
- * kind
- * love

UNIT 2 • WEEK 5



UNIT 2 • SESSION 5

Joseph, a Loving
Brother

LIFE POINT

God wants us to show love.

BIBLE PHRASE

Do what is right.

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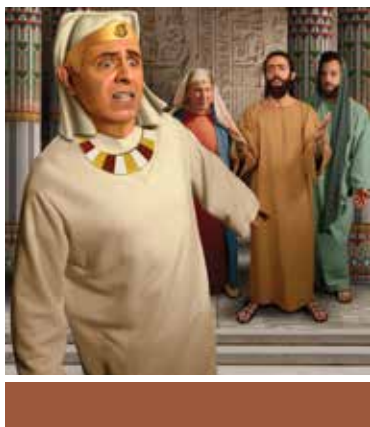
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BIBLE PLAY & LEARN



BIBLE STORY SENTENCES

Joseph, a Loving Brother

Based on Genesis 45:1-11,16-28; 46:26-30; 50

- **Joseph had not seen his brothers in a long time.**
- **Joseph's brothers came to buy food from Joseph.**
- **Joseph was kind to his brothers.**

Activity to do with your baby this week

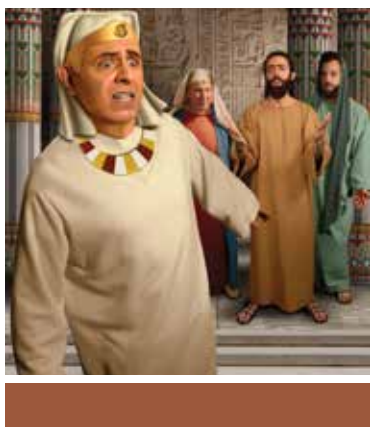
When your baby experiences the kindness of someone, comment: "Gramma loves you. Gramma is kind when she rocks you. Thank You, God, for Gramma."

Involve your baby and family in a ministry activity. Take cookies to a neighbor or deliver a gift basket to someone who has been ill. Talk to your baby about being kind and doing things for people.

UNIT 2 • WEEK 5

Bible Studies for Life Babies Leader Pack

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Activity to do with your baby this week

Begin the routine of eating meals together as a family. Include your baby in family mealtimes, even if your baby may not actually eat at that specific time. Just being with his family will help him learn that his family can be kind and loving. Your baby will soon be eating when the family does! At a mealtime, talk about Joseph being kind and showing love to his brothers. Comment that Joseph helped his brothers get food.

UNIT 2 • WEEK 6