

FAMILY WORSHIP



Activity: Engaging worship for you and your child.

Write a simple letter to your child. It doesn't need to be long, just a few lines reminding them that they are special and that you love them. Mail the letter to your child. When it arrives, ask your child to tell you what the letter says without opening the envelope. After allowing them to guess a bit, open it together and read it. Tell them you wrote the letter because you love them. Then open your Bible and read them a verse or two (possibly John 3:16 or Ephesians 6:1). Tell them that God loves us. He wrote the Bible to us because He loves us and wants to teach us how to live, but we have to open it up and read it each day in order to hear his words. Pray with your child and thank God for loving us and writing letters for us to read and obey.

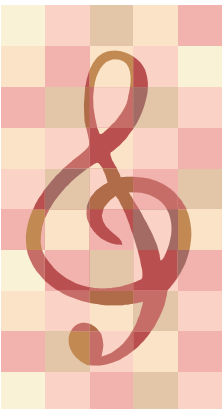
Practice monthly memory verse. Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



January Memory Verse:

Philippians 2:14 – *Do everything without complaining or arguing.*

Worship through singing:



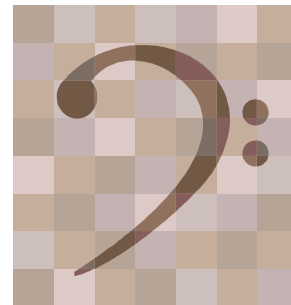
God is so Good

God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
He's so good to me!

He answers prayer,
He answers prayer,
He answers prayer,
He's so good to me!

I love Him so,
I love Him so,
I love Him so,
He's so good to me!

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<http://www.musicnotes.com/sheetmusic/mtd.asp?ppn=MN0058847> (Use this web address to hear the tune. Click the "hear it" link in upper right corner to listen for free.)

Parent Resource Review:

Are you looking for age appropriate Bibles to read with your child? There are many choices out there. Take a few minutes to read the following reviews. They are from the Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood.

<http://www.cbmw.org/Blog/Posts/Toddler-Bibles-Reviewed-Part-I>

<http://www.cbmw.org/Blog/Posts/Toddler-Bibles-Reviewed-Part-II>

If you have trouble finding the sites, try going to the homepage, <http://www.cbmw.org>, and type "toddler bible review" inside the search box in the upper right hand corner of the screen. It is a two part review.

Review: Genesis 27:1-28:5

Last week we saw how Jacob stole Esau's blessing. Because Isaac, Jacob and Esau's daddy, was getting old and going to die, he wanted to bless his firstborn son, Esau. However, Esau and Jacob's mommy helped Jacob trick Isaac so that Jacob received the blessing instead.

- **How did Jacob deceive his daddy?** *(He lied to him, saying he was Esau. He put on Esau's clothes. He put goat's skin on his hands and neck.)*
- **Was God surprised that Jacob received the blessing?** *(No. God knew it before it happened [Genesis 25:23].)*
- **What does this tell us about God?**
 - *God knows all things.*
 - *God is faithful - even though Jacob cheated to get the blessing, God still kept his promise*
 - *God is patient - He does not punish us immediately but gives us a chance to confess*
 - *God is loving - He allows us to experience the consequences of our sin so we learn to obey him*

This Week: Genesis 28:10-22

In this lesson we see Jacob begin to take the 500+ mile trip from Beersheba to Haran in order to find a wife. Along the way, God gives Jacob a special dream.

- **What was God's promise to Jacob in the dream?**
 - *God promised to give Jacob and his relatives the land on which he was lying (v.13).*
 - *God promised to give Jacob a big family and that his family would bless the world (v.14).*
 - *God promised to be with Jacob wherever he went (v.15).*
- **What was Jacob's response to God's dream?**
 - *Jacob worshipped God by dedicating a special stone and pouring oil on it.*
- **Why was this special?**
 - *It reminded Jacob and everyone around him of the special promises God had made.*
- **What did Jacob promise to God?**
 - *Jacob promised to give God 10 percent of everything he had.*
- **How should we respond to God's promises?**
 - *We should worship him by singing praises and giving to him.*