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Beginner Year A, Quarter 3, July



Big Service Idea: We are God's little helpers.

Big Story:

Samuel listens to God 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Big Question:

How can we show God's love by helping today?

Big Verse:

Sing the memory verse – (music in GraceLink study guide online)
Little Samuel was helping the Lord.
Helping the Lord, helping the Lord.
Little Samuel was helping the Lord.
1 Samuel 3:1



Morning Time:

- As you say good morning to your child, tell them how much you love them.
- Tell them that God loves them and that today we are going to show our love by being God's little helper like Samuel.

Morning Prayer Time:

 "Dear Jesus, thank you for my lovely food. Thank you for listening to me when I pray. Please be with me today as I help my family."



Play Time:

As you do these activities talk about how we are helping:

- Encourage toddlers to help by picking up their toys, dusting, sweeping with a little broom, tidying up the blankets on their bed.
- Make a bedroll or use a sleeping bag. Have turns lying on the mat and then getting up when called. Have turns rolling the bed up like Samuel did.
- Make a smiley face and put on the fridge to show that everyone is happy when we help.



Bed Time:

- Cuddle your child and read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Encourage the child to do the suggested actions.
- Ask: "What did you do today that showed you were God's little helper? I wonder what we can do tomorrow."



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for His love, the wonderful day that we have had and all the people we were able to show His love to. Please be with us as we sleep tonight. We love you.

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Beginner Year A, Quarter 3, August



Big Grace Idea: God takes care of our needs.

Big Story:

Food for Elijah 1 Kings 17:1-16

Big Question:

How does Jesus care for us?

Big Verse:

My God (point upward) will meet all your needs (point to others)

Philippians 4:19 (palms together, then open).



Morning Time:

 As you say good morning to your child, tell him/her how glad you are that God cared for them during the night and how much you are looking forward to another great day with God.

Morning Prayer Time:

• "Dear Jesus, thank you for the food that you have given me to eat this morning. Thank you for mummy/daddy for caring for me. Please be with me today."



Play/Bath Time:

As you do the following activities talk about how God cares

- Look for birds and talk about how the mother bird brings food to the baby bird. Talk about how a long time ago God helped a bird bring food to a man.
- Have a water 'tea' party and say thank you God for the lovely water to drink. Have a walk and find all the things that need water to grow. Water some plants as you say "thank you God for water."

At bath time talk about rain as you pour water through a sieve. Stay sitting in the bath as the water drains out and talk about how if there was no water we wouldn't be able to have a wash or a drink.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson. Encourage the child to do the suggested actions.
- Ask your child who it was that cared for Elijah. Talk about how many ways God did this and count them on your fingers. Ask: "I wonder what God will do to care of us?"



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for loving and caring for us so much. Thank
 Him for looking after Elijah and for looking after us today. We
 love you Jesus

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Beginner Year A, Quarter 3, September



Big Community Idea:

We can be kind to others.

Big Story:

A new baby boy 2 Kings 4:8-37

Big Question:

How can we be kind to others today?

Big Verse:

Love (cross arms over chest) **each other** (point to another person),

John 15:12 (palms together, then open).



Morning Time:

 As you say good morning to your child, say how happy you are to see them. Tell them that you are going to have fun today because you are going to show each other how much we love them by being kind.

Morning Prayer Time:

 "Dear Jesus, thank you for my yummy food. Thank for my mummy/daddy who are so kind to me. Help me to be kind today."



Play Time:

As you do the following activities talk about being kind:

- Look at the child's baby photos and say how kind God was to you by giving her/him to you.
- Arrange a play date and show your child how to be kind.
- Let your child help you around the home i.e. picking up toys, books, dusting etc. tell them how kind they are to help.
- Be kind to others by taking some flowers or cooking to neighbours.
- Make a painting or splatter paint artwork and make it into a card and give it to someone.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson. Encourage them to do the suggested actions.
- Talk about how happy the woman was because God was kind to her. Talk about how God loves us too.
- Ask, "I wonder what we will do to be kind tomorrow?"



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
 - Pray telling Jesus how much we love him and thank him for helping us to be kind today. Please be with us as we sleep.