**Easy Family Devotionals for 0-10yrs**

BOOK: The Beginner’s Bible by ZonderKids

**Format for 15min Devotional**

1. 2 Songs (kids pick if they want)
2. Read a chapter of Beginners Bible
3. Retell, discuss, ask questions to draw out the “Idea”
4. Activity
5. Share conclusions & Each person pray

**THE BEGINNING**

 **Idea**: God made everything! Each thing around us can teach us something about God.

 **Activity**: Go on a walk and each person find something God made. Bring objects home and share what those items (rock, flower, grass, leaf, etc) tell you about God!

**ADAM & EVE**

**Idea**: God gives us family! Depending on age possibly discuss body parts of how God made boys and girls.

**Activity Options**: Go through your wedding album or baby photos tell the story of how God gave us to each other. – OR – Each person draw a family photo showing the family God gave us.

**THE SNEAKY SNAKE**

**Idea**: Satan (snake) tell us lies and things we shouldn’t do. He tells us things that aren’t true and not from God. Each person think of one thing Satan tells them to make them feel sad or bad. Example: you can’t do this.

 **Supporting Text:** Phil 4:13 “I can do all things through him who gives me strength.”

**Activity**: Create a “snake” using a blanket, rope, or toy snake. Then each person acts out a moment when they hear that voice (ex: doing homework or building). Person 1 acts out doing homework and person 2 is the snake and whispers “you can’t do it”. Then the person 1 gets to stop the snake and tell it “NO!” and God’s truth “I can do this with God!” Take turns.

**NOAH’S ARK**

 **Idea**: Noah loved God and listened to him. If we love God and listen to him, he will save us.

**Supporting Text:** Isa 30:18 “The Lord longs to be gracious to you…How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hear, he will answer you.”

**Activity**: Build a boat out of chairs, pretend it is in a storm. Person 1 sits in boat and cries out for help. Person 2 comes and saves them immediately. Third person could be the storm.

**TALL TOWER**

 **Idea**: God doesn’t like bragging. When we brag we make the people around us feel bad. By making ourselves feel good we push them down and that hurts them and God. We can be proud of ourselves AND lift others up with us. Bragging = Pride. The problem with pride is we think we don’t need God.

 **Activity**: Roleplay scenarios for your kids and brag. (getting a test back, art, sports, etc). Have them be the other kids in the scenario that you are putting down. Ask them how it felt? See if they think they can act out the same scene and do a good job and make the other kids feel good.

**A NEW HOME**

 **Idea**: God loves to give good gifts and he loves it when we are generous like Abraham. God is so thoughtful and likes to bless you, he thinks about that just right gift for you that will make you smile just like every day was your birthday or Christmas. God does the same with us. He thinks about us and gives us great gifts.

 **Supporting Text:** Matt 7:10 “If you…know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

 **Activity**: Have 1 gift bag or box ready for each person. Each person takes 5min to go find a gift in the house for the person to your left. Then give it to them and explain why you chose that gift.

**THE VISITORS**

 **Idea**: Who do you think these guys were? Maybe Angels or special messengers from God! It’s important to be good hosts to everyone because ALL people are special to God but you never know when you come across someone who may be an angel (Heb 13:2). We need to be good hosts and welcoming like Abraham to strangers and friends. List what he did to be welcoming.

 **Supporting Text:** Heb 13:2 “Do not forget to be kind to strangers…some people have had angels in their homes without knowing it.”

 **Activity**: Roleplay having a guest for dinner. Make a list of what everyone should do and assign different jobs. Then someone acts out being the guest & others are the host.

**BRIDE FOR ISAAC**

 **Idea**: God has plans for me, you, and our family! He has a wonderful future for you planned for you just like Isaac. Since God knew the plan for who Isaac should marry, what did the servant do? (Pray!) We should pray and ask God when we have questions about our future because he has a great plan.

 **Supporting Text:** Jer 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good…to give you a future and a hope.”

 **Activity**: What is 1 thing coming us that you want to ask God about? Maybe to direct your step and give you a yes/no, or something you are worried about. (examples: sports/activities, friends, job, summer plans, school stress, etc). Spend time together in prayer about the future and choosing to trust God with it.

**ISAAC’S BLESSING**

 **Idea**: Jacob took something from Esau that was his. Esau got a special gift that his brother took from him and this made Esau so angry he wanted to hurt his brother. As a family we are a team. We all need to help, support, and give to one another.

 **Supporting Text:**  Phil 2:4 Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

 **Activity**: In the spirit of giving and supporting one another we are going to practice giving and putting each other first. Scenario options each have 1 giver & 1 recipient, take turns being each. (options: last candy you both want, who get to go first in game, helping each other to win (passing the ball) or being happy for other person to win, including sibling in game/activity, etc).

**JACOB’S DREAM**

 **Idea**: Sometimes life is hard, but we have the hope HEAVEN!! Jacob was on a difficult journey. We will have bad days where life feels hard or sad. But God gave Jacob 2 things to remember to make him feel better 1) I am watching over you 2) Image of Heaven where everything will be so much better. What do you think will be better in Heaven? Make a list. Remember when things are hard: God is watching over you and the hope of Heaven that we can look forward to.

 **Activity make & list I discuss the blessing of heaven**: No night/dark, no pain, crying, death, bad things, never hungry or tired, everything will be new, lots of good food & singing, a room just for you (Rev 21:1-4, Rev 22:1-5, Rev 7:11-12, John 14:2)

I hope your family will grow in faith through these devotionals and that they will be a blessing to you. Our family really enjoyed them and learned a lot too. Email me (bethany.a.Monday@gmail.com) if you would like more, we have done the whole Beginners Bible!

Sincerely,

Bethany Monday