

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 3

Objectives to be Understood:

- 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: Pencils; Markers; Stapler; Purchased notebooks OR Pre-made book template [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:

THE FATHER HAS LOVED US SO MUCH! THIS SHOWS HOW MUCH HE LOVED US: WE ARE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD. AND WE REALLY ARE HIS CHILDREN. BUT THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN HIM.

(I John 3:1)

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REVIEW:

What happens when God speaks? *[Listen to responses]* Everything God says must happen!

Does God want you to believe the things He said? *[Listen to responses]*

God has given you His Words to believe Him and SAY WHAT HE HAS SAID. You were made to be like Father and speak Words that give life.

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 1st John the third chapter and the 1st verse. 1 John 3:1

The Bible teaches us about God's love for us, and the things He had to do to send His Son Jesus to save us.

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.

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.

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LEARNING SCRIPTURES FOR OUR BOOKS

PARENT/TEACHER SCRIPT:

Does anyone have something good to tell us that God did for you? *[Listen to the testimonies of the children]*

We are going to add a new scripture to our What Did God Say books?

(Show children the Lesson 3 Scripture and let children know these are some Words God said.)

Our new scripture is: "The Father has loved us so much! This shows how much he loved us: We are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world don't understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him."

What do you think God means when He said, "The Father has loved us so much! This shows how much he loved us: We are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world don't understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him"? *[Listen to Responses]*

Did you pray from your heart and ask Father to forgive your sins? *[Listen to Responses]*

Did you tell God that you believed Jesus and that you wanted to be His child? *[Listen to Responses]*

When you prayed and said words that you believed Jesus, Father forgave your sins and He made you His child. Father calls you His child.

Is everyone in the world God's child and know Him? *[Listen to Responses]*

Do everyone in the world know that you are God's child? *[Listen to Responses]*

No, many people in the world do not know God or understand how to love like Him, because they do not know Him. This is why He said, "The Father has loved us so much! This shows how much he loved us: We are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world don't understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him."

Let's boldly say His Words: **"The Father has loved us so much!** *(children repeat)* **This shows how much He loved us:** *(children repeat)* **We are called children of God.** *(children repeat)* **And we really are His children.** *(children repeat)* **But the people in the world,** *(children repeat)* **don't understand,** *(children repeat)* **that we are God's children,** *(children repeat)* **because they have not known Him."** Let's say it again. *[Repeat]*

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! **My Father loves me [pause] and He calls me His son or His daughter. I am a child of God.**

Did you know that God's love is true? *[Listen to responses]* It is so true that the more you say what God has said, 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!

Ask children to take out their books. [CHILDREN WHO DID NOT BRING THEIR NOTE BOOKS, let them write their scripture on paper. Tell them to put it in their book when they get home.] [Provide notebooks for new children or make new book templates for this lesson.]

Write God's Words in your book.

Everyday read your book out loud and declare or say God's Words so your ears can Hear His Words!

Every day pay attention and watch Father do what He said because you believed Him, and you said what He said.

When you see Father do 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 and want to take them home, remind them to bring their notebooks back so they can write more Words that God said in it.)

Let's Sing these Words God Said: *(Sing to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it")*

The Father has loved us so much!

This shows how much He loved us.

We are called children of God.

And we really are His children.

But the people in the world don't understand.

(Declare) They don't know Him yet!

[Repeat Several Times]

SONG: GOD LOVES ME!

(Sung to the tune of Barney Song) (Do motions to Song)

YOU LOVE ME!

[Point upward, then to self]

I LOVE YOU!

[Point to self and upward]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Point up, touch heart, Clap hands as you say pitter-pat]

YOU LOVED ME FIRST

[Point upward, then to self]

AND I LOVE YOU BACK!

[Kiss your hands and blow kisses up to Father]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Point up, touch your heart, then clap hands as you say pitter-pat]

I LOVE YOU FATHER!

[Lift both hands up and SHOUT]

Scriptures:

1 John 3:1; John 3:16; Romans 8:14-17