

STORY BOOK LESSON 1 TEXT

CREATION

Story Book Lesson 1

Jesus told us to pray and say,

“Our Father, in Heaven

We pray that your Name will always be kept holy!”

*Listen closely to our story to find out why Jesus told us to pray
like this!*

Did you know that God is your heavenly Father? Your heavenly Father lives in heaven. Heavenly Father is holy! Holy means that He is perfect. Heavenly Father does everything right, and there is no one greater than Him! And guess who Heavenly Father loves? You!

Your heavenly Father is a Spirit. You cannot see Him with your eyes. He does not have a body with skin or flesh and bones like you and me. Touch the flesh on your arm, and feel the bone in your arm. Do you think heavenly Father has a flesh and bone body? No, because Father is a Spirit.

Your Father is good and always tells the truth. Since Father always tells the truth, do you think you can trust Him? Yes, You can trust your heavenly Father! You can pray and talk to Him. You can tell Him everything! Do you know why God, your Father loves you so much? Father loves you because God is Love!

Did you know that when your heavenly Father speaks, His Word creates life? God's Word makes things come alive! Every Word that God says is True and must happen! Your heavenly Father spoke Words and created the sky and the earth and everything in them in six days. And guess who He did it for? For You!

Listen to what He did! On Day 1, God created the sky and earth. The earth did not have any shape. The earth was empty and had deep dark waters. The Spirit of God, your heavenly Father moved over the water. And He spoke and said, "Let there be light!" What do you think happened when Father spoke?

When Father said, "let there be light," there was light! God called the light day. And the darkness He called night. Father knew that you would need light to see. Father loves you! Let's thank Him and clap for Him! Thank you Father! We are clapping for you! You're the best!

He kept thinking about you, so on Day 2, Father spoke to the deep dark waters and told them to be a firmament. Firmament means to spread out, and for the waters to divide, with some above and some beneath.

Do you think the waters obeyed Him? They sure did! And Father called the firmament above Sky or Heaven.

So far God has made two things, light for you to see, and a beautiful sky. What do you think is the next thing God spoke to make for you?

Let's see.

On Day 3, He said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered together into one place so that the dry land may appear." And the waters below the sky obeyed what God said! And God named the dry land earth. And the waters He called seas.

Father kept thinking about you and knew that you would need something to eat. So He spoke and told the earth to grow vegetables, and plants with seeds, and every kind of fruit tree with the seed in it. He made everything so that it would grow again from the seed in it.

Your Father is very good and He loves you! He made the earth for you to live on and food for you to eat. He keeps thinking about you. Let's Thank Him!

Thank you Father!

On Day 4, Father said, "Let there be lights in the sky. These lights will separate the days from the nights!" And it obeyed Him! And God made two great lights. Do you know the name of the light He made for the day? God made the sun to give you light for the day.

Do you know the name of the lights He made to light the sky at night? God made the moon and the stars for you to see at night.

On Day 5, Father said, "Let the water be filled with many living things. And let there be birds to fly in the air over the earth!" And God made all the water animals. And He made birds to fly in the air over the earth. He made the water animals and birds to have their seed inside them so they could have babies. And everything happened just the way Father said!

On Day 6, Father said let the earth produce many kinds of living things! And God made animals such as cattle, goats, dogs, cats, horses, cows and every creeping thing that is on the earth.

Father saw that everything He had made was good! Father had worked to make the earth ready.

Do you know who Father made the earth ready for?

For His children! Father had made the earth ready for all His children! It was time to make a man and woman. Father said let us make man and woman to look like us and to be like us! And let them rule over fish, birds, animals, crawling things, and the whole earth! God made His children! And He blessed them.

God put a good seed inside of the first man. And every person was born from the seed of the first man. Who do you think Father made His children to be like?

He made you and all His children to be like Him! He made you to speak words that give life. Father made you to love Him and all people, just like He loves you!

Do you think God was finished with his work? Yes, your Father was finished with all of his work! What do you think Father did on the seventh day?

He rested!

He blessed the seventh day and made it holy and special. Father had made His children!

Can you see that Father loves you every day by the things He has done? This is why you should pray to Father in heaven everyday because He loves you. You can pray and tell Him with your words that He is holy and sacred. You can pray to Him from your heart and He will hear you. You can praise and rave about your good Father! You can brag and boast about Father right now! You can lift up your hands or just tell Him with your own words, like this:

“Thank you for loving me!

You are Awesome Father!

I am raising my hands up to You!

Ya-Hoo Father! I am blowing kisses to You!

Glory to your name!

I thank you from my heart!

I love you Father!”

PARENT LETTER 1

Dear Parents,

We have been given a command from God to teach our children about Him. God said, "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up." (Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Mark 12:28-31)

We have chosen the Foundation Curriculum to partner with you to show your child how much God loves them, their true identity, and their authority and power in Christ Jesus. Your part is to read and reread (the same story we are working on) three to six times in the week to your young child and encourage the child to retell the story. Older children may choose to read or tell the story to you and others, but remember to ask them questions from the story book lessons.

Lesson 1, CREATION, focuses on God's love for His children and how He made the earth ready for us. Our response to our Father in heaven, who loves us, should be heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness. Therefore we ask that you give time each day to informally talk about and give praise and thanks to heavenly Father for the good things He has done for you. For all good things come from God! (James 1:17)

We've included Follow Up Activities to practice thanking God. For example, the Thank You Game is a simple and fun activity that the whole family can get involved in playing anytime during the day or before bedtime. Be blessed as you teach your child to think about and see the goodness and love of God everywhere! (Psalm 50:23)

If you have any questions as we begin this spiritual journey together, please contact me. (Isaiah 43; Isaiah 53; John 3:15-17; John 17:20-23; Isaiah 49:16)

Sincerely in Christ,

Your Child's Teacher

Contact information: _____

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

THE THANK YOU GAME!

Objectives to be Understood: For children to practice thinking about how much heavenly Father has blessed them and to express why they are thankful to Him.

Materials: None

Rules:

The game can be played with as few as two persons or as many people that want to play.

Each person has a turn one at a time naming:

- ❖ one thing or person for which they are thankful to heavenly Father, and why they are thankful for it.

As the game progresses and the child/ren think of many things they are thankful for and why they are thankful:

- ❖ increase the second round to naming two things per person;
- ❖ during the third round, name three things for which they are thankful to heavenly Father, etc.

The children can name the same thing that someone else has named since they also have to tell why they are thankful.

When a player can't think of something or someone, they forfeit their turn, and it's the next person's turn.

Continue playing until players lose interest or until the time frame determined to end the game arrives.

Scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Luke 6:12; Luke 11:1; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

GIVING THANKS AND PRAISE!

Objectives to be Understood: 1] there are different ways to give thanks and praise, and; 2] to practice giving thanks and praise to God!

Materials: Set out materials such as: paper, markers, crayons, pencils, glue, scissors, streamers (for dancing or let child choose use), musical instruments (such as bells, play guitar, tambourine), etc.

Parent/Teacher Script: When you thank God, it lets Him know that you appreciate what He has done for you. When good things happen to you, know that it is always your heavenly Father because He only does good things, so remember to thank Him! Let's each thank Him now! I'll start. Father, I thank you for _____. Does anyone else want to thank heavenly Father?

Praise blesses and glorifies your heavenly Father! Can you think of some ways that you can offer your heavenly Father thanks, praise and worship?

Here are some ideas:

- ❖ You could write a love letter or a poem and read it to Him-- that's praise from your heart and your mouth.
- ❖ You can make up a beautiful new song and sing it to Him.
- ❖ You can thank God and let Him know that you appreciate His love to you and others.
- ❖ You could bow down and worship Him and say wonderful words to Him that you think of from your heart, like Alleluia!
- ❖ You can worship Him by lifting up your hands to Him and singing or talking to Him.
- ❖ You can move your body in a beautiful dance before Him in praise to His Holy name.
- ❖ You can draw your heavenly Father a picture of things you like and enjoy that He has created. Then speak to Him with your words to say how much you appreciate Him for creating all things.
- ❖ Rejoice and talk about your God! Your heavenly Father loves you! So think of what you want to do to give heavenly Father your love with thanks, praise and worship!

After you make or plan something, if you want to share, we will thank and praise God with you for your special gift to Him!

Scriptures:

James 1:17; I Thessalonians 5:18; Psalm 34:1, 50:23; Psalm 145:21; Psalm 149:1; Psalm 136:1; Psalm 95:6; Revelation 19:1; Psalm 134:2; Psalm 149:3; Psalm 107-21-22

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

MAKE A PRAISE BANNER!

Objectives to be Understood: Heavenly Father deserves to be praised and thanked because He is God!

Materials: Poster board cut in rectangular shapes for banners [see examples below], praise words written on index cards, glue sticks, glitter, markers, stick-on or pre-cut letters of the praise words that will fit on the banner. Examples are:

HALLELUJAH!

GREAT IS OUR GOD!

GOD IS HOLY!

PRAISE GOD'S NAME!

GOD IS GOOD!

GLORY TO GOD!

MAKE A PRAISE BANNER continued**Instructions:**

Talk to children about the things God made for us in creation and why everyone should thank and praise God. Let children know they can make a Praise Banner to put in their home to remind them to say praises to God!

- ❖ Show children the praise to God words from the examples.
- ❖ Encourage children to choose the praise to God words that they want to put on their banner!
- ❖ Place the stick-on or pre-cut letters of the praise words where children can reach them.
- ❖ Ask each child to choose the letters of the praise words that they want to put on their banner and say to God.

FOR CHILDREN THAT DO NOT KNOW HOW TO SPELL THE PRAISE WORDS: Give the child an index card or piece of paper that has their chosen praise written on it.

- ❖ Give each child a rectangular poster board strip as their banner [see example].
- ❖ Children stick-on or glue the letters on the banner.
- ❖ Children can decorate their banner and praise words with stickers, glitter, markers, etc.
- ❖ Encourage the children who want to share to show their finished banner and tell why they want to praise God with the words they chose.
- ❖ Ask each child: where do you plan to hang your banner [in your home] to remind you to praise God?

Scriptures:

Revelation 7:12; 5:12-13; 4:8-11; 19:1; Psalm 150:6

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know that God is their Father in heaven who hears their prayers and will talk with them, and; for children to practice talking to Father on a pretend cell phone.

MATERIALS: Run a copy for each child of:

- 1) The Lord's Prayer [see template entitled The Lord's Prayer], and
- 2) Cell Phone [see template entitled Cell Phone]. Other Materials include: Poster board [enough poster board for each child to glue one cell phone cut-out upon [see size of Cell Phone on template], scissors, crayons, markers, glue.

Parent/Teacher Script: Did you know that prayer is talking with God? (Listen to Responses) To pray and talk with God means that when you believe Him, you can talk to Him and say words from your heart to Him, and He hears you. Do you understand? (Listen to Responses) God hears your prayer and speaks to you in your heart which is inside of you. You can talk to God, your heavenly Father about anything. When He talks to you, it's your turn to listen and hear Him. When you want to pray, go to your room or to a place by yourself and close the door to pray to your heavenly Father in secret. Father will see you and reward you.

When God's Son, Jesus was on the earth, he would go to a secret place away from everyone to pray to Father in heaven. He would talk and listen to Father about things that God told him to do. Jesus talked to his Father about how he felt and Father always helped him. Jesus would thank his Father for the power to do good things. One day Jesus was praying and talking with God. When Jesus finished praying, one of his friends asked him to teach them how to pray. So you will get a copy of what Jesus taught his friends. Some people call this the Lord's Prayer. [Distribute copies of "The Lord's Prayer"]

Let's read it together.

[Read "The Lord's Prayer" together BEFORE continuing with the Parent/Teacher Script]

[After Reading Lord's Prayer Continue] Parent/Teacher Script: When Jesus said to pray and say, Our Father in heaven, who was Jesus telling you to pray to? (Listen to Responses) Jesus was telling you to pray and speak words from your heart to God your Father who lives in heaven! Jesus wants you to pray always and talk to Father like He did.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *continued*

Have you ever talked to someone on the telephone? When you talk on the telephone the person who you are talking to is sometimes far away and you can't see them. But you can hear their voice and they can hear your voice. Talking to God your heavenly Father is like talking to someone on a telephone, but God is close when you call Him. You do NOT need a telephone to pray and talk with your heavenly Father. You can simply talk with Him any time you choose. Do you think you have to scream or talk loud for Father to hear you? No, you do not have to talk loud or scream. Father can hear you when you whisper or speak softly to Him. He can even hear you when you pray in your heart.

We are going to make a pretend cell phone to practice praying and talking with Father on it. Do you think you need a cell phone to talk with God in heaven? (Listen to Responses)

No, you DO NOT need a cell phone to pray and talk with God. Remember, all you need is your words that come from your heart. You can talk with God, your Father, any place and any time you choose! But the best place is alone with Him.

When you pray to God your Father, like Jesus said, will God hear you?

Yes, Father will hear you when you believe Him and talk to Him from your heart! Let's practice talking with God and calling Him Father. Think about what you will say to God, your heavenly Father on your pretend cell phone.

INSTRUCTIONS: [To make a pretend cell phone]

- ❖ Give each child a copy of the cell phone from the template entitled Cell Phone.
- ❖ Child to cut out their cell phone picture. Help as needed.
- ❖ Give each child one cut-out cell phone shape from the poster board.
- ❖ Child to glue their cell phone picture onto the poster board cut-out.
- ❖ Child can color the back of their cell phone [poster board].
- ❖ Parent/Teacher instructs the children that finish making their cell phones to find a place in the room to begin to talk to Father.
- ❖ Ask: Does anyone want to share what you talked to your heavenly Father about?

Scriptures:

*Psalm 3:4; 4:3-4; 91:14-16; John 10:27; Deuteronomy 6:6; Matthew 6:6-13; 1 John 5:13-15; Luke 6:12;
John 17:1-26; Mark 8:6; Luke 11:1-4*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

We pray that Your Name will always be kept holy.

We pray that Your kingdom will come,

That what You want will be done,

Here on earth, the same as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

*Forgive our sins, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong
to us.*

Lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

*For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.*

Amen.

Luke 11:2-4; Matthew 6:9-13

Cell Phone



FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

TALKING WITH FATHER

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know God loves them, and; to think about and say what they could talk with Father about throughout the day.

MATERIALS: CARDS, Scissors, Glue, Tag board, Chart paper, Markers

INSTRUCTIONS: [TO MAKE THE CARDS BEFORE THE ACTIVITY]

- ❖ Run one copy of CARDS from CARDS Template.
- ❖ Glue the CARDS onto a card stock type paper such as tag board.
- ❖ Allow enough time for glue on cards to dry completely.
- ❖ Cut out the CARDS.
- ❖ Write at top of a sheet of chart paper: THINGS I WILL SAY TO FATHER!

Parent/Teacher Script: Did you know that God your heavenly Father loves you? [Listen to Responses] God loves you! And because He loves you, Father wants you to talk with Him all the time about everything. He wants you to know Him. The way you get to know Father is to pray and talk with Him. He said to pray without stopping. So we are going to think about some things we could say to God in the day time and night time. We are going to play a thinking game. In this game you can see how many things you can think of to pray and say to your heavenly Father.

RULES:

1. Place the cards in a pile within easy reach of all.
2. A child pulls a card.
3. Parent/Teacher asks: WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN: Parent/Teacher or a child reads the rest of the question on the card.
4. Parent/Teacher to encourage children to answer and think of different things. Give ideas as needed.
5. If child has no answer, begin again at rule 2.
6. The parent/teacher is to write the children's responses on the chart paper. Post the chart where children can see it.

Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; 1 Timothy 2:8; Acts 10:2; Luke 22:32; Luke 18:1

CARDS Template

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU NEED SOMETHING?**

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU GO TO BED AT NIGHT?**

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU WANT TO TELL HIM A SECRET?**

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU ARE HAPPY?**

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU ARE AFRAID?**

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU ARE SAD?**

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU GET FOOD AND OTHER THINGS
YOU NEED OR WANT?**

**WHAT COULD YOU SAY TO FATHER WHEN
YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING?**

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 1

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know: 1] God made you to be like Him; 2] God's Word is alive and true; 3] God's Word is like a sword; 4] God's Word has the power of life in it, and; 5] to say what God has said.

ACTIVITY: Children will write in their books the Scriptures/Words God Said.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This activity is included in each of our 6 lessons with a different scripture in each lesson for children to receive into their hearts.

MATERIALS: *For Introduction:* Holy Bible and a second book (not a Bible);

Materials To Make A Book: Pencils; Markers; Stapler; Pre-made book template or purchased notebooks [see Preparation below]

Preparation: To MAKE A BOOK

Pre-make book templates for each child by folding two sheets of paper in half and stapling [two staples on the folded side so pages open like a book]; OR purchase lined notebooks.

Write out and post [where children can easily see] the following scripture:

WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US!

(1 John 4:19)

WHAT DID GOD SAY? *LESSON 1 Continued*

(Hold up the Bible in one hand and another book in the other)

INTRODUCTION:

Did you know that these two books are different?

How are they different? [Listen to Responses]

They both have words.

They both are made of paper.

They both have a front and a back cover.

The difference is the Bible is full of God's Words that are ALIVE and TRUE.

God's living words have POWER in them and can change things when you believe what God has said.

God made everything to be good and come alive by His Word.

Everything God says must happen! God can not lie.

The POWER in God's Words is sharp and cuts like a big SWORD.

Do you believe God's Word is true? [Listen to responses]

God has given you His Words to believe Him and SAY WHAT GOD SAID.

Everything that God has said is for your good.

Do you know who God made you to be like? [Listen to responses]

God made you to be like Him and say good words that give life.

This is why it is very important that you learn the things that God has said in the Bible.

Different writers wrote what God told them to write in the Bible. The Words in the Bible are called scriptures. The Bible has different parts called books. The scripture that we will learn today can be found in the book of I John the fourth chapter and the 19th verse. I John 4:19

The Bible has stories about God, and Words God said that are written down for you to know God and His love for you.

TO KNOW GOD'S WORD

First, you must LET YOUR EARS HEAR GOD'S WORD AND BELIEVE IT.
Second, LET YOUR MOUTH SAY THE WORDS THAT GOD HAS SAID.
Third, Tell your mind to THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS SAID.
When you think about what God has said, HIS WORD GOES INSIDE YOUR HEART. And your heart will help you love like God.

LEARNING SCRIPTURES FOR OUR BOOKS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Distribute Books [Pre-made or Purchased Notebooks]

In our books, we will write scriptures or Words God said.

Our first scripture is: **We love Him because He first loved us.**

What do you think it means when God says, WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US?

[Listen to Responses]

Do you remember who God got the earth ready for? [Listen to Responses]

God got the earth ready for His children. Us!

Why do you think God created and made everything for His children?

Because God loved you before you were born. God loved you first!

This is why God said, WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US!

Distribute book templates to each child. [See Preparation]

Your book is for you to write the scriptures you have learned that God has said.

If you would like God, your heavenly Father to help you to know Him and the Words He has said, you can pray and say these words after me, or you can pray to God in your own words. Ready. Let's pray!

PRAYER

Father,

(Pause for Children to Repeat)

I want to know You

(Pause)

Will you help me?

(Pause)

I want to hear and believe You

(Pause)

Will You teach me to say

(Pause)

what You have said every day?

(Pause)

Thank You Father!

(Pause)

Will you help me

(Pause)

to think about Your Word?

(Pause)

Thank You Father!

(Pause)

Will You let Your Word

(Pause)

change my heart

(Pause)

so I will love like You?

(Pause)

Thank You for hearing me

(Pause)

and answering my prayer!

(Pause)

I love You!

(Pause)

Amen.

This time you can say the words after me.

We love Him [children repeat] **because** [children repeat] **He first** [children repeat] **loved us.**

What do you think God means when He says to you, You love Him because He first loved you?
[Listen to responses]

God loves you! God loved you first. He is the one who thought about you and made you for Himself. No one can love you like God. So now you can choose to believe Him and love Him back. Let's say it boldly together again: **We love Him because He first loved us!**

Let's say it again: **We love Him because He first loved us!**

Have you ever had someone to tell you they love you? [Listen to responses]

Your Father in heaven loves you with a love that is not like the love on earth. His love is called agape love. Agape love is a heavenly amazing love.

Repeat after me. **God loves me** [children repeat] **with His agape love.**

Did you know that God's love is true? [Listen to responses]

It is so true that the more you say that God loves you and you think about how much God loves you, the power in God's words will go into your heart to live. And you will know the truth. And the truth is God loves you!

Let's say the scripture together again. **We love Him** [pause] **because** [pause] **He first** [pause] **loved us.**
[repeat]

Write God's Words in your book.

Everyday declare or say God's Words so your ears can Hear His Words! You can read your book out loud so you can hear the words! Every day pay attention and watch God do what He said because you believed Him, and you said what He said.

When you see that God has done what He said, write or draw a picture in your book about the good things God did for you. And come tell us about it.

[If children are using notebooks] You can take your book home but remember to bring it back so you can write more Words that God said in it.

Let's Sing these Words God Said:

[Do motions to words]

[Teacher sing/points upward]

We love Him!

[Children sing/point upward]

We love Him!

[Teacher sing/hold up one finger]

Because He first

[Children sing/hold up one finger]

Because He first

[Teacher sing/point self and others]

Loved us!

[Children sing/ point to self and others]

Loved us!

[Repeat]

SONG: GOD LOVES ME!

[Sung to the tune of Barney Song] [Do motions to Song]

YOU LOVE ME!

[Point upward.]

I LOVE YOU!

[Point to self and upward.]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Clap hands.]

YOU LOVED ME FIRST

[Point upward, then to self.]

AND I LOVE YOU BACK!

[Place both hands on your heart.]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Clap hands.]

I LOVE YOU FATHER!

[Lift hands up and SHOUT.]

Scriptures:

I John 4:19; Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 51:15-16; Jeremiah 1:9; Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 4:20-24

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

FINDING SEEDS

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know, 1) Father put the seed inside of animals, birds, fish, fruit, vegetables and plants for everything to have babies and grow again from the seed in it, and; 2) all people were born from the seed inside the first man Adam.

MATERIALS: Paper plates (one per child), Pencils, Markers, Crayons, Ribbon.

PREPARATION BEFORE TEACHING:

Draw two lines across the center of the paper plate to divide the plate into quarters, like a pie cut into four sections. Optional: Bring different types of seeds to show.

Parent/Teacher Script: Ask the children:

Have you ever seen a seed inside of an apple or an orange? What are some other fruits or vegetables that you have seen seeds inside of? (Listen to Responses. Help children identify other fruits and vegetables with seeds.)

Does an apple seed and a peach seed look alike? No, the apple seed is smaller. The peach seed is big, hard and has ridges on it.

Do all seeds look alike? No God made each kind of seed to look different from other kinds of seeds.

When God made the earth, He put the seed of animals, birds, fish, fruits, vegetables and plants for every kind of thing to have its own babies and grow again from its kind of seed in it.

Why do you think God put seeds inside of the things He made? [Listen to Responses.] God planned for everything to have babies and grow again from the kind of seed He put in it. God did not have to make the same things over again because its seed would grow it again.

Did you know that God put the seed inside of the first man Adam for all people to be born from Adam?

Yes, and you and all people, your mommy, daddy, and everyone was born from the seed that God put in Adam.

Let's see who can answer this question the quickest!

What is the name of the man that God put the seed inside of for all people to be born from? [Listen to Responses.] Adam! That's right! All people were born from the seed in Adam.

We are going to have a SEED CONTEST.

You are each getting a paper plate. [Distribute paper plates]

Draw one picture of a different fruit or vegetable on each section of the plate.

Only draw a fruit or vegetable that you have seen a seed inside of it.

You can take your plate home to find a seed from every fruit or vegetable that you drew.

Glue the seed of that fruit or vegetable next to the picture you drew.

Everyone who brings their plate back with the seeds WINS.

WHEN CHILDREN RETURN THEIR PLATES:

[Give everyone that brings their plate back with any seeds a ribbon or a sticker.]

ASK THESE TWO QUESTIONS AGAIN:

Why do you think God put seeds inside of the things He made? [Listen to Responses.] God planned for everything to have babies and grow again from the kind of seed He put in it. God did not have to make the same things over again because its seed would grow.

What is the name of the man that God put the seed inside of for all people to be born from? [Listen to Responses.] Adam! All people were born from the seed in Adam.

Additional Activity:

Plant seeds, water as needed, and place the planted seeds in an area where they can get appropriate amount of sunlight to grow.

Outcome: Children can see that a plant can grow again from its seed.

Scriptures:

Genesis 1:11-12, 1:20-22, 1:24-25, 1:26-30