

Preschool Spring
Lesson 12:
God Made Families

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Do activities that show them that God made families including brothers, sisters, babies and parents
- 2) See that Noah followed God and was able to raise three sons who also followed God and that having a family is important because they can help you
- 3) Learn that God gave us not only our physical families, but our spiritual family too – the people in the church!

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for a complete list of ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

All sheets and templates will be on the CD or in the Binder.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Scissors to share
- God Gave Us Families and Church Families Maze Sheet – one per child
- God Made Our Families Doll Templates – 2 dolls on a page - give one doll for each member of the child's family – if three family members give three sex appropriate dolls) - print on white cardstock paper

Optional Activities

- Dolls that represent family – dad, mom, sisters, brothers, baby, etc. and/or books that show children about families and especially dads.
- Puppet to help tell story of Noah
- Teddy bear animal for hot potato game
- Play Dough – enough to share for making Noah and his family
- Sidewalk chalk – if wanting to go outside and let children draw their families
- Yarn, ribbon, textured fabrics if wanting to put hair and clothes on paper dolls
- Glue to share
- Scissors to share
- Noah and the Ark teddy bears, animals, people, etc. so children can pretend
- Snack: Your choice - enough to share
- Napkins
- Cups with water or milk

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. If a new student comes, write their name and have them put a sticker on for this week also. Have them all sit around the table.

Share with students, **“Today we are going to talk about God and the fact that He made our families.**

Who are some people in your family? Let students answer – sister, brother, aunt, grandma, mom, dad, etc.

We are going to look through the Bible to see that God loves us so much He created families to help take care of us. We will look at Noah and see that he was a good dad because he followed God and raised his three sons to follow God too! We will look at his sons and see that they obeyed their father and God as well. We will see that Noah’s wife raised her family in the Lord.

*If available get dolls that represent each member of the family you will sing about below before class.

First let’s sing a few songs about families:

(Use dolls to show children as you go through each family member)

With Jesus in the Family

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

God told Noah to Build an Ark

(to the tune Old Macdonald Had a Farm)

*If you have a teddy bear animal that matches the animal you are singing about, show them

Noah had to build the ark, like God told him too.
And on the ark there was some (name an animal), like God told him too.
With some (say the sound the animal would make) here and some (say the sound the animal would make) there,
Here some (say the sound the animal would make) there some (say the sound the animal would make) everywhere were (say the sound the animal would make).
Noah had to build the ark, like God told him too.

*Repeat with another animal – let students each pick an animal as you sing.

2) God Made Families – Noah and His Family

5 minutes

Read **Genesis 6:9 –22** (if you have puppet, you can use that as you read to the class)

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood

¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

What was special about Noah? He followed God; he did everything just as God told him too. He was a man who did what was right and he followed God faithfully and fully.

How many sons did Noah have? 3 Sons

Who was to go into the ark? Noah and his wife and their 3 sons and their wives, because they had followed God.

Noah was a good dad for following God and raising his family to follow God too!

Your parents are good parents for following God and bringing or allowing you to come to church today!

Noah’s sons obeyed their dad and God and so they got to go on the big ark or boat as well. What are some ways you can obey your parents? Go to church, do chores, pick up toys, listen to them, etc.

3) Optional – Parent Says – Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about listening to our parents. I want you to follow and do what I say.** When I say, “parents say”, I want you to do

what they tell you to, ok?" The idea is you ask the students to do different things that would show honor to their parents.

Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Here are some ideas to get started, you can add your own as well.

- Parents say put your toys away (pretend to clean)
- Parents say go to bed (lay down and pretend to fall asleep)
- Parents say put on your socks (pretend to put on socks)
- Parents say help your mother (act like they are helping mom with something)
- Parents say stand up straight (practice good posture)
- Parents say eat your supper before desert (pretend to eat)
- Parents say brush your teeth (pretend to brush teeth)
- Parents say give a hug (pretend to hug)
- Parents say - say thank you (say thank you)
- Parents say - say I love you (say I love you)

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

4) God Gave Us Families and Church Families Maze Sheet 10 minutes

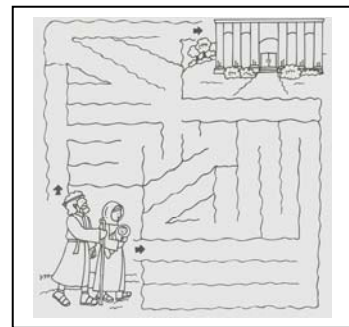
Hand out one maze page to each child. Hand out crayons as well. Talk about what the students see in the picture as they color.

What is the family doing in the picture?

Where are they going?

Who in your family goes to church on Sunday?

Do you know that the people in church are your spiritual family as well? They love and help you, just like your family does. God is great for giving us our families and the church family too!



Help them write their names on the page when finished and get them to help clean up the crayons before moving on to the next activity. If time they can color the page. *Note there are two ways they can "go" to get through the maze – it doesn't matter if they do both ways or not. Help students who have trouble follow the lines and find a way to church.

5) Paper Doll Family Template Craft 15 minutes

Hand out paper dolls to each child with crayons. Ask the students how many family members they have in their family – how many girls? How many boys? Hand out the appropriate number of dolls (male or female) to each child. Help the child write the name of the person on each doll and then let the children color the dolls to match the person they represent in their family. If time and available use glue and scissors and put yarn or ribbon pieces for hair and use textured fabric pieces to cut out to make clothes to glue on the dolls. Cut out the dolls if time and allow the students to pretend with their doll family.

6) Optional: God and Families 5-10 minutes

Pass around dolls, books about families and other things that will help children remember that they learned about the fact that God made families.

Say, **"The Bible tells us that God made families. As we play with these books and dolls let's remember that God made our families and that includes our church family**

too! We are very special because we have been blessed with grandpas, fathers, sisters, aunts, moms, babies, and uncles. We have also been blessed with the people at church who love us – our Sunday school teachers, friends, evangelist, etc. We need to remember to thank God for all the good things He has made for us, because God is great! He made our families and church families! Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

7) Optional: Noah and His Sons Builds the Ark Action Game 5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: We are going to play a game about Noah and his family preparing to build the ark. Noah was a good dad who raised his family to follow God. Today you came to Sunday school – that means your parents love you and want you to follow God too! You have good parents for bringing you to Sunday school today! I want you to follow and do what I say. I want you to pretend to be Noah. If I say to do something, I want you to pretend to do that action. Just like Noah was good and followed what God said, I want you to be good and follow what I say. Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Noah – hammer some nails (pretend to hammer nails)

Noah – saw some wood. (pretend to saw wood)

Noah – say “Thank You God for the World.”

Noah – gather some wood (pretend to gather wood)

Noah – say “God is great”

Noah – pet the animals (pretend to pet the animals)

Noah – feed the animals (pretend to feed them)

Noah – shut the windows and doors (pretend to shut windows and doors)

Noah – pet the animals (pretend to pet animals)

Noah – sit down!

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

8) Optional: Draw our Families Side Walk Chalk Activity 10 minutes

Have your children line up and hold each other’s hand and prepare to go outside where there is a safe sidewalk they can draw on with sidewalk chalk. Only do this activity if you have helpers to keep children safe and if you have a nice sunny and dry day to go outside.

Once children are safely outside. Hand out sidewalk chalk and explain that **we are only going to stay in the following areas** (tell the students the safe areas they can stay in) **If anyone goes outside of these areas, we will go back to class and this activity will end because it is very important that we all listen and stay safe. Today we learned that God made families. Let’s draw our families here on the sidewalk for everyone to see!**

Let the children draw their families and church families on the sidewalk with different colored chalk. Help the children think of people to draw and what they might look like. Long hair, dress, glasses, etc.

When finished, let the children see all the amazing drawings they all did and then gather the chalk, hold hands, line up and go back to the classroom.

9) Optional: Play Dough Noah, the Ark and the Animals 10 minutes

Hand out play dough to each child, if possible letting them choose the color they want, reminding them to not mix colors so they stay the color they are now.

Remind them that God helped Noah build and prepare the ark and save the animals that went inside. Ask the children to make Noah, his sons, the Ark and some animals out of the play dough. **Isn't God amazing! Only God can do something as incredible as making a flood cover the whole world and getting animals to come to Noah to go into the ark and stay safe! God is great for making families that love us and help take care of us. Just like Noah and his wife took care of their sons and raised them to love and know God.**

Ask each student what they are making and what the animal or person is doing.

When finished, have kids clean up and put play dough creations away, or if allowed, let them take one creation home each.

10) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section of the binder and/or sing:

The Animals Go Marching (Sung to "The Ants Go Marching")

Have children pick an animal to fill in the blank for each verse – ex: cats, dogs, elephants, etc.

The --- go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah.

The -- go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah.

The -- go marching two by two,

Because that is what God told them to do.

And they all go marching down, to the ark,

To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

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Repeat with another animal – let students each pick an animal as you sing.

11) Optional – Snack of Your Choice 5 minutes

Hand out a snack of your choosing along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Say: **"You've all done a great job this morning learning that God made our families both our physical families – moms, dads and brothers and sisters. But our spiritual families – church friends, teachers, evangelists, etc. Now let's all enjoy a treat while we think about the nice things our families do with us and think about how nice God is for giving us two wonderful families."** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!

After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

12) Close in prayer

Thank God that He created the world and that as we learned today, God created families and church families too. Thank God as well that he made our families like our moms, dads and grandparents, but even better, when we follow God we have an even bigger family that God made for us – the church! Thank you God that we have so many people in our lives that care for us and love us and thank you God that you made them all to be in our lives! In Jesus name, Amen.