

# FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

Jacob's Well - A Guide Connecting Home and Church - Sept 2014

## Wee Ones

Babes - Three Year Olds

### Sing a Song

I Am Special  
(tune of "Frere Jacques")

I am special, x2  
(point to yourself)

Don't you see? x2  
(make binoculars with your fingers)

Someone very special, x2  
(hands out to the side, palms up)

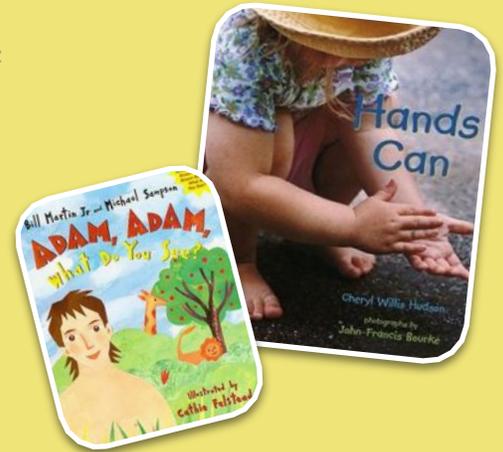
'Cause God made me,  
(point to yourself)  
God made me!

### Play in the Story: God Made Me (Gen. 2)

This September, our littlest ones will be learning how God created each of us uniquely through the story of Adam and Eve from Genesis 2.

**Younger Toddlers Play and Chat -**  
Sitting together in front of a mirror, use repetitive language to ask "Where are your hands? God made your hands. Where is your nose? God made your nose."

**Older Toddlers Play and Chat -**  
Trace their body either on a large piece of paper or on the sidewalk with chalk, and allow them to decorate their body. Talk to them about each part. "What do we do with our feet? God gave us feet for walking, etc."



**Visit the Library -** Head to your local library to check out, Hands Can, by Cheryl Willis Hudson (mcpl & kcpl) and Adam, Adam, What Do You See?, by Bill Martin Jr. & Michael Sampson (mcpl & kcpl).

## The Loft

Three - Five Year Olds

### Sing a Song

Child of God

I see the love of God in you.  
(hand on heart)

The light of Christ comes  
shining through.  
(hands up and out)

And I am blessed to be with you,  
(hug yourself)  
Oh, holy child of God.  
(bow to each other)

### Play in the Story: In the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3)

This September, preschoolers will discover the story of Adam and Eve, the Garden, and the terrible lie that came into the world.



**Explore the Bible Together -** As you read the Bible's description of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-10), draw the garden together on a large sheet of paper. This is the beginning! Now read the Bible's description of our home with God (Rev. 22:1-3) and draw it. This is where we're headed! Are they alike?!

**Play at Home -** Grab a paper story set from the welcome desk in the Loft and let your child retell the story at home. You can also download it yourself by googling, "Keeping life creative, Adam and Eve." Best if printed on card stock.

**Visit the Library -** One of the most beautiful children's books about Eden is Fiona French's Paradise. Find it at Mid-continent and Kansas City Public Libraries.

## Get in the Story: In the Beginning... (Gen. 1-11)

### Table Talk

What if Adam & Eve had never disobeyed? What if no one disobeyed ever?

How did God interact with the very first humans?

What is one thing this tells you about what God is like?

Who are you most like from Genesis? Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Noah, one of the Tower of Babel builders? How so?

With the beginning of the school year, we began a new movement through the Big God Story. We experienced a trailer of the entire story and dug into how it all started in Genesis. In September, we'll explore the first people, Adam & Eve and how things played out for them in the garden. If you'd like to read along at home, here are the topics and texts we'll be in:



Adam & Eve Disobey - Gen. 3:1-24

Cain & Abel - Gen. 4:1-15

Noah & the Flood - Gen. 6:5-9:15

Tower of Babel - Gen. 11:1-9

**Garden of Eden:** Visit a garden in your backyard, next to JW, or in a public park. Take note of all the things that can be seen, heard, smelled, felt, or even tasted. What does the garden show about who God is?

**Tower Talk:** Grab a large assortment of building blocks. Work together to make the tallest stack possible, but only speak in gibberish to communicate. Discuss how language helps us. Why are there different languages in the world?

**Star Prayer:** Go outside one night when the stars are out. See how many stars you can count. Read Genesis 15:5-7. Pray about something that seems impossible.

## The of JW Kids' Community

How do kids spell hospitality? P-L-A-Y. This is why JW Kids' Community believes it's so important to host environments where kids can play in God's story. We aim to capture their imaginations, inviting them to wonder and explore. We develop creative, age-sensitive curriculum each month that travels through the story of God as found in scripture. And a dynamite team of over 200 ministry guides offers hospitality to our kids each week through play, presence, and spiritual practice.

At JW, we provide a family resource each month, called **Family Faith on the Fridge**, to help parents connect church to home. This resource works in tandem with what the children are experiencing in church each month. (You'll find songs, ideas for playing in the story, table time conversation questions, and more). JW also provides opportunities throughout the year for families to connect home and church. This October, we're hosting a **Kids' Institute: Operation Creation** (see adjacent announcement), and November 22nd, we will host the **Family Advent Experience**, where families can play in the Advent story together and take home ideas and resources to engage Christ at home throughout the season.

And finally, JW kids staff is here for you. We'd love to talk, share resources, or pray with you. We love your kids!

Mimi Keel  
Kids' Community Director

## Kids' Institute: Operation Creation

Kids will have the opportunity to explore and be amazed by creation, and will also examine the human footprint on the world and what they can do to be good steward's of God's creation.

**Tuesdays in October 6:30 - 8 pm**  
Register at [JacobsWellChurch.org](http://JacobsWellChurch.org)



## Books We Love



"From Jago and Sally Llyod-Jones, the creators of the *Jesus Storybook Bible*, comes this gorgeous and innovative collection of 101 simple-yet-profound thoughts on faith."

Perfect for easy family devotions at meals or bed!

