

FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

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

Wee Ones

Babes - Three

Sing a Song

Noah's Song

(tune of 'Row Your Boat')

Noah sailed the ark,
(make hands into a boat)
Out into the storm,
(make big waves with arms)
Rain was falling all around,
(make raindrops with fingers)
But God kept them safe and warm.
(give self a big hug)

Play in the Story: Noah Listens (Genesis 6-9)

Build an ark together out of wooden blocks or Duplos. Talk about how Noah listened to God.

Pray...Talk together about something that is scary and how God keeps us safe. Pray together asking God to help us be safe.

Let's Make An Ark! Cut a paper ark out of a grocery sack, glue it to a bigger background, and let your little one paint or color water, rain, and a rainbow. Add animals by drawing them, cutting them from a magazine, or using animal stickers.



Bathtub Play- Locate a plastic boat. Pretend it's Noah's Ark. Fill it up with animals. Use a colander to make it rain on the ark.

The Loft

Preschool

Sing a Song

God's Promise

(tune of 'The More We Get Together')

Have you ever seen a rainbow,
a rainbow, a rainbow?
(Make a rainbow)
Have you ever seen a rainbow?
A rainbow in the sky?
God's promise to love us,
(hand from mouth, hug yourself)
to love us, God's Promise.
Have you ever seen a rainbow?
A rainbow in the sky?

Play in the Story: God's Promise to Noah

Let Your imagination Run Wild - Read Genesis 6-9, the story of Noah from your favorite children's bible and then wonder together: What kind of trouble do you think Noah had building that big ark? Which animal scared Noah? Which was his favorite? Where would you want to sleep on the ark? What happened to all the poop from all those animals?

Create- Rainbows are a reminder that God's promises are true, and he does just what he says he'll do. Create a rainbow together and display it. Use what you have, construction paper, watercolors, crayons, or sidewalk chalk.



Build a Cairn - Noah built an alter to honor God after the flood. We can use alters or cairns in the same way. To remember something good God has done in your lives, stack a pile of rocks somewhere you'll see it often.

Dance and Sing - Check out "Noah's Lullaby" on the Butterflyfish album Ladybug, and "God Rescues Noah from the Storm" on the Rain for Roots album Big Story for Little Ones.

Table Talk

What do you want that it seems you can't have?

How long should you wait for God to come through for you?

What happens when we try to make things happen our own way?

What does God do when we make mistakes?

Why does God make promises that take a long time to happen?

Get in the Story: God's Promise to Abraham

Readin' On The Sofa Together...

God Call Abraham & Sarah

Genesis 12:1-20

Abraham Counts the Stars

Genesis 15:1-6, 17:1-6, 17:15-16

Hagar & Ishmael

Genesis 16:1-14

Sarah Has a Baby

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-6

Yes. No. Later. God always answers our prayers. Sometimes he says "yes". Sometimes his answer is "no". And sometimes his answer is "later". Talk about how he has answered your prayers lately.

Before School Prayer

My journey may be fast,
My journey may be slow.
May God be always with me,
Wherever I may go.

Count The Stars Look up on a clear night, crack open an astronomy book, or search for "night sky" on the internet. Count all the stars you can see. God promised Abraham that many children. Now ask your child what they would want in that quantity. How long would they be willing to wait for it?

Family Field Trip Take a trip to a corn maze in the KC area. Walk slowly through the maze together without using a map. When you get to an intersection, ask how to choose well. What happens when you choose wrong? Discuss how life is like slowly walking a maze, full of paths and choices. How does God guide us through life? How is the Bible like the map?



Our Children Open Our Hearts

Being the mother of a 2 year-old has brought with it so many blessings and surprises. Bedtime has come to be one of the very best times of the day, and something that I (usually) treasure. It took me a while to learn this. Some nights I didn't feel like praying, some nights I just wanted bedtime to go as quickly as possible so I could go do my own thing. But I realized pretty quickly that rushing bedtime wasn't going to work. I had no idea what it would do to this momma's heart to hear a sweet little voice say "Mommy, please pray for me" on the nights I was trying to just get him to bed and have time to myself. What a beautiful picture it has given me of what is really important.

What has surprised me even more are the times aside from bedtime that Caleb has asked me to pray. I will never forget this time, amidst a screaming tantrum, when I could not think of any way to help Caleb calm down. His little tear stained face looked up at me as he said, "Mommy, please pray for me." I think about that often when I am most frazzled and feeling least like turning to God. I remember the frantic mid-tantrum boy, who reminded me that talking to God was the way back to peace.

God uses my son to open my heart. One night we were lying in my bed, and he put his hand on me, and said "Mommy, I pray for you. Dear God, thank you for Mommy, Amen." I am learning that what we do really matters, our kids are learning from us, from our habits and actions. Sometimes that really scares me, but mostly it reminds me to turn my heart and my life towards my loving God.

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Playgroup

Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30am
For moms, dads, and kids up to age 6.

Connect Playgroup

1st Thursday of each month,
9:30-11:30am
Kids go to childcare while
parents connect and enjoy
time for themselves.



BOOK SALE!

Kid's bibles and devotionals will be
for sale in the foyer on Sunday
October 19th and 26th.