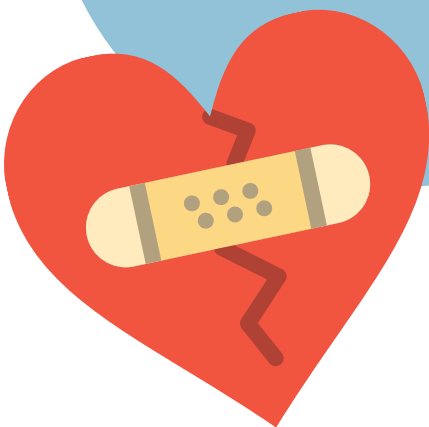




The Lost Son Returns

BIBLE POINT:
Jesus wants
me to forgive.



SCHEDULE

Activity
Prayer
Worship
Bible Story
Craft

ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and share with others.

Grab a stuffed animal and show it to your child. Ask them to close their eyes, while you hide the toy somewhere close by. Your child should look for the toy and give it a big hug when they find it. Repeat taking turns hiding and finding the toy.

PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler.
Pray for your child's salvation.

Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us. Help us to make the right choices and to always remember we can come back to you. You always love us no matter what.
Amen."

WORSHIP:

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them.

Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.

Sing song to the tune of Tune: Baa, Baa Black Sheep

Baa, baa, little lamb,

Did you lose your way?

Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I was lost today.

Far from my shepherd, far from my home.

Far from my flock, I ran off alone.

Baa, baa, little lamb,

Did you lose your way?

Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I was lost today.



BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth." Hug the Bible to your chest. "Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Luke 15:20-25.

"There was father who had two sons. The younger son asked his father to sell his things and give him the money. The son wanted to leave his family and do whatever he wanted. This made his father sad, but he gave the son his things. The son spent all the money. But then he was hungry. He found a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry. He wanted to eat the pig's food. He thought, I am going to go back to my father and say sorry. I will ask him if I can be his servant. When his father saw him, he was delighted. He ran to his son and welcomed him back into the family. He threw a party to celebrate his son was alive and back home. Jesus said, "There is great rejoicing in heaven when people return to God."

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

I CAN MAKE RIGHT CHOICES.
WHEN I MESS UP, I CAN TALK TO GOD.
GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVES ME.
NO MATTER WHAT I SAY OR DO.



TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Craft attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about how the Bible is God's special book and everything in it is true. Once your child is done with their craft, end in prayer.

