



Welcome To PreSchool

LBC Preschool

Welcome to the first Preschool Newsletter! In this edition, we will be just January 2012 letting you know about the things your child will be learning this month in the Preschool Department. As we start getting into more editions, we will add more articles. So stay up to date each month!

Babies:

What a great way to begin a new year by focusing on God's love and care. Your baby's Sunday School teachers will use conversation, the Bible, pictures, and music to tell of God's love and care for people. Teachers will relate their conversation and the activities they plan for your baby to these Bible truths: *God takes care of us. God knows what we need. God helps us. God loves us. God is good to us.*

Tell your baby often that God loves and cares for him.

1s & 2s:

January is a time of fresh starts. We encourage you to make a commitment to being sensitive to those teachable moments when you can intentionally reinforce biblical concepts with your child. During January at church your child will be hearing that God cares for him, God knows what he needs, God helps him, and God loves him. Your child will hear stories of Noah, Jesus, Elijah, Jacob, and Abraham. Sunday School teachers will prepare a variety of fun activities to help your child know that God loves and cares for him. Throughout each day, look for opportunities to connect your child's real-life experiences to these biblical truths. For instance, when you sit down to a meal, thank God for taking care of you by giving you good food to eat. As you tuck your child into bed at night, you might say: "God will always love you."

Bible phrases your preschooler will hear at church in January:

God cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 God knows what you need. Matthew 6:8

God helps us. Psalm 46:1 God will always love you. 1 Chronicles 17:13

God is good to us. Psalm 73:1



3s—PreK:

As the New Year begins, your preschooler will learn about an important and valuable part of his/her spiritual growth – the love of God. Boys and girls will understand that God loves and cares for each one of them. Bible stories will highlight how

- God cares for them, God gives them what they need, God helps them, God is with them everywhere they go, God gives them a family

Boys and girls will participate in hands-on activities so they can discover how God loves and cares for people. The January Bible story titles and Scripture references are

- January 1 – Noah (Genesis 6:9-10,14-22; 7:1,13-19; 8:1-3,13-20; 9:12-16)
- January 8 – Jesus Told About God's Love (Matthew 5:1-2; 6:25-34)
- January 15 – Elijah (1 Kings 17:7-16)
- January 22 – Jacob (Genesis 28:10-22)
- January 29 – A Baby for Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12:2-3; 17:1-8,15-17, 19,21; 21:1-8)

During the month of January, focus on God's love in your life and the life of your child. Use the following Bible phrases each week to reinforce the sessions:

- God cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7
- God knows what you need. Matthew 6:8
- God will help me. Psalm 121:2
- I am with you everywhere you go. Genesis 28:15
- God loves us. Psalm 107:1



Take a few moments each week to review the weekly Bible & Me page with your preschooler. Use the Parents section for quick ideas about talking with your child about God's love and care.

For more ideas on making Bible connections at home, sign up for a weekly e-mail, KISS (Kids in Sunday School) Connection. To sign up, go to the Life Truths Facebook page (facebook.com/lifetruths) and click the "join my list" link in the left column.

Kindergarten Parent Bible Teaching Tips:

Use the conversation starters and activities below as you teach your child the Bible truths for this month. Go to [facebook.com/lifetruths](https://www.facebook.com/lifetruths) and click on the "join my list" link in the left column for a weekly e-mail with additional Bible teaching suggestions.

January 1 "Noah" Genesis 6:9-10, 14-22; 7:1,13-19; 8:1-3,13-20; 9:12-16

Bible Verse: God cared for Noah. Genesis 8:1

Life Application: I can discover God cares for me.

Conversation Starter: Use the Kindergarten Connection weekly page to review the Bible verse and Bible story. Comment: "God cared for Noah. God also cares for you."

January 8 "Jesus Told About God's Love" Matthew 5:1-2; 6:25-34

Bible Verse: God know what you need. Matthew 6:8

Life Application: I can learn God knows what I need.

Conversation Starter: Talk with your child this week about the difference between needs and wants.

Needs are things we need for staying alive. Play a game. Say: "Food." Guide your child to respond with: "Need!" Continue with other examples. You may find your child will want to play this game several times during the week. Switch places with your child calling out an item and you responding with "Want" or "Need."

January 15 "God Cared for Elijah" 1 Kings 17:1-16

Bible Verse: God cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Life Application: I can know God gives me what I need.

Conversation Starter: Recycle scrap paper (the unused back of discarded mail) and gather a few markers or crayons. Lead your child to dictate a list to you of ways God cares for her/him. Print the list and invite your child to add drawings of some of the items on the list. Post it on the refrigerator. Consider printing the Bible verse at the bottom of the list. Point to each word and read the verse with your child until he can say it by himself.

January 22 "God Loved Jacob" Genesis 28:10-22

Bible Verse: I am with you wherever you go. Genesis 28:15

Life Application: I can learn God is always with me.

Conversation Starter: Help your child understand that God is always with her. When you pull into the grocery store parking lot, ask: "We are at the grocery store. Is God with us?" (yes) When you are dropping your child off at school, say: "You are going into school. Is God with you?" (yes) Continue with other destinations this week as you work together to understand God is always with us.

January 29 "A Baby for Abraham and Sarah" Genesis 12:2-3; 17:1-8,15-17,19,21; 21:1-8

Bible Verse: God has plans to care for you. Jeremiah 29:11

Life Application: I can learn God planned for families.

Conversation Starter: Provide crayons or markers and paper. Lead your child to draw your family. Offer to print each family member's name by his/her picture. Use conversation to help your child know God planned for him/her to live in a family.

