



April 2010 Parents Newsletter

Tips and Activities for Parents of Children under Three

Little Activities for Little People

Babies

- * Teach your child the song "Jesus loves me" and "Jesus loves the little children"
- * If you have a rocking chair, spend time rocking your little one while reading her the story of baby Moses.
- * Take a walk to see evidence of God in the natural world. Thank Him for the beauty He gives us.
- * Take time to THANK GOD pray for your baby everyday and imagine how God can use your child to impact many people —just as He did with Moses.

Toddlers

These are some ideas you can use to remind your kids of what they have learned at church.

- * At bath time, use a small plastic container with a little doll to represent Moses. Shine a flashlight on the basket. Say, "God was with Moses. He's with us, too."
- * Dress up, and role-play the story of Moses for family worship. Use a box or laundry basket for Moses' basket.
- * Help your child use play dough to make a basket for Baby Moses.
- * At family worship time, talk about Moses going to live with the princess. Help your child draw a picture. Place a sticker of Jesus (or draw your own picture) on the picture and say, "Jesus was always with Moses. He is always with us, too."

Finger play

(make up your own actions)

Moses' mother made a little basket bed.

She covered it with tar.

She made it like a little boat

To take her baby far.

In the river Moses went;

His sister watched nearby.

Just then the princess came to bathe

And Baby Moses cried!

The princess took the basket.

She opened it and said,

"I'll keep this baby; he's so cute!"

And she kissed Moses' head.



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- ☺ **Theme** for this month is "Baby Moses"
- ☺ Learning about Moses as a baby and God's protection and care in our lives. The first week in April will be focused on Easter but the rest of the month will be about Moses as a baby.

HAPPY EASTER!

Easter is a wonderful time for the kids but it's also important to teach them about the resurrection and celebration. Use the ideas below as simple way to teach them the Easter Story. Use the internet and learn about using the "Resurrection Cookie" recipe as another fun and simple idea as well.

Easter ideas

Whether in a formal Sunday school or in the privacy of home, helping toddlers understand the Easter story is very important. An emphasis on resurrection and celebration is appropriate when teaching children of this age. A set of ordinary plastic Easter eggs is a great teaching aid that can be used to tell the Easter story in a simple way. Collect five different colored plastic eggs and fill them with small items that will serve as visual aids. For example, the first egg can contain a small construction paper heart to explain God's great love in sending his son. An egg containing a small cross made from twigs along with another egg containing a thorn to represent the crown of thorns provide gentle ways to teach about the crucifixion. Place a small rock and a scrap of white linen cloth in the last two eggs. These two eggs will represent the stone that was rolled away from the tomb and the grave clothes left behind when Jesus rose from the dead. Using just a few of these colorful eggs helps to maintain the attention of toddlers while sharing the Easter story in very basic terms.

Fun Game Idea

Cut several large lily pad shapes or circles out of the green construction paper. Tape to area of floor where there is a big enough safe playing area. Tell your child(ren) that there were probably little frogs in the river where baby Moses was in his basket. They will be the frogs in this game. Show them how to leap like a frog from their legs bent. Tell them that the circles on the floor are the lily pads. Then clap your hands together, with your arms stretched out like alligator jaws. Say, "I'm the alligator that likes to eat little frogs!" But, when you are on the lily pad, you are safe from me. Have them start off on the side of the room. When you make the snapping sound, they have to leap to the lily pads. If they are captured, you pick them up and swing them around a couple times, then lower them into your "home", a corner of the room. But, when the alligator is away, the captured frogs are free to go to another lily pad.