

Adventures with GOD!

INTRODUCTION: GOD'S CARE FOR US (B.1. WINTER)

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6- 8

GOAL FOR THE TRIMESTER: Help children foster a relationship with God. Learn that Jesus is always with us, no matter where we are, how old we are, or the circumstances we find ourselves in.
Respond to God's care with confidence and security.

MESSAGE FOR THE TEACHER:

The message of this trimester is easy to understand: Jesus is always with us! He cares for us! What a special message for us!

Make sure to spend time looking closely over each lesson, so that you can stay close to this theme each week. God's care is a very simple theme, but it's also very comprehensive. During our time together we want to be able to communicate that God is always with us, so that the children can learn to trust in this promise. Plan and review the lessons for each week with sufficient time.

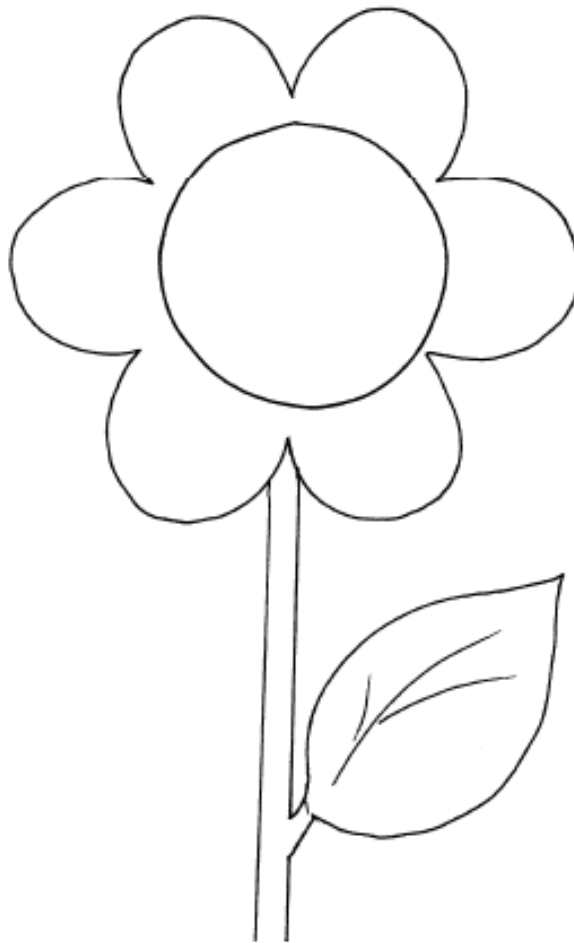
The crafts that are suggested seek to unify the lessons. There are also lessons and crafts that are for specific lessons. In reality each type of activity is important, but maybe the activities that will have the most impact are ones that you will work on throughout the semester. We learn many times through repetition and connecting the themes through various lessons. In this case the general theme is "Jesus is with me and Jesus takes care of me..." One of the crafts you can choose to do is a booklet that the children will add pages to each week. In the pages of this booklet, the children will draw, on their own initiative, the way they understand Jesus to take care of them.

Additionally, we've included in this trimester a lesson that can be used the Sunday before Christmas. With this lesson you will also find crafts, stories and special activities. It's important to emphasize, especially in this lesson about Christmas that Jesus is with us. Jesus came to the world to live like us, as a human, and because of this we will not be alone.

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ILLUSTRATION FOR THE TRIMESTER

Note: The lessons of this trimester are focused on helping the children to understand that Jesus will always be with us, taking care of us. One of the ways to decorate the room is to fill the walls with pictures or drawings of flowers, like those that are found in the following pages. IN the center of each flower you can put a picture of each child in your class. If it's difficult to get a photo, simply write the names of each child in each of the flowers. You can make the flowers different colors and put a banner on the wall with the flowers that says, "JESUS IS WITH ME."



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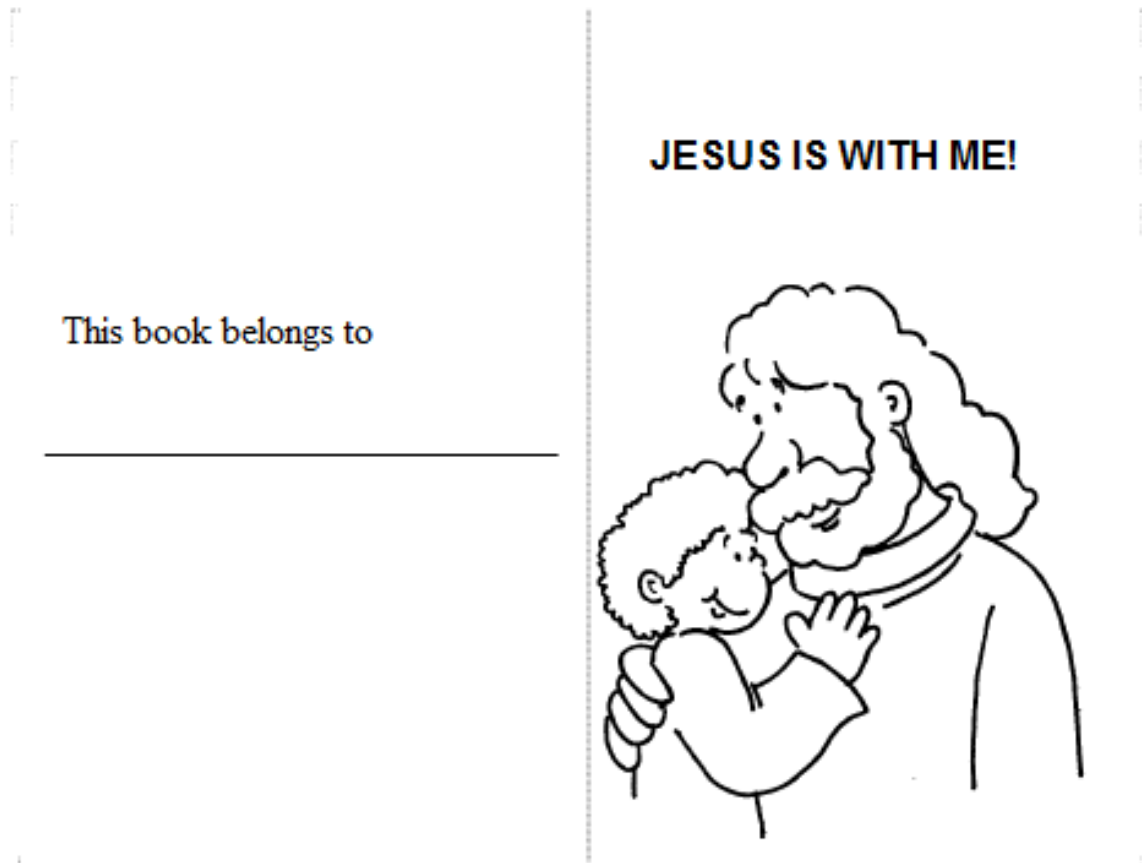
CRAFT FOR THE TRIMESTER

Note: During this trimester the children will make a booklet entitled, "Jesus is with me"

Materials – a cover made out of poster board or scrapbook paper, old magazines, 3 sheets of white paper, scissors, glue, crayons or markers

Instructions –

1. Make a copy of the cover for each of the children.
2. Fold it along the dotted line.
3. Cut in half three white sheets of paper, to make six pages for the booklet.
4. Write the title of each lesson on the upper part of each page.
5. The children can color or cut out images from magazines to put in their booklets during each class.



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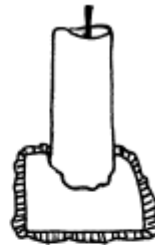
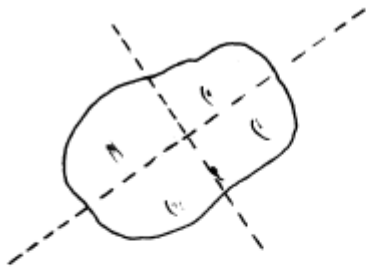
OPTIONAL CRAFT

Advent wreath

The four Sundays before Christmas are called the Sundays of Advent. In many countries, as a tradition, they light a candle each of these four Sundays. Here we have a beautiful advent wreath that you can make and use in your class. It could also be something that each child makes and takes home.

Instructions –

1. Cut two potatoes in half. In each of the four sections, cut out a little hole, that can serve as a candle holder.
2. Cover each of the potatoes with aluminum foil. Put them on a plate and decorate the plate with different types of greenery.
3. On the third Sunday, the candles will look like the illustration below.



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ILLUSTRATION

Jesus with the children



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GAME

This game is a good one to use to review Bible verses. It might help them to remember the verses better if they review with this game.

Each bird is looking for its own nest. The children have to help them to find the nests.

Materials – A bird and a nest for each verse, poster board, contact paper, crayons, a big envelope, scissors.

Instructions –

1. Make a copy of a bird in its nest to decorate the front of the big envelope.
2. On the poster board, make a bird and a nest (separate) for each of the verses that you will review.
3. Color each of the birds and the nests.
4. Write the half of the verse on a bird and the other half on a nest.
5. Put a number on the bird that corresponds to the number on the nest.
6. Laminate or cover with contact paper each of the birds and nests and store them in the big envelope.

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PATTERNS



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