

Adventures with GOD!

I SERVE GOD (A.3.FALL.13)

Biblical Reference	Acts 2: 43-47
Key Verse	John 12: 26
Key Concept	I can be a servant of God every day.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Relate to people who served God with joy. 2. Say different ways they can serve God. 3. Say the key verse.

LIFE APPLICATION

Serving God is not limited to the great heroes of the Bible or adults. Children can also serve God with joy. The example of early Christians is interesting and encouraging to all of us. They loved Jesus so much that they did everything possible to expand of God by serving others. Children will learn today that serving is practical. Serving means being sensitive to others' needs and do our best to fill those needs. During the week, the children observe the needs in their own family and try to fill those needs as much as possible. Parents should pray with their children so that God can continue to show us how to serve.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	Hand of Love, cardboard, glue	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Illustrations	10 minutes
Prayer/Snack		10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Introduction: Cut hand of love sheet and glue onto cardboard. Write the biblical references covered this trimester on the fingers, so that today they will learn to evangelize through the hand. You have had the opportunity to share with them for an entire quarter. As they arrive, ask for a specific person in their family. Your attitude will make the child feel appreciated and loved. Pass out the “hand of love” cutouts to children.

Bible Exploration: Open the Bible and show the book of Acts to the children. Mention that in the stories of the early Christians after Jesus was resurrected and ascended to heaven to be with the Father relate to what Christians did: how devoted they were to helping others. They sold what they had and distributed them to everyone, and also attended church everyday to worship, pray and give thanks to God the Father. They had nice times of fellowship and ate together. God set this as an example of what we should follow today. God has chosen each one of us to be His children, and while He remains silent we know that Jesus gives us forgiveness of our sins through His blood. The Lord wants us to be his messengers by talking and sharing with others. Some children are shy, so remind them of the story they learned Moses; he did what God commanded. Also, today God will give us the ability to share God’s message to others. God has chosen us as his messenger. Let's say thank you. Ask them questions: What do you think? We have been chosen by the Almighty God to be his loyal servants and messengers. Isn't this a great blessing?

Craft: Kids can color the attached sheets and take home. Make sure to encourage them to share the word of God to others.

Prayer/Snack: Hold hands and form a circle. Thank God for choosing his children to serve Him as messengers. Take time to talk during snack. Since this is the end of trimester, make this time a bit special. Have a party.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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ILLUSTRATION

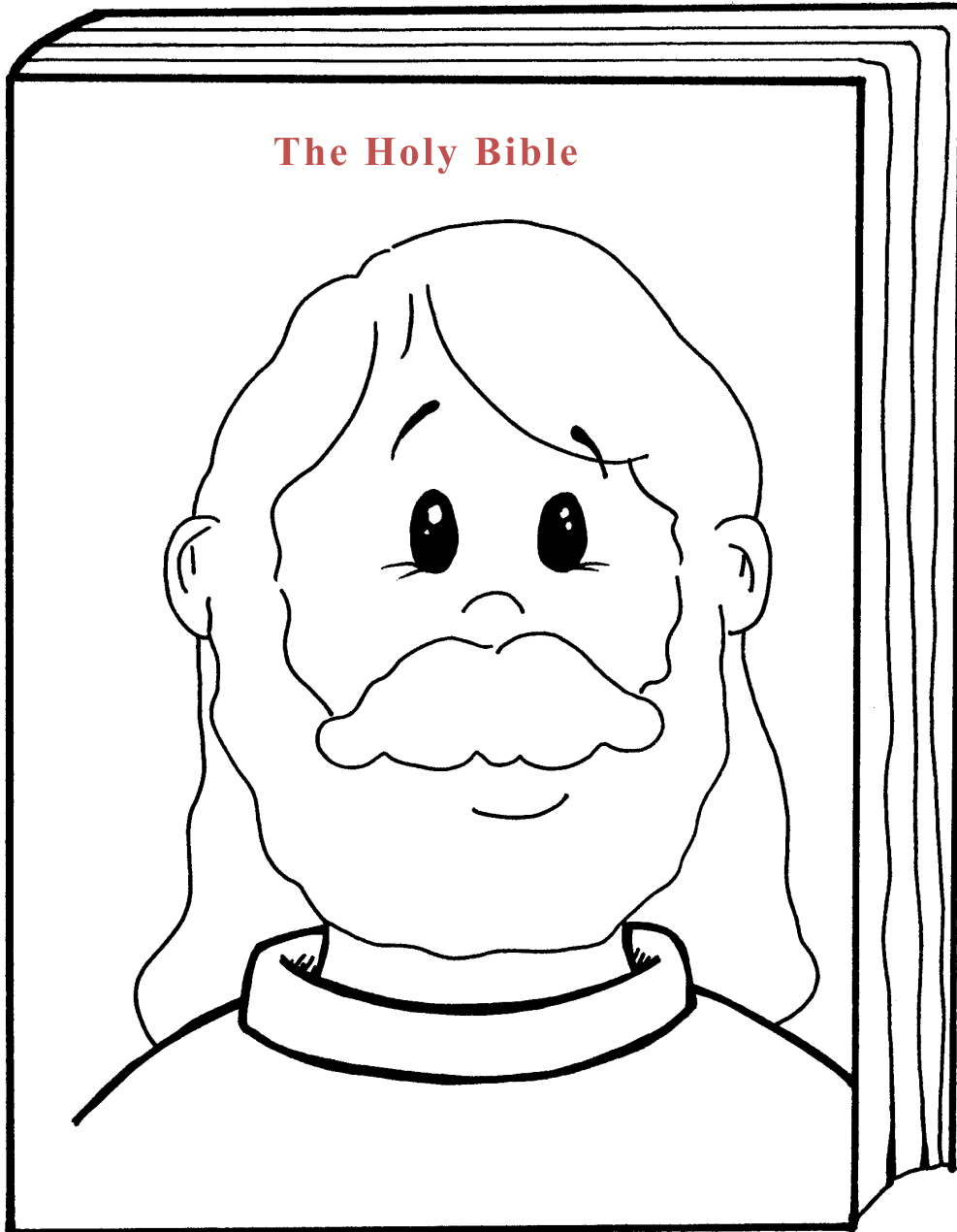
Sharing the Word of God



**" If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am"
(John 12: 26)**

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Hand of love

