

FAMILY WORSHIP



Activity: A letter of encouragement

- Some of the books of the Bible are letters written to encourage teachers and families in the church. We can follow this example and write letters to encourage our Sunday School teachers. Make a list of the different ways you worship God in Sunday School. This may include singing, prayer, Bible lessons, coloring, etc. Write a letter to your teacher thanking him or her for teaching you and leading you to worship God in these ways. Let them know that you are praying for them. When you are done, draw a special picture to give to them. Then pray with your mommy and/or daddy and thank God for your teacher. Ask God to bless your teacher.

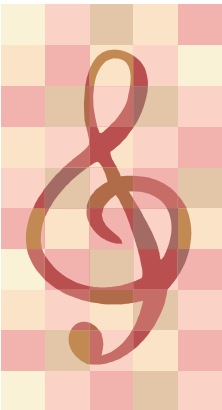
Practice monthly memory verse. Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



February Memory Verse:

Genesis 28:15 – *Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.*

Worship through singing:

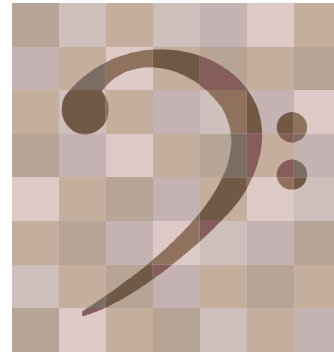


This Little Light of Mine

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<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/t030.html> (Go here for additional lyrics)

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/t029.html> (This site has the basic tune with some alternate lyrics. There are many different videos of this song on www.youtube.com if you're interested.)



Parent Resource Review:

BOOK: I CAN TALK WITH GOD, by Debby Anderson

"This colorful book helps parents teach their children how to pray. Children will understand how important it is to thank God for his gracious gifts and to ask Him for forgiveness when they have disobeyed. They will know how to pray, where to pray, when to pray, for whom to pray, and even what to pray. Scripture references give parents options for showing children that God wants them to talk to him." -Crossway Books

Review: Genesis 37

Last week we began to see the life of Joseph, Rachel's older son. Joseph was also Jacob's favorite son. His brothers were jealous because Joseph was treated special and they were not. The Bible says Joseph had two dreams that he told to his family. The dreams he shared them made them mad at him. Joseph was even scolded by his daddy, Jacob, for telling the dreams. Joseph's brothers were so mad they decided they were going to hurt him.

- **What is a dream?** *A dream is like a video movie. We watch videos when we are awake. Sometimes, when we go to sleep, we have dreams. A dream is like watching a video when we are asleep.*
- **How did Joseph's brothers feel about Joseph and his dream?** *They hated him and his dream.*
- **Why did they feel this way?** *They were jealous because he was treated better by their daddy, Jacob, and he received a special robe of many colors and they didn't. They also didn't like his dream.*
- **What does it mean to be jealous?** *Jealousy means we are not happy with what God has given us.*
- **How does this make God feel?** *This makes God sad. God wants us to love one another. He wants us to be happy with the things He has given us.*

This Week: Genesis 37

This week we see Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers. Joseph's brothers are jealous of him because he gets special treatment. His daddy gives him a special robe of many colors. This robe was a symbol that Joseph did not have to work like his brothers did. The robe also showed that Joseph was to receive the birthright from Jacob. This made Joseph's 10 older brothers mad at him. They are so mad that they decide to get revenge on him by selling him as a slave to Egypt. Then they lied to their daddy, Jacob, and told him that Joseph was killed by a wild animal.

- **Do you remember what a birthright is?** *A birthright is the privileges given to children by their parents. (Remember: These privileges are things like living in your family home, having your own bed, and playing on the family swing set.) The birthright Joseph would receive from his daddy, Jacob, included a powerful promise of God's blessing and favor passed on to him from his great-grandpa, Abraham.*
- **What did Joseph's brothers want to do to him when they saw him?** *They wanted to kill him.*
- **Why did they want to kill him?** *They were jealous of him and his special robe.*
- **Did God want Joseph to die?** *No. God had a special plan for Joseph's life. As we will continue to learn from this story in the Bible, God uses the bad decisions and bad behavior of others to bring about good.*
- **Did God know Joseph would be sent to Egypt?** *Yes. It was God's idea for Joseph to go to Egypt. God has a plan, and it always works the way he wants it to.*