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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 1



**Big Service Idea:**  
We serve God when we help others.

**Big Story:**  
Hannah's Special Baby  
1 Samuel 1:1-18

**Big Question:**  
Who can we bring joy to today?

## Big Verse:

**May God** (point upward) **grant you** (hands out in front with palms up as if giving) **what you have asked** (hands folded in prayer) **of Him** (point upward)

1 Samuel 1:17 (palms together and then open).



## Breakfast Time:

- Ask each child what makes them happy? Tell each family member how they make you happy. Challenge your family to realise that things might make us happy for a while but only a relationship with Jesus makes us happy for always.
- As you say Grace, thank God that he makes us happy and help us to serve him by bringing happiness to someone today.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive look for examples of people serving to make others happy, for example people working in gardens.
- Brainstorm things that we can do to help others happiness. Sing a happy song.



## Play Time:

- Bake some muffins or cupcakes with your child or another dish and plan to take it to a neighbour or someone in hospital etc. to brighten their day.
- Make some cards together and then visit a retirement village or children's hospital and spend time cheering up the residents.
- Use play-doh to recreate and act out the story.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, your child; Why did Hannah feel sad. How did her husband try to cheer her up? What did Hannah do? What did the Priest Eli do? Tell about a time when you were sad, you prayed and how Jesus helped you to be happy again.



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for making us happy and help us to serve him by doing all we can to make others happy too.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 2



## Big Serve Idea:

We serve God when we help God's leaders.

## Big Story:

Hannah's Gift to God  
1 Samuel 1:20-28;  
2:18-21

## Big Question:

Who can we serve today?

## Big Verse:

For his whole life we will be given . . . to the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:28 (palms together, then open).



## Breakfast Time:

- Talk about your Pastor/church leader and what they do and plan on a way you as a family can help them. Plan a special surprise/gift that you as a family can give to your Pastor/Leader and as a family sign a card to take to them.
- During Grace pray for your pastor leader and thank God that we can serve Him by helping them.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive see how many different types of coats you can spot people wearing, e.g. Suit Coat, Fireman's Jacket, Council Workers Coat etc. Talk about what each of these people do/serve for a living.



## Play Time:

- Make a growth chart together, decorate it and write on the card your child's name and that they will serve Jesus all the days of his/her life. Mark your child's height regularly and pray for your child each time you mark their height asking God to help us to be like Samuel and to serve him all our life.
- Act out the story together using different sized coats to place on your child and pretend they are growing up serving like Samuel.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, your child What did Hannah do with Samuel when he was old enough? Where did Samuel live? What did he do? How can we serve like Samuel?



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for our leaders and that we can serve God by helping them.

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## Big Service Idea:

We serve God when we listen to His voice.

## Big Story:

Ears to Hear  
1 Samuel 3:1-10

## Big Question:

How can we be good listeners today?

## Big Verse:

**Speak** (point to mouth) **Lord**, (point upward) **for your servant** (point to self) **is listening** (point to ears)

**1 Samuel 3:9** (palms together and then open).



## Breakfast Time:

- Talk about what it means to listen to God's voice and brainstorm ways you can listen to God. Encourage your child to listen for God's voice today and to report back at evening meal time what happened.
- During grace pray that God will help us serve him by listening to him today.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive ask your child to put on their listening ears and to listen and name all the things they can hear around them e.g. Cars and trucks, siren, train etc. Talk about how Samuel listened to God and we can too. Sing a song about listening.



## Play Time:

- Play a game where you give instructions and the child has to do what you say. Talk about reasons for listening to parents and reasons for listening to God.
- Act out the story together and practice listening to God.
- Visit a large cathedral type church or favourite spot outdoors together and talk about Samuel hearing God's voice.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or Gracelink lesson.
- Ask, your child what did Samuel hear? What did Eli tell him to do? How can we listen to God? Tell a story about when you listened to God and what happened. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories.



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for talking to us in all sorts of different ways and help us to listen to His voice like Samuel did and do what He wants us to do.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 4, Week 4



**Big Service Idea:**  
I can serve Jesus  
all my life.

**Big Story:**  
Samuel's Service  
1 Samuel 7

**Big Question:**  
What can we do  
to serve with our  
lives today?

**Big Verse:**  
"Samuel continued as a judge . . . all the days of his life"  
1 Samuel 7:15



## Breakfast Time:

- Buy or print the saying "Christ is the head of this house" and encourage your family members to sign it and then pray over it. Place it on the wall of your home so you are reminded every time you see it that your family serves Jesus.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive look at different people going to work or working and describe what they do. Then challenge your child by saying whatever you do when you grow up you can serve God while doing it. Talk about what it means to serve God.



## Play Time:

- Help your child to find and decorate two rocks, one to give to a friend and tell them about Samuel's service and once to keep as a reminder of our family's commitment to serve Jesus all our lives. Help your child to plant a garden etc. around their rock.
- Act out the story with your child and use a pot and spoon to make the thunder noise. Ask your child who helps us during storms?



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask your child what did Samuel do? How did He serve God? What did the philistines do? What did the people do? How did God help them? How can we serve God all our lives? Tell some stories about what you have done to serve God .



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for looking after us all the time and to help us to serve Him all our lives.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 5



**Big Grace Idea:**  
God loves us and gives us everything we need.

**Big Story:**  
Birds to the Rescue  
1 Kings 17:1-6

**Big Question:**  
What can we do to help provide for someone today?

**Big Verse:**  
"My God will meet all your needs"  
Philippians 4:19



## Breakfast Time:

- Brainstorm a list of all the things that God provides for us. Talk about how God provided Elijah with all that he needed and He loves us and gives us what we need as a family too.
- Say a special prayer of thanks to God for loving us and giving us everything we need.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive look for examples of people eating. E.g. school children having lunch, people sitting in a park eating, people at a café etc. Talk about what they are eating and then ask who gives us our food and water?
- Sing a song about God caring for us.



## Play Time:

- Help your child cut out and make some black ravens. Place them on some fishing line and add a weight. Have them fly down to your child and pretend they are bringing food to your child. Eat some bread together. Talk about how God cared for Elijah and how He cares for us too.
- Set up a bird feeding station and watch the birds feed. Talk about how God cares for the birds and how he cares for us too.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask; who did Ahab worship? What did God tell Elijah to do?
- Where did Elijah hide? How did God care for Elijah? How does God care for us? Tell a story to your child when God cared for you? Ask your child if they have questions about the stories?



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thank God for his grace in loving us and caring for our needs.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 6



**Big Grace Idea:**  
God uses others  
to love and care  
for us.

**Big Story:**  
Miracle Oil  
1 Kings 17:7-16

**Big Question:**  
Who can we care  
for today?

**Big Verse:**  
"He is our God and we are . . . under His care"  
Psalm 95:7.



## Breakfast Time:

- Make some yummy muffins for your family and extras. Talk about how the widow used all she had to feed Elijah and trusted God. We can share with others too. Encourage your children to share the muffins with someone today.
- Thank God that we are under his care and help us to care too.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive look for examples of people caring for others. Make a list of all the people who love and care for you and your child. E.g. family members, teachers, church workers etc.



## Play Time:

- Help your child to make some thank you cards to give to people who have recently cared for your family in some way. Help your child deliver them.
- Visit a person who has a newborn baby and talk about all the things that mothers do for new Babies. And talk about how God used others to love and care for us too.
- Act out the story using play-doh.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask; What was the widow doing? Why do you think God told Elijah to go to the Widow? Did the Widow care for Elijah? Did she trust God? How did God care for the Widow? How do others care for us? How does God care for us?



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray a prayer of thanks to God for using others to love and care for us. Help us to love and care for others too.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 7



**Big Grace Idea:**  
God will always answer our prayers.

**Big Story:**  
The Boy is Alive! 1  
Kings 17:17-24

**Big Question:**  
Who can we pray for today?

## Big Verse:

**The Lord** (point upward) **cares** (arms together as if rocking a doll) **for those who** (point to others) **trust in Him** (point upward)  
**Nahum 1:7** (palms together and then open).



## Breakfast Time:

- Brainstorm ways that God cares for your family and then talk about what the word trust means. Challenge your family to each come up with one thing in their life that they need to trust God about
- During Grace thank God for caring for us, listening to us and answering our prayers.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive, discuss the concept of prayer with your child and then tell a story about when you prayed to God and how God answered your prayer.
- Sing a song about prayer.



## Play Time:

- Make some get well cards with your child and then deliver them to some people who are sick and if possible pray with those people.
- Use magazines or the internet to make a collage of all the things God has made to keep us healthy. Thank Jesus for each.
- Act out the story with your child.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson. Ask, what happened to the boy? What did the mother do? What did Elijah do? How many times did he pray? How do you think the little boy felt when he opened his eyes? Tell a story to your child about a time when God answered your prayer.



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray a prayer of thanks to God for His grace and love and that he cares for us. Help us to trust Him always.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 8



**Big Grace Idea:**  
God gives us  
power.

**Big Story:**  
Up, Up and Away!  
2 Kings 2:1-18

**Big Question:**  
How can we  
share God's Love  
today?

## Big Verse:

**God** (point upward) **gives** (hands extended) **power** (both hands as fists move from chest outward) **and strength** (flex arm muscle) **to His people** (point outward to others)  
**Psalms 68:35** (palms together and then open).



## Breakfast Time:

- Make some fresh buns for breakfast. Make half of the batch with yeast and half without. Talk with your family about what gave some of the buns power to rise and not others. Talk about
- Elijah and Elisha and the power that Elisha asked for.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive look for examples of power and talk to your child
- about them e.g. Power lines, lights, petrol station etc. Talk about where the various types of power come from. Then discuss where Elijah and Elisha's power came from.



## Play Time:

- Whatever your child asks for, give them a double portion...e.g. two biscuits, two glasses of water etc. Explain to your child what a double portion is and what it meant when Elisha wanted a double portion of the power given to Elijah.
- Use play dough or similar to make the characters and act out the story



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, What did Elisha ask for? What did he receive?
- How can God's power help us? How do we receive God's power? Tell a story when God's power helped you. Talk about the power of God's grace.



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking to God for His grace, power and strength that can help us too just like he helped people in the Bible.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 9



## Big Community Idea:

God's people care for one another.

## Big Story:

Never-Ending Oil  
2 Kings 4:1-7

## Big Question:

How can we care for others in our community today?

## Big Verse:

"Elisha replied . . . 'How can I help you?'"  
2 Kings 4:2



## Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family to do something today wherever they are to help/care for someone and then to be prepared to share what happened at the evening meal tonight.
- During grace thank God for caring for us and to show us ways we can care for others today.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive, look for ways God can use your family to help others. For example visiting a children's ward in a hospital, visiting a retirement home, picking up rubbish in a park, etc. Decide on a project you would like your family to do.



## Play Time:

- Show your child some different types of oil and what they are used for. Pop some corn together and then talk about what the widow used her oil for. How much oil did she have after Elijah helped her?
- Bake some muffins or biscuits and visit someone who is in need/sick/lonely.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or Gracelink lesson.
- Ask, How do you think the woman felt about losing her sons? What did she do? What did Elisha do? How did the Widow's friends and neighbours help? What did God do? How can we be a good neighbour and friend to others?



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for being there to help us. Help us to care for others too.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 10



## Big Community Idea:

God's people are kind to one another.

## Big Story:

Alive Again  
2 Kings 4:8-37

## Big Question:

Who can we each be kind to today?

## Big Verse:

"If one falls down, his friend can help him up"  
Ecclesiastes 4:10



### Breakfast Time:

- Have each family member trace their hand onto a piece of paper. Brainstorm with each of your family members to choose one person they want to be kind to today and then brainstorm how they are going to do this. Encourage each family member to write this on their hand. Gather the hands together and after prayer stick them onto the fridge.
- Pray over the hands together.



### Drive Time:

- As you drive see how many examples of helping you can find. Discuss why Elisha wanted to do something for the woman? How do you feel when others are kind to you?



### Play Time:

- Use magazines or the internet to help your child make a collage of helping pictures.
- Act out the story together and talk about how the woman and Elisha helped each other and what God did during the story.
- List ways you can be helpful to your family and decide on one thing that you will surprise your family with and do it together.



### Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask your child, What did the Woman do to be a blessing to Elisha? What did Elisha do to be a blessing to the Woman? What did God do? How do you think the Little boy must have felt
- when he opened his eyes? How did the mother feel? How does God bless us? How can we be a blessing to others?



### Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for His blessings and help us to bless our family and friends and others in the same way.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 11



## Big Community Idea:

God helps us see and supply others' needs.

## Big Story:

Poison in the Pot  
2 Kings 4:38-41

## Big Question:

How can help supply for others needs today?

## Big Verse:

"For I will surely show you kindness"  
2 Samuel 9:7



## Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family members to find a need today and do what they can to fix it. Set up a fund to send to a third world country to feed hungry children or maybe adopt a child through a charity group, and as a family come up with ideas to raise money together to send to this child or country.
- As you say grace pray that God will help us see and supply others needs.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive today sing some kindness songs together and discuss how Elisha showed kindness and how we can too.



## Play Time:

- Go on a tour of the house pointing out poisons and the symbols on them and why we don't eat them. How does God care for us?
- Act out the story together and then brainstorm ways that we can help those who are in need around us.
- Make a stew together and then share it with someone who is lonely, sick or needs help.



## Bed Time:

- Read the story out of the Bible Study Guide.
- Ask; what did Elisha want to do? What did the servant do? What did God do? What can we do? Tell your child about a time when someone showed you kindness or you showed someone kindness. Talk about your family's project that you have adopted to help someone who is hungry. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories.



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for helping us to see the needs of those around us and that we can help Him by helping them.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 12



## Big Community Idea:

We can help others, even in small ways.

## Big Story:

The Floating Axe head  
2 Kings 6:1-7

## Big Question:

What can we do to help someone else today?

## Big Verse:

**Serve** (with palms up, arms at waist level, move arms forward) **each other** (point to others) **with love** (cross arms over the chest)  
**Galatians 5:13** (put palms together and then open).



## Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family to concentrate on the little things that God cares for in their life today. Encourage them to make a list of those things to share at the evening meal. Encourage them to discover a little thing that they can do to help someone else.



## Drive Time:

- As you drive point out the little things around you. If possible find a sparrow or small bird and talk about what Jesus said about sparrows.



## Play Time:

- Use a large tub and experiment together with things that float and things that sink. Talk about how the axe head floated and who made it float. Act out the story and talk about how Elisha and God cared about the little things in life and we can help others in small ways too.
- Go on a nature walk together exploring the little things.
- Make some little biscuits or muffins together and share them.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask; why did they need a bigger school? Where did they build it? What happened to the axe head? How did Elisha help? Who made it float? Why do you think God cares even about the little things.



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for caring for us even in the little things. Help us to notice the little things that we can do to make a difference in this world and help others too.

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Kindergarten Year A, Quarter 3, Week 13



## Big Community Idea:

We help others when we pray for them.

## Big Story:

Angels All Around  
2 Kings 6:8-17

## Big Question:

Who can we pray for today?

## Big Verse:

We (point to self and others) **will do everything** (open arms wide)  
**the Lord** (point upward) **has said** (point to lips)  
Exodus 19:8 (palms together, then open).



## Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family to write a prayer list for the people around us. Place the prayer list in your family Bible.
- During Grace pray a prayer of thanks to God for caring for us and then pray for those mentioned on the prayer list.



## Drive Time:

- As you are driving make a list of all the things that are around us to protect us. Discuss how God protects us and keeps us safe.



## Play Time:

- Blindfold your child and lead them around the room. After a while remove the blindfold. Talk about How Elisha prayed for his servants eyes to be opened to see the angels and what it must have been like for the King of Aram's soldiers to be blinded and led to Samaria.
- Make an angel mobile together and hang it in your child's room above their bed or help your child paint or draw a picture of their angel caring for them.



## Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or Gracelink lesson.
- Ask; why did the King of Aram have trouble-fighting Israel? What did he try and do? What did the servant do? What did Elisha pray for? What happened? What happened to the soldiers? Talk about guardian angels and how they care for us.



## Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for protecting us and sending His Angles. Help us to care for others pray for others.