

Using Bible Verses With Preschoolers



The following suggestions may be used during activity time or group time. Whenever it is possible, have your Bible open to the verse.

- As the children put the blocks away neatly and quietly, say something like, "The way you are helping reminds me of some words here in the Bible." Read, "We...are helpers."
- Say something like "Be gentle unto all," when one child mistreats another.
- When children are doing something unkind like pulling at the same book, sing the song, "The Happy Way" which contains the verse "Love one another."
- A verse containing an abstract word can sometimes be played out. If the word is "love," ask a child to let you whisper something for him to do to show that you love some person. You might whisper something like "Share a book," "Pat him on the shoulder," or "Hug him." Perhaps some children may think of things to do without being told.
- While examining an item from "God's beautiful world," say something like "God causes the grass to grow" or while preparing an arrangement of nature things, say something like, "God has made everything beautiful in His time."
- Read a verse from the Bible as part of family worship in the homeliving center or as part of the family worship in the block center.
- Sometimes use a Bible verse in the homeliving area as a thank-you prayer for food. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good" can be used in this way.
- Have four pictures displayed. Read a verse from the Bible and let a child find a picture that the words could be about.
- Read a verse from the Bible; let a child find in a book a picture that these words could be about.
- Print a Bible verse at the bottom of a sheet of paper and let the child draw a picture that the verse makes him think of.
- Let preschoolers put Bible verses on gifts for needy or sick people. If the gifts are cans of food, the verses may be pasted on the cans. As the preschoolers work, talk about what the verses say and mean.
- Print Bible verses on greeting cards, valentines, gifts, etc., that the children make. Suggest several appropriate verses, and let each child decide which one he wants on his article.
- Have a Bible verse printed on a place card for each person who will be eating a play-like meal. Read each child's verse, and then let him pretend to be reading it.
- Read from your Bible a part of a verse and let a child finish it.
- Have the verses that preschoolers understand shaded in your Bible with a light colored crayon. Let a child find a verse that is shaded. Read it and then let the child pretend to be reading it. You might want to also have bright colored ribbons in your Bible at appropriate verses.
- Show several pictures (one at a time) which might help the child to understand an abstract word in a Bible verse. Perhaps the word is "praise." Ask something like, "How are these children praising the Lord?" In this instance, there might be pictures of children singing, praying, bringing money to Sunday School.



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