



MAY 2021

Babies-Toddlers Lesson

God's Way is Perfect

Bible Words: “God’s way is perfect.” 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Bottom Line: God’s way is perfect.

Basic Truth: God made me.

BIBLE STORY FOR NURSERY

(Beginner’s Bible- Pages 1-25)

“Hello, friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) is about the most perfect garden.

“The garden had big trees, flowers, and plants. Some of the plants even had food on them. And there were lots and lots of animals. It was perfect, and God made it all! But God wasn’t done. The garden needed God’s most amazing creation. So God made people! First, He made a man and called him Adam. Then God made a woman and called her Eve.

“God gave Adam an important job to do. God told Adam to name all of the animals and take care of them. Adam and Eve lived in God’s wonderful garden and took care of the animals. They had one rule. God said not to eat the fruit from one tree. But Eve ate it. Then she gave it to Adam to eat. Adam and Eve didn’t do things God’s way so God sent them away from His garden. God still loved Adam and Eve, but things were a lot harder for them because they didn’t go God’s way.

[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.”

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don’t worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Monthly Parent Cue, *1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Parent Cue handout (age specific for Babies vs Toddlers) and encourage them to review the activities with their child this week.

**Designate a pickup location for rest of month*

BABIES ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STORY SONG

Sing the following words to the tune of “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush”.

“This is the way we clap our hands,
“Clap our hands,
“Clap our hands.
“This is the way we clap our hands.
“God’s way is perfect.”

TRANSPORTATION TUB

(Plastic Tub; Toy Plane, Train, Boat, and Car)

What You Do: Before children arrive, place the plane, train, boat, and car into the plastic tub. Sit with one or two children and let them pull an item out and say what it is. Talk about the vehicle. Where do you go on these? Place back in the tub and do it again.

What You Say: “All the things in the box are what we use to go places. Pull one out. What is it? That’s right! We want to go God’s way in a [vehicle] because God’s way is perfect. Take another one out. What is it? You got it! We want to go God’s way in a [vehicle] because God’s way is perfect. Whether we’re on a plane, train, boat, or car. We want to go God’s way because **God’s way is perfect.**”

EVERYWHERE I GO

(Push Toys or Riding Toys)

What You Do: Give each child in a small group a push or riding toy. Lead them on a journey around the room pretending to go to different places. Each time you get to a different place, say, “God’s way is perfect.” Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: “Can you push/ride your toy over this way? Let’s pretend we’re going to the park. We’re at the park! Yay! God’s way is perfect at the park. Let’s push/ride our toys over here. We can pretend we’re at the store. God’s way is perfect at the store. We can always trust God and go His way because **God’s way is perfect.**”

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STORY SONG

Sing the following words to the tune of “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush”.

“This is the way we clap our hands,
“Clap our hands,
“Clap our hands.
“This is the way we clap our hands.
“God’s way is perfect.”

HANDPRINT TREE

(“Handprint Tree” Activity Page – 1 Per Kid, Green Washable Inkpads or Dot Markers, Wet Wipes)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Handprint Tree” on cardstock, one per child.

During the Activity: Trace the child’s hand and down their wrist for the tree trunk on their paper. (Can be done before the activity.) Retell the story. Help children ink their fingers to make leaves on their handprint tree. Clean hands as needed. Option: Have children make leaves with dot markers instead of the inkpads.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today, we learned about God’s very first garden, and it was perfect! Let’s make a tree with your hand.

“Put your hand on the paper and spread out your fingers. I will trace your hand to make a tree. (Pause.) Now use your finger in the inkpad to make the leaves on your tree. (Pause.) Look at your perfect tree! (Clean hands as needed.)

“God made the trees, flowers, and plants. Some of the plants had food on them. God made the animals, and He made Adam and Eve. It was perfect, and God made it all! **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.**”

PARACHUTE

(Parachute, Fake Flowers)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather kids around the parachute and introduce how to use it.

During the Activity: Retell the story. Put the flowers in the middle and use the parachute.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “The very first garden was beautiful! It had tasty fruits, beautiful flowers, nice animals, and Adam and Eve! God made it all and He made it perfect! **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.**”