God Sees and Hears Us

Serving in God's House Worshiping God's Son Worshiping in God's House

Notes to the Teacher

- 1. Remove the letter to parents from the front of each student book and sign each letter. Distribute the letter to the parents of each child in your class on or before the first Sunday of the quarter.
- 2. In preparation for the quarter, you may want to take apart all the student books and cut around the stickers. Put all the lesson 1 sheets and stickers in a folder; put all the lesson 2 sheets and stickers in another folder; continue for all thirteen lessons. This will save you time during the week.
- 3. If a child is absent, be sure to give that child the student book sheet (and any stickers or additional pieces) and take-home card the week following the absence.

Using the Student Book Sheets

This student book will help you review with the children the Bible lessons and memory verses. As the children work on their sheets, talk with them about the pictures. After printing a child's name on the paper, have that child repeat the Bible verse with you.

Materials

Lesson 1	March 1
Lesson 2	March 8
Lesson 3	March 15
Lesson 4	March 22
Lesson 5	March 29
Lesson 6	April 5
Lesson 7	April 12
Lesson 8	April 19
Lesson 9	April 26
Lesson 10	May 3
Lesson 11	May 10
Lesson 12	May 17
Lesson 13	May 24

Stool sticker; piece of fabric Baby Samuel sticker; piece of felt Boy Samuel sticker; piece of fabric Coat sticker Jar sticker Palm branch sticker Flowers sticker Stone sticker; cotton ball Samuel's head sticker; piece of felt or fleece Paper fastener; piece of fabric Worker sticker King Solomon sticker Scroll sticker

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elcome to the 2s & 3s Department!

Are you ready for an exciting quarter of Bible teaching and learning? We want to help your child learn about the love of Jesus and realize why Easter is special. We'll also teach your child about some important events in God's house in Bible times.

Review with Your Child

The lesson truths and Bible verses for this quarter are on the back of this page. Place the page where you will see it often. Try to use the Bible verses in informal conversation with your child. This will help your child realize God's Word is for everyday living—not just for Sunday.

Occasionally your child's student book page will include suggestions for things you can do at home to reinforce the lesson. Some pages have action rhymes and songs you can try. You'll be amazed at the Bible facts your child can retain through rhyme and song.

News for You

Easter is much more than a holiday with colored eggs and candy. It's a celebration of Jesus' triumphant resurrection from the dead. Because He lives, those who trust in Him for salvation will also rise to eternal life. If you would like to know more about the true meaning of Easter, please contact me or someone else in our church. We will be happy to share more about this wonderful truth.

Sincerely,

Teacher

Lesson Truths

Weeks 1–4 Serving in God's House

Hannah prayed for a son in God's house, and then she dedicated Samuel to God's service. The theme of serving and obeying the Lord continues when Samuel goes to live in God's house to help Eli, the high priest. Your child will be introduced to things he or she can do in God's house—pray, serve the Lord and His people, and listen to and obey God's Word.

Weeks 5–8 Worshiping God's Son

The Bible stories for this unit focus on some of the events in Jesus' life leading up to Easter. Your child will learn of Mary's special gift to Jesus. We'll celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, introduce the truth of Jesus' death, and rejoice in His resurrection. Your child will be glad that Jesus, God's Son, is alive in Heaven.

Weeks 9–13 Worshiping in God's House

The Bible stories for this theme include King David's plans for building God's house and Solomon's oversight of the construction. Your child will begin to realize that a church is different from other buildings. Your child will be glad to come to church to sing praises to God and to learn God's Word.

Bible Verses

March 1 and 8

"Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer" (Psalm 64:1).

March 15 and 22

"We will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

March 29

"Love one another" (1 John 4:7).

April 5 "I will praise thee, O LORD" (Psalm 9:1).

April 12 and 19

"He is not here: for he is risen" (Matthew 28:6).

April 26 and May 3

"We will obey the voice of the LORD" (Jeremiah 42:6).

May 10

"Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psalm 122:1).

May 17

"Sing praises to God" (Psalm 47:6).

May 24

"Hear the words of the LORD" (Joshua 3:9).



Instructions: Finish coloring the picture. Put the stool sticker over the X. Glue a piece of fabric on Hannah's dress.



Today's Bible Story

"Praying in God's House" (1 Samuel 1:1–18)

Today's Bible Verse

"Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer" (Psalm 64:1).

Suggestions for Parents

Help your child see the importance of prayer by listening to you pray aloud throughout the day: before every meal, when you see an ambulance or a fire engine go by, for safety in travel, and for others in need. Your child needs to observe spontaneous prayer as well as structured times of prayer. Allow your child to pray aloud when he or she is ready.

An Action Rhyme to Do at Home

I close my eyes. (Close eyes.)

I fold my hands. (Fold hands.)

I bow my head this way. (Bow head.)

This is the way I talk to God.

He listens when I pray.