

# God Loves Us



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- ☐ Set of Take-Home Cards\*
- ☐ One Attendance Chart and Stickers\*
- ☐ Teaching Pictures
- ☐ Flannelgraph figures
- ☐ Resource CD with online download code
- ☐ Bible Story DVD
- ☐ Set of vinyl clings for dolls

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- ☐ 2s & 3s Music, vol. 1
- ☐ Doll Board Set



## The Doctrinal Basis of Our Curriculum

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# Basic Supplies for 2s & 3s Teachers

## Teaching Aids

2s & 3s Music, vol. 1 (20995)  
God Cares for Baby Moses puzzle (5602)  
Jesus Lives! puzzle (5603)  
God Helps a Poor Lady puzzle (5607)  
Baby Moses Bible Story Builders stickers  
(8059)  
Flannelgraph board (6063)  
Bible  
Offering container  
CD player

## Paper Products

9" x 12" and 12" x 18" construction paper  
in various colors  
White copy paper  
Butcher paper  
Poster board  
4" x 6" index cards  
Self-adhesive labels  
Clear Con-Tact paper

## Writing Utensils

Large crayons  
Black and colored washable markers  
Permanent marker (for teachers)

## Office Supplies

Paper clips  
Paper punch  
Brass fasteners  
Cellophane tape  
Double-stick tape  
Masking tape  
Stapler  
Scissors (for teachers)

## Adhesives

Glue sticks  
Craft glue  
Sticky tack

## Homelife Equipment

Dolls, doll clothes, doll furniture  
Toy kitchen, toy dishes  
Play food  
Table, chairs  
Child-size cleaning supplies  
Toy lawnmower

## Bulletin Boards

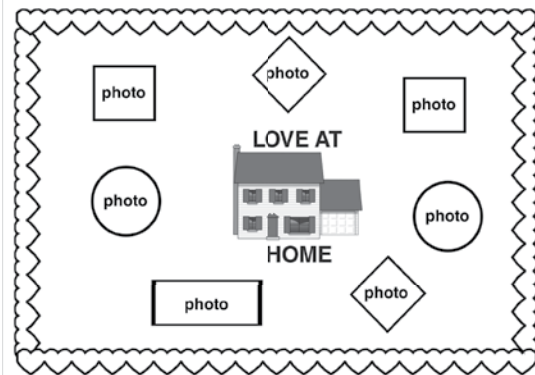
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## Miscellaneous

Large blocks  
Play-Doh  
Craft sticks (regular and jumbo size)  
Lunch-size paper bags  
6" and 9" paper plates  
Wet wipes for cleaning hands  
Hand sanitizer  
Old plastic tablecloth for art projects  
Clean plastic tablecloth for food projects  
Paper cups, napkins, plastic silverware  
Ziplock bags

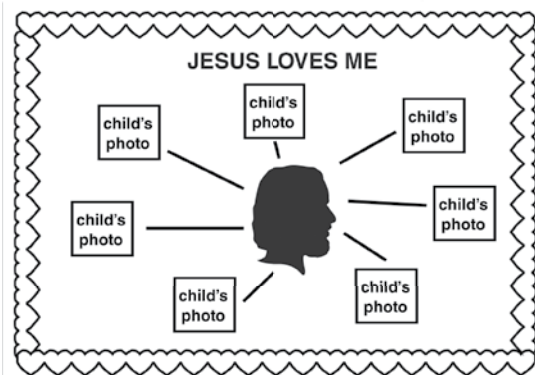
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# Unit Bulletin Boards



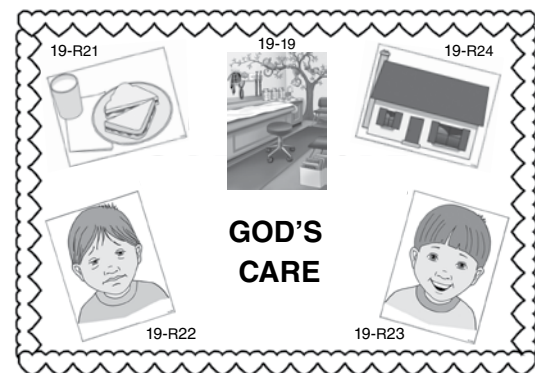
## Unit 1

Cover the bulletin board with white paper or fabric. To make the heart border, print resource 19-R01 (hearts) on red construction paper. Cut apart the strips. Use red letters (see page 4) to make the title "LOVE AT HOME." Print (and, if possible, enlarge) colored resource 19-R02 (house) for the center of the board. Before the unit begins, ask parents for a photo of their children with their family members. Have each family put the photo in an envelope labeled with the child's name. Cut a variety of shapes from colored construction paper. During class, mount the photos on the shapes and place them around the house on the bulletin board.



## Unit 2

Keep the heart border and white background. Use red letters (see page 4) to make the title "JESUS LOVES ME" and center it at the top of the board. Copy resource 19-R03 (Jesus silhouette); place it on the board as shown. Before the unit begins, ask parents for individual pictures of their child, or take pictures of each child and print the pictures during the week. Mount the pictures and run a wide ribbon from the Jesus silhouette to each child's picture. If new children attend, make sure you add their pictures to the board. Talk about each child's picture, saying, "Jesus loves you. Jesus is living in Heaven today."



## Unit 3

Keep the heart border and white background. Use red letters (see page 4) to make the title "GOD'S CARE" in the lower center of the board. Print resources 19-R22 (sick child) and 19-R23 (healthy child) and place in the bottom corners of the board. Print teaching picture 19-19 from the resource CD and place in the top center. Add resource 19-R21 (food) in the top left—God cared for the poor widow; God loves and cares for us; God gives us what we need. Add resource 19-R24 (house) in the top right—God provided a place for Elisha to stay; God loves us and gives us our homes.

# Managing Children's Behavior

Welcome to the world of twos and threes—a world of small energetic bodies doing wonderful and not-so-wonderful things! As young children discover their power to influence others, they begin to exert their will. Whining, throwing tantrums, dawdling, bossing, and talking back are methods they use to get what they want.

How can a Sunday School teacher manage those negative behaviors? The first step is to pray. When you seek the Lord's guidance, He gives wisdom, patience, and joy as you interact with the children.

## When a Child Whines

Nobody likes a whiner! However, your twos and threes may resort to whining as a way of expressing frustration and anger when they don't get what they want.

### How to manage

- Establish a "no whining" rule.
- As soon as a child begins to whine, interrupt and say, "You're whining. Please talk to me in a regular voice." If the child continues, repeat your request.
- Once a child changes his or her tone, praise the child, saying, "I like the way you are using your regular voice to talk to me."

### How to prevent

- Tell the children you enjoy hearing them speak when they use a regular voice. Demonstrate the difference between using a regular voice and a whining voice. Tell them that you do not like to hear a whining voice.
- Let the children know you are listening to them when they speak. Praise them when they use strong and clear voices.

## When a Child Throws a Tantrum

The dreaded tantrum—some children turn tantrum throwing into an art form! Your twos and threes may express their displeasure by screaming, throwing their bodies onto the floor, beating their

fists, or kicking their feet. When a tantrum occurs, an adult helper is an indispensable asset.

### How to manage

- Respond quickly and calmly; avoid reacting with alarm or anger.
- Isolate the child by taking him or her to another area or, if possible, the hallway. You will protect the child's dignity and remove the opportunity for that child to gain attention from classmates.
- Do not give in to the child's demand. To signal the need to become calm, the adult helper attending the child should focus his or her own attention elsewhere. When the child calms down, the helper should direct attention to the child.
- Ask the child, "How can I help you feel better?" The child may respond, "I want to see my mom!"
- Redirect the child to a positive activity once the negative behavior has stopped. "I'm going to get a drink of water. Would you like a drink too?"
- Reflect upon the situation. What happened right before the tantrum? Was the child's demand within reason? Did you overreact? Was the child tired, hungry, or overwhelmed by a difficult task?

### How to prevent

- Avoid situations that may trigger a tantrum. If the child does not like to color, don't insist that he or she do so. Provide an alternative activity.
- Use age-appropriate activities. Don't frustrate the children by asking them to do something beyond their abilities.

## When a Child Dawdles

Is this scenario familiar? It's Bible story time; you've asked the children to put away their toys and to come to the story area, but children continue to play, acting as if they haven't heard you. Twos and threes view time differently than adults. Children relate the concept of time to activities, such as Bible story time or snack time, instead of to minutes on a clock. When children are engrossed in an activity, they sense no urgency to conform to your schedule.

### How to manage

- Establish a classroom routine and keep it. Children will anticipate what's coming next.
- Sing a particular song whenever you change activities, such as cleaning up the table or coming to story time.
- Motivate the children to keep up the momentum by letting them know what's going to happen next. For example, say, "After you put away the puzzles, we will do our action rhymes."
- Make a game out of the activity change. For example, say, "Let's see if you can put all the toys away before I count to ten" or "Let's take great big giant steps all the way to the story circle."
- If a child refuses to switch activities, gently guide that child by the hand. If the child won't comply, begin the activity with the other children.

### How to prevent

- Don't wait for dawdlers. Waiting puts attention on them, which may be what they want.
- Be organized; have materials ready for each activity. Don't give children a reason to dawdle.

## When a Child Talks Back

Do you ever hear these words coming out of your students' mouths? "I don't want to!" or "No!"

Young children test authority at times by talking back. It's their way of communicating that they're tired of taking orders and they want to be in charge.

### How to manage

- Tell the child, "It does not please Jesus when you speak to me that way. If you want to do something different, please ask me nicely, 'Please, may I . . . ?'"

- Tell the child what will happen the next time he or she speaks rudely to you: "If you speak that way to me again, you will not play the game."

- Be consistent in your expectations. Explain what is acceptable. Don't waver in your penalty when the child talks rudely.

### How to prevent

- Give the child your full attention when he or she is polite. Praise the child for speaking politely.
- Children mimic adults. Use kindness in your own speech. Guard against using sarcasm or making negative remarks.

## When a Child Is Bossy

In a classroom of twos and threes, it doesn't take long to notice which children are self-appointed bosses. You may see them grab toys, push their way to be first, or give orders to other children. Bossy behavior is children's way of saying, "I'm important, and this is what I want—now!"

### How to manage

- Set limits and consistently enforce them. Be specific about what the children can and can't decide.
- Don't cave in if the bossy child becomes even more demanding when you place limits on his or her direction giving.
- Let the child make decisions sometimes: "Rosa may choose the first song to sing today." "Luke, choose two friends to play the bells with you."
- Tell the child that when he or she is bossy, the other children will not want to play with him or her.
- Send consistent messages. Don't reprimand the child for bossy behavior and then laugh at the child's "in-charge" demeanor another time.

### How to prevent

- Model gracious behavior. Children will mimic your actions and words.
- Praise good behavior. Whenever the bossy child is cooperative or helpful, let him or her know that you appreciate the effort.

Twos and threes are beginning to learn about God and form their impressions of being in God's house. What a great opportunity you have to impact their lives spiritually! Don't let their behavior distract you from showing them the joy of knowing Jesus.





LESSON 1 | UNIT 1

# God Protected Moses

Families

## Scripture Focus

Exodus 1:8—2:2

## BuildUP Theme



UPLIFT OTHERS

God gives us families to help us.

## Measurable Student Response

Each child will begin to realize that God gives him his family.

## Memory Verse

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

## Teacher Preparation

Sometimes we think this is the hardest time of all to rear a godly family. But consider the challenges Amram and Jocebed faced in pagan, hostile Egypt! It was unlawful to even have a newborn son, but in that ungodly atmosphere Amram and Jocebed raised God-fearing children. Pray for the parents of the children you teach. Parents have a big job ahead of them!

During this week, read and meditate on these Scripture passages: Exodus 1:8—2:2; Hebrews 11:23.

## Snack Time

Little babies don't have teeth like you have; they can't chew yet. Let's eat some applesauce today to remind us of baby Moses.

Let children help you distribute napkins, plastic spoons, and cups of applesauce. When everyone is served, thank God for the food. Offer children a small half-filled cup of juice or water.



# Guided Play

Choose the activity or activities that work best for the children in your class. As the children play, use the guided conversations to review the Bible story and Bible verse.

## Option 1—Books and Puzzles

### Instructions

1. Provide books and puzzles about homes and families. Screen books carefully to make sure they present a Biblical view of marriage and families.
2. Read the books to the children and help them do the puzzles while talking about who is in each child's family.

### Conversation

Let's read this book about a family. Who are the people in your family? Grandmothers and grandfathers and aunts and uncles are part of our families too!

## Option 2—Play-Doh

### Instructions

1. Provide Play-Doh and various sizes of cookie cutters in the shape of people or gingerbread men.
2. Children flatten the Play-Doh and use the cookie cutters to make the people in their families.

### Conversation

God planned for mommies and daddies to love and care for their children. Our families love us and take care of us and keep us safe. Who is in your family, Anne? (*Brother, sister, mom, dad, etc.*) Today we are learning about Moses. His family loved him very much. They took care of him and kept him safe. He had a sister named Miriam and a brother named Aaron.



#### Teacher Tip

Prepare for upcoming lessons by ordering the following classroom supplies from Regular Baptist Press (RBPstore.org):

- Baby Moses Bible Story Builders stickers (8059)
- God Cares for Baby Moses puzzle (5602)
  - Jesus Lives! puzzle (5603)
- God Helps a Poor Lady puzzle (5607)

# Bible Story Review



"God Is So Good";  
"Oh, How I Love Jesus"



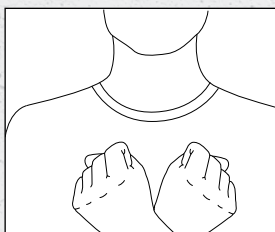
"Mothers"



19-1



"Baby Moses"



love

## Sing

We like to sing about Jesus' love for us. (*Sing "God Is So Good" [track 7].*) We can also tell God that we love Him. (*Sing "Oh, How I Love Jesus" [track 20].*)

## Recite

God loves us and gives us our families. I know a rhyme about mothers. After I say it once, you can help me do the actions. (*Recite the action rhyme "Mothers" two or three times.*)

## Story

*God Protected Moses (Exod. 1:8—2:2)*

## Gather

- Teaching picture 19-1 from kit box #1119.
- *2s & 3s Music*, vol. 1.

Here's a picture of a loving family. (*Show picture 19-1.*)

Who remembers the name of the baby in our story? Yes, the baby's name is Moses. Moses had a sister named Miriam and a brother named Aaron.

This family loved one another very much. But the bad king didn't want families to have baby boys, so Moses' family worked hard to make sure no one could hear him make any noise. Let's sing about baby Moses.

## Sing

Sing stanzas 1 and 2 of "Baby Moses" (track 4).

# Memory Builder

*"Love one another" (1 John 4:7, NKJV, ESV).*

God is pleased when we love each other at home and in our church room. Listen to what the Bible says. (*Read 1 John 4:7 from your open Bible.*)

Let's do two motions for our verse. Here's the sign for "love" (*demonstrate*). Now point to the other children for "one another." (*Repeat the verse and motions two times.*)

# Application Story

## *Caring for a Baby*

### **Gather**

- Molly doll figure.
- Vinyl cling 19-V1 (rattle) from kit box #1119.
- *2s & 3s Music*, vol. 1.

Today our story friend Molly is a happy helper. Are you ready to listen to our story?

"Molly, put your shoes on please," Mommy said. "We're going to your aunt's house. She's sick and needs to go to the doctor's office. We'll take care of baby Carrie for a little while." (*Show Molly figure.*)

Molly was excited to see baby Carrie again.

Molly and her mommy arrived at the house, and Mommy talked to Molly's aunt. Then Molly's aunt drove away.

"I'm always glad when we can help others," Mommy said to Molly. "Helping people shows how much we love them. And God is pleased when we're helpers."

Mommy laid baby Carrie on a blanket, and Molly watched as Mommy showed baby Carrie a bright-colored toy. Baby Carrie reached her hand up to try to hold it. Then Mommy showed baby Carrie another toy. This one made music.

"I see a rattle in the toy basket," Mommy said. "Why don't you see if baby Carrie likes it."

(*Place rattle cling in Molly's hand.*) Molly held the rattle so baby Carrie could see it, then Molly gently shook the rattle so it made noise. Baby Carrie smiled. Then Molly played peekaboo with the baby, and baby Carrie giggled.

Molly thought it was fun to play with the baby. But pretty soon baby Carrie started to cry. "I think she's hungry," Mommy said.

Mommy picked up baby Carrie and held her while feeding her a bottle. By the time all the milk was gone in the bottle, baby Carrie was sound asleep.

Molly was glad she could help take care of baby Carrie.

The next day was church day. In her church class Molly learned how a girl named Miriam had helped take care of her baby brother, Moses.





"Love One Another"

Molly said to her teacher, "I was a helper just like Miriam! I helped my mommy take care of baby Carrie!"

"That's wonderful!" said Molly's teacher. "God is pleased when we're happy helpers."

## Sing

Sing "Love One Another" (track 16).

## Pray

Help children prepare for prayer. Then briefly pray, thanking God for our families.

# Activity Time

## Gather

- Resource 19-R02 (house) from resource CD.
- Stapler.
- Scissors for teacher's use.
- White paper.
- Magazines or catalogs.
- Glue stick.
- Flower stickers.

## Instructions

1. Before class: Copy resource 19-R02 (house) for each child. Turn the page landscape, and staple a sheet of white paper behind the house along the top of the page. Cut out pictures from magazines or catalogs to represent family members.
2. Place the magazine or catalog pictures on the table. Help children choose pictures to represent their family members. Show children how to lift up the picture of the house and glue the family members on the white paper. Write the name of each family member below the picture. Be sensitive to children of divorced parents and blended families. Those children may want to make two houses.
3. Let children choose flower stickers to add by the door.



19-R02

## Conversation

Who are the people in your family, Laura? Family members love one another. How do the people in your family show that they love you? How do you show that you love the people in your family?

# Closing Time

## Group Activity

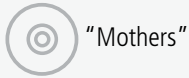
### Gather

- Action rhyme “Mothers” from resource CD.

Recite the action rhyme “Mothers” two or three times.

As time allows, act out things parents do for us, and let the children guess what you’re doing. (You could use the actions in the rhyme as well as other things you think of, such as tying shoes, giving a hug, and setting the table.) Remind children to thank God for each family member.

The children have several things to take home today, including today’s take-home card. Carefully put each item in a paper lunch bag to make things easier to carry.



### Partner with Parents

Tell parents that you are praying for them as they train their children.