



TEACHING THE BIBLE AND SPIRITUAL CONCEPTS TO YOUNG CHILDREN

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Gratitude





Synonyms

Principle



Mind



Obedient



Intelligent



Soul



Truth



Joy



Honest



Thou shalt have no
other gods before me.

Exodus 20:3

1. Name a Bible friend who demonstrates this commandment.
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2. How did I use this commandment this week?
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1

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no other gods
before me."

One God.

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make unto thee
any graven
image."

Don't worship
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the Lord thy God
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Keep your promises

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Share with others

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"Thou shalt not
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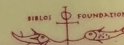
"Thou shalt not
covet."

Blessed are
the poor in spirit:



for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.

Blessed are
the meek:



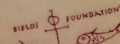
for they shall
inherit the earth.

Blessed are the
pure in heart:



for they shall
see God.

Blessed are
the merciful:



for they shall
obtain mercy.

Ten Commandments

Beatitudes



Cast the Net on the Right Side

Footsteps of Truth

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I listen to God.

A green paper cutout of a footprint with a black interior. A white rectangular label is pasted across the middle.

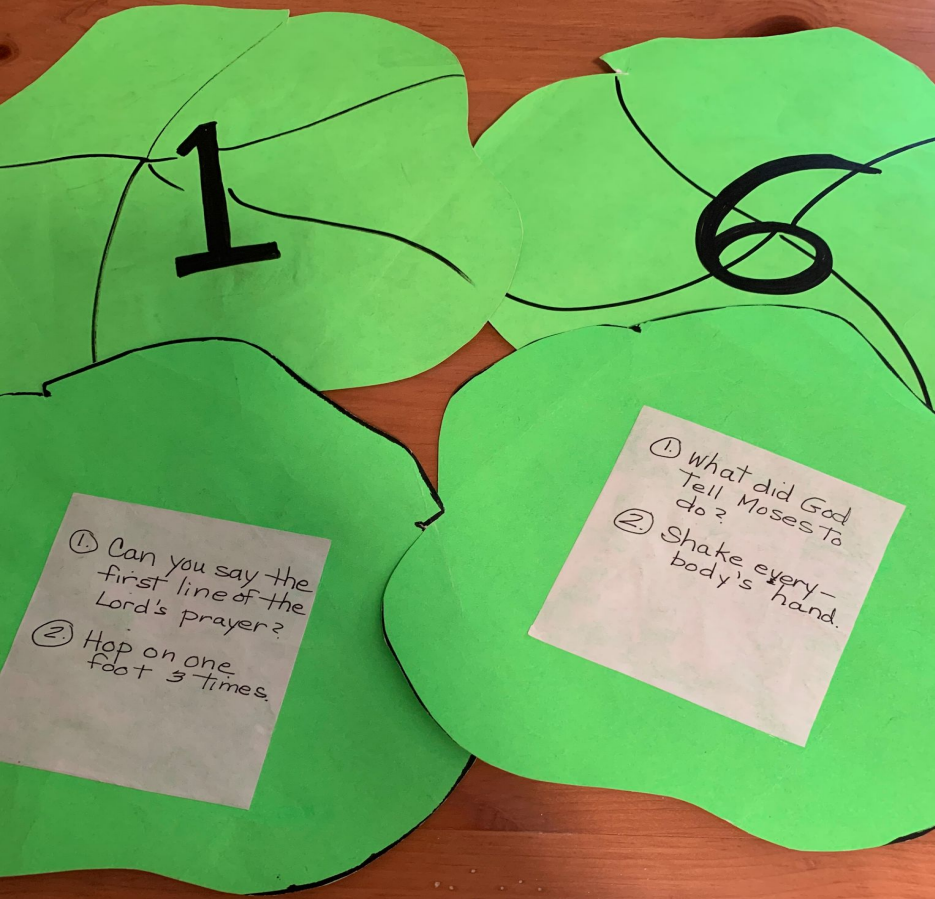
I am happy.

An orange paper cutout of a footprint with a black interior. A white rectangular label is pasted across the middle.

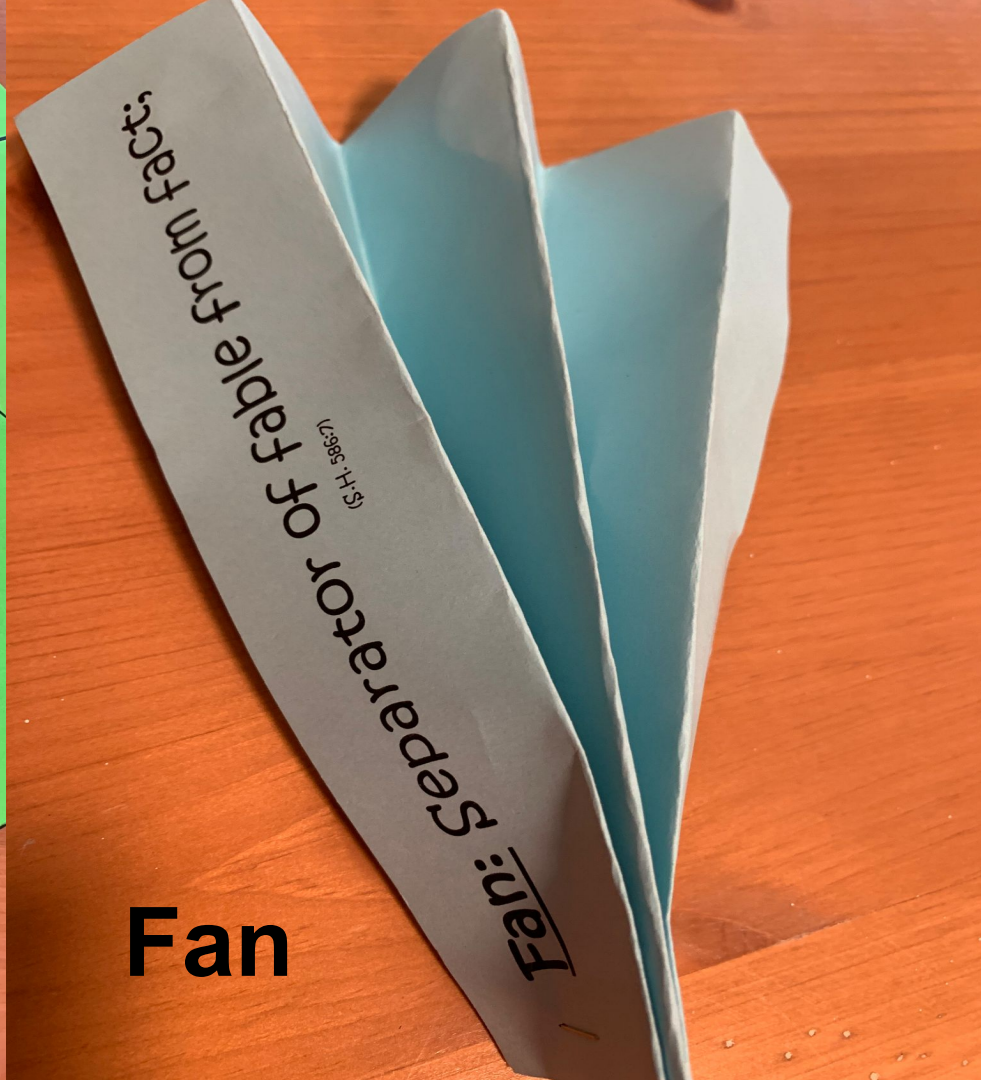
I am obedient.

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I am truthful.

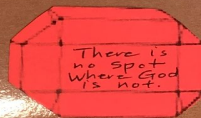
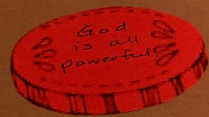


Lily Pad Game



Fan

Treasures of Truth





patient	caring	kind	loving
gentle	honest	happy	helpful
grumpy	mean	afraid	sad
mad	"me first" thinking	thankful	calm

Treasure Chest/Trash Can Thoughts

Wheat	Tares
(Good thoughts)	(Error thoughts)

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Additional Resources

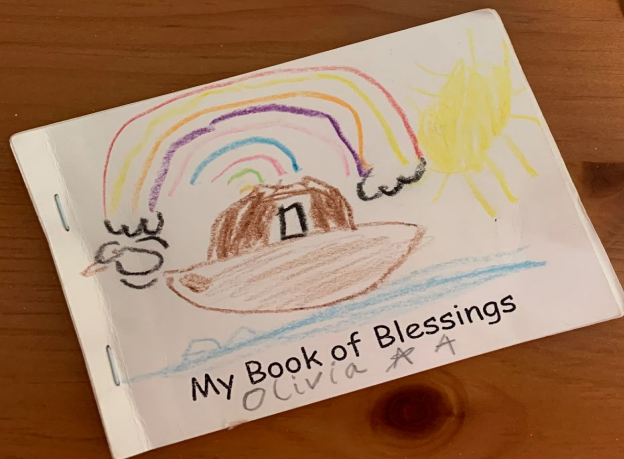


Nothing is impossible
to you if you have
faith as a grain
of mustard seed.

Stand
porter
at the
door

- happy thoughts
- willingness to
help others
- gentle thoughts
- obedient
thoughts
- loving thoughts
- care with others
- kind thoughts
- honest thoughts
- courageous
thoughts

of
thought





Sowing
good
seeds



The Parable of
the Sower

Matthew 13:3b-9

A farmer went out to sow
his seed. As he
was scattering
the seed....

www.BibleStoryPrintables.com

<p>The people had become very bad. God was very sad.</p>	<p>God told Noah to build a big ark. Noah obeyed God.</p>	<p>God told Noah to bring the animals on the ark. Noah obeyed God.</p>	<p>God sealed up the ark door. Rain came down, floods came up.</p>
<p>Noah's Ark</p> <p>Free Bible Story Printables from www.BibleStoryPrintables.com</p>	<p>God put a rainbow in the sky and promised to never flood the whole earth again.</p>	<p>Noah sent out a dove. The dove came back with a leaf. The flood was over.</p>	

Printables



Noah's Ark



Remove the Mask

Resources



Foam Crafts - Oriental Trading



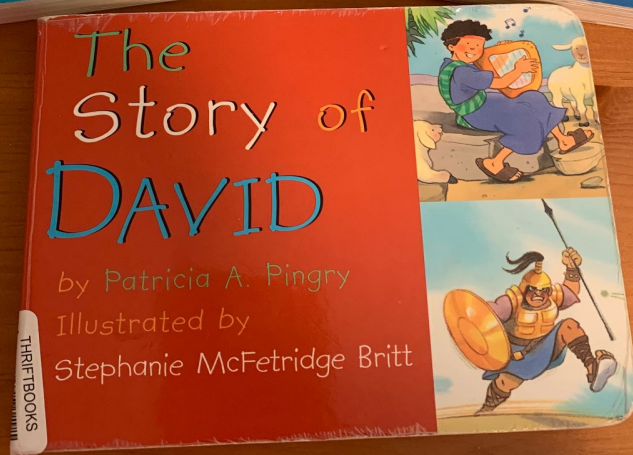
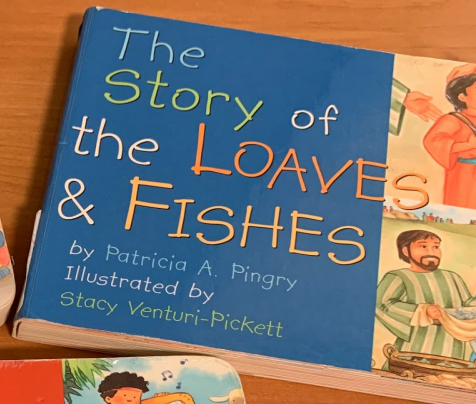
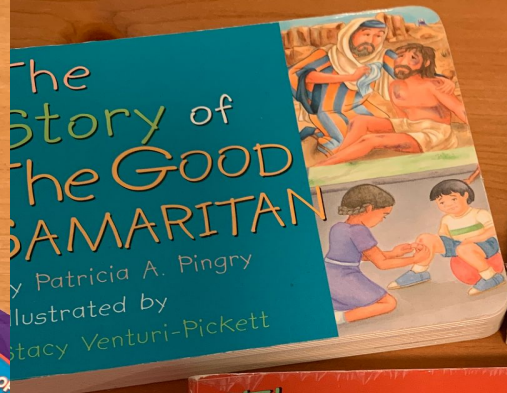


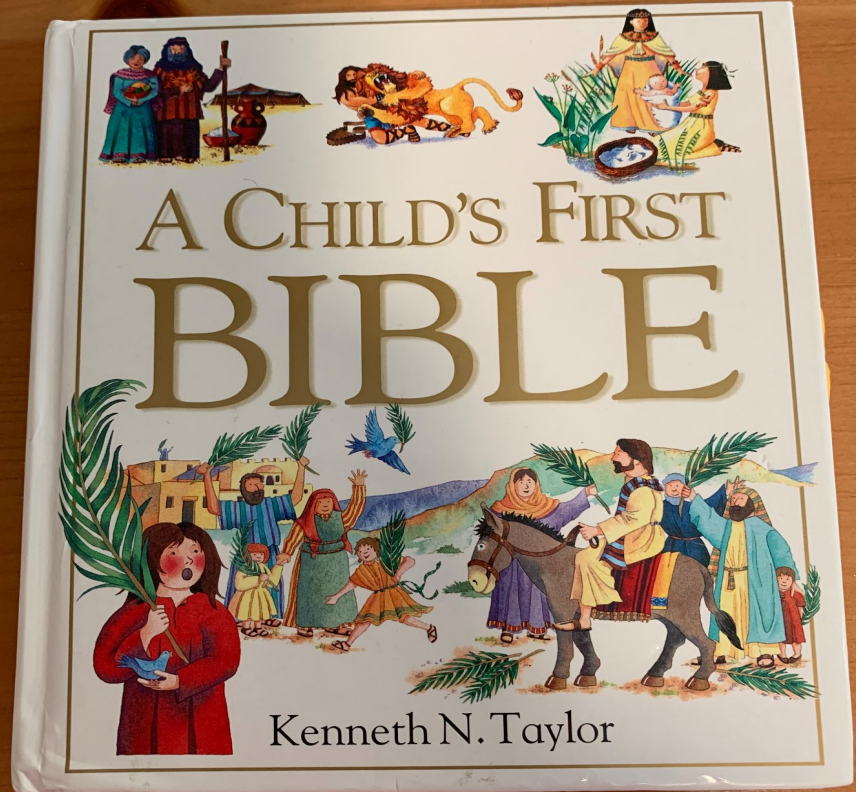
Felt Bible Stories



Lacing Cards

Books





THE STORIES OF NOAH, JOSEPH, JOSHUA, SAMSON,
DAVID, DANIEL, AND JONAH

THE STORIES OF JESUS, MARY, THE GOOD SAMARITAN,
ZACCHAEUS, AND MANY OTHERS

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steal.”

Share with others.

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“Thou shalt not
bear false
witness against
thy neighbor.”

Tell the truth.

10

“Thou shalt not
covet.”

Be happy with what
you have.

Bible Concept Games and Activities for the Youngest Students

Standing Porter

- Read from S/H 392:24 "Stand porter at the door of thought."
- Briefly share the responsibility of a porter
- On a piece of paper, prepare a castle door; on a separate sheet of paper, prepare a "Do NOT Enter" sign
- Prepare slips of paper with good thoughts and bad thoughts. Children pick a paper and determine if the thought can go through the castle door or on the Do Not Enter paper
- Follow up with child(ren) taking turns to be the porter - standing with their hands out, each child needs to give the "porter" a thought (good or bad) and the porter needs to decide whether to let the thought in

Synonyms

- On the wall, place a train, balloons, flowers (whatever interests your children) with the name of a synonym written on a paper pocket and glued onto each shape.
- Matching cards with name of each synonym
- Children match the synonym card by placing it into the synonym pocket on the shape on the wall
- For older students: have cards with qualities for each of the synonyms. Students match the quality to each synonym (e.g. Love: patience, kindness, loving)

Concrete objects or symbols

Provide concrete objects for your children that help them remember/reinforce the Bible lessons or truths.

- "Faith as a grain of mustard seed": show a mustard seed
- God's perfect reflection: use a mirror when talking about being God's reflection - no reflection can do anything without a source
- "Remove the mask": purchase a simple foam mask and practice "removing the mask" - or error to see what is real
- "Footsteps of truth": cut out footprints; write "Godlike" qualities on them

- David and Goliath: purchase smooth stones from the dollar store; have child choose 5 smooth stones; write a quality that they express on each stone
- "cast your net on the right side": fish shapes with God-like qualities; (See Below) tie a magnet to a string or fishing line attached to a wooden dowel o,
- Save nativity pictures from Christmas cards to use as illustrations of the Christmas story: talk about who is in the pictures; have child tell the story

Fishing Game

Magnet on a string tied to a short rod or pencil

- On fish shapes, write "God-like" and error qualities and attach a paper clip to each fish
- Fish for good, God-like qualities to catch in our net (cast the bad fish out) Talk about how they can express the qualities

Adaptations: Fish for synonyms, Ten Commandments, 1st and 2nd half of the Beatitudes; read them and put them in order

House Built Upon the Rock (Firm foundation)

- Give the child a small amount of modeling clay or playdough. Have the child create a "foundation" on the table (or a plastic tray if you're working on the floor).
- Once the foundation is built, give each child a small paper cup to press into the dough.
- Each child can pretend to be the storm by blowing the cup. The cup shouldn't blow over.
- Next remove the foundation, have each child blow on the cup and watch the cup blow over or away.
- Follow up: Talk about how the firm foundation is our good thinking. We are sturdy and secure with a solid, firm foundation.

Hang Up on Error

- Use a real telephone (if you can find one!)
- Give simple situations like: You wake up in the morning and you don't feel well. Do you listen or hang up? You want to help mommy sort the laundry. Do you listen or hang up?

Shapes Game

- Lay shapes cut from poster boards with a number on top of each one onto the floor.
- Let the child hop around and land on one shape.
- Child picks up the shape; read and do what it says on the back (e.g. Say the 1st Commandment; Clap 5 times)
- Continue until all the shapes have been picked up

The Jar Game

This can be played at the dinner table, in the car, during bath time, etc.

- Children reach into the jar (or container), pulling out one piece of paper and following the directions on the paper. Directions might include: retelling a favorite Bible story, answering questions about favorite Bible stories (Why was Daniel thrown into the den of lions?), reciting the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, etc.

Gratitude Tree

- Make a cardboard tree, called the "Gratitude Tree".
- Every day, write down what you are grateful for and tape it onto the tree. It's fun to use fruit shapes.
- At the end of the month, year, re-read all the things you have been grateful for during the past month (year).

Treasure Box

- Provide a recipe box (or any special box) to hold treasures such as: Bible verses, prayers, healings that your child has experienced.
- Enjoy reviewing its content after a period of time.

Five G's

- Trace around your child's hand
- Write the 5 G's - one on each finger (God, Good, Guides, Guards, Governs)
- Review them regularly

Filled up Full

- Read the book, **Filled up Full**
- Provide two small plastic jars and some water.

- Let the child pour water very slowly into one of the jars - fill it up full and put the lid on. Fill the second jar only part way with water and place the lid on it.
- Have child shake the full jar - no storm in the jar
- Then shake the partially full jar - lots of waves and bumpy water
- The full jar is like our thinking - when it's filled up full, there is no room for bumps and waves.

Treasure Chest/Trash Can Thoughts

- Make two pictures, one of a treasure chest and one of a trash can
- Provide cards with good thoughts and error thoughts/actions
- Child chooses a card one at a time and places each card on either the treasure chest or on the trash can

Act out Bible stories or purchase/make flannel board Bible stories

- After reading a story from the Bible or a Bible story book, have child retell the story by acting it out or using the flannel board shapes and characters

Beatitude Concentration Game/Ten Commandments Concentration Game

- Write first half of Beatitudes on cards, followed by writing second half of Beatitudes on cards.
- Place cards face down in rows (To make the game easier for younger students, I put the cards with the 1st half of Beatitudes on the top row and the second half of Beatitudes on the bottom row.)
- Same game can be used with Bible stories (Noah/Ark, Daniel/Lions' Den, Jonah/Whale, Joseph/Coat of Many colors, etc.)
- Child turns over two cards at the same time and tries to make a match. If so, the child keeps the match

Other Sunday School Ideas

- Keep chart of the Bible stories that have been learned
- Have students retell Bible stories to you
- Help students related the story to their experiences
- Display posters of Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer

Prayers/Songs for younger children

1. "You are God's child,
Safe in His care;
His love, His truth
Are everywhere."
2. "I shall not doubt,
I shall not fear,
For God's omnipotence is here.
And in His presence where I dwell,
His will is Love and all is well." (C.S. Sentinel)
3. "Father, what shall I do today?
Tell me.
And I will obey."
4. "If it isn't good, it isn't true.
Don't accept what is not for you."
5. "I am the place
Where God shines through.
He and I are One
Not two."
6. "There is no place,
There is no spot
In all the world,
Where God is not."
7. "God gave us a lovely day.
Error cannot take it away."

8. "I know that God is where I am
Beneath, around, above,
Providing, guarding, guiding,
Encircling me with love."
9. God made the sun,
And God made the trees,
God made the mountains,
And God made me.
Thank you O God,
For the sun and the trees,
For making the mountains,
And for making me.
10. Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God, for everything.

Songs

GOD IS UP

God is up.
God is down.
God is here
All around.
There is no spot
Where God is not."

O GENTLE PRESENCE

O, Gentle presence, peace and joy and
power;
O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,
Thou Love that guards the nestling's
faltering flight!
Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight

A GRATEFUL HEART

A grateful heart a garden is
Where there is always room
For every lovely Godlike grace
To come to perfect bloom.

ARISE, ARISE AND SHINE

Arise, arise and shine
On thee hath dawned the day;
God is thy sun, and Christ thy light,
Be thou a steadfast ray.

GOD IS ALL

God is all
Is the Truth that sets us free
God is all
Every good for you and me
Perfect child is all I'll ever be
And I'll never fall, never fall
Cause God is all.

WE'RE IN GOD'S CIRCLE OF LOVE

We're in God's circle of Love
We're in God's circle of Love
God's arms are around us
No error confounds us
We're in God's circle of Love

LOVE IS SOMETHING

Love is something
If you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something
If you give it away,
Then you get back so much more.

LOVE GROWS

Love grows 1 by 1,
2 by 2 and 4 by 4.
Love grows round like a circle
And comes back knocking
At your front door.

GOD IS MY BEST FRIEND

God is my best friend.
His love is everywhere.
There is no spot where God is not.
Where he is, I am, there.

GOD MADE EVERYONE

God made everyone a perfect child
God made everyone undefiled
Everyone is an avenue for everything
Good and pure and true.
(Replace everyone with names of children)

LULLABY (tune: Rock-a-bye Baby)

Off to sleep, <baby's name>, snug and safe, too.
You'll have a good sleep, 'cause God is with you.
When you wake up, be glad that you know
That Good's always here, and God loves you so.
(unknown)

Daily Duties

by Mary Baker Eddy

Daily Prayer

“Thy kingdom come:” let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!

Church Manual, Article VIII, Sect. 4

A Rule for Motives and Acts

Neither animosity nor mere personal attachment should impel the motives or actives of the members of The Mother Church. In Science, divine Love alone governs man; and a Christian Scientist reflects the sweet amenities of Love, in rebuking sin, in true brotherliness, charitableness, and forgiveness. The members of this Church should daily watch and pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, condemning, influencing or being influenced erroneously.

Church Manual, Article VIII, Sect. 1

Alertness to Duty

It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself Daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind. By his works he shall be judged, - and justified or condemned.

Church Manual, Article VIII, Sect. 6

Scientific Statement of Being

... There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 468:9

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,

Hallowed be Thy name.
Adorable One.

Thy kingdom come.
Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is omnipotent, supreme.

Give us this day our daily bread;
Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And Love is reflected in love;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over all, and All.

*Science and Health with Key to the
Scriptures 16:24-15*

Spiritual Identifications

Based on the seven synonyms

God is Principle
Therefore I express Principle by...

God is Mind
Therefore I express Mind by...

God is Soul
Therefore I express Soul by...

God is Spirit
Therefore I express Spirit by...

God is Life
Therefore I express Life by...

God is Truth
Therefore I express Truth by...

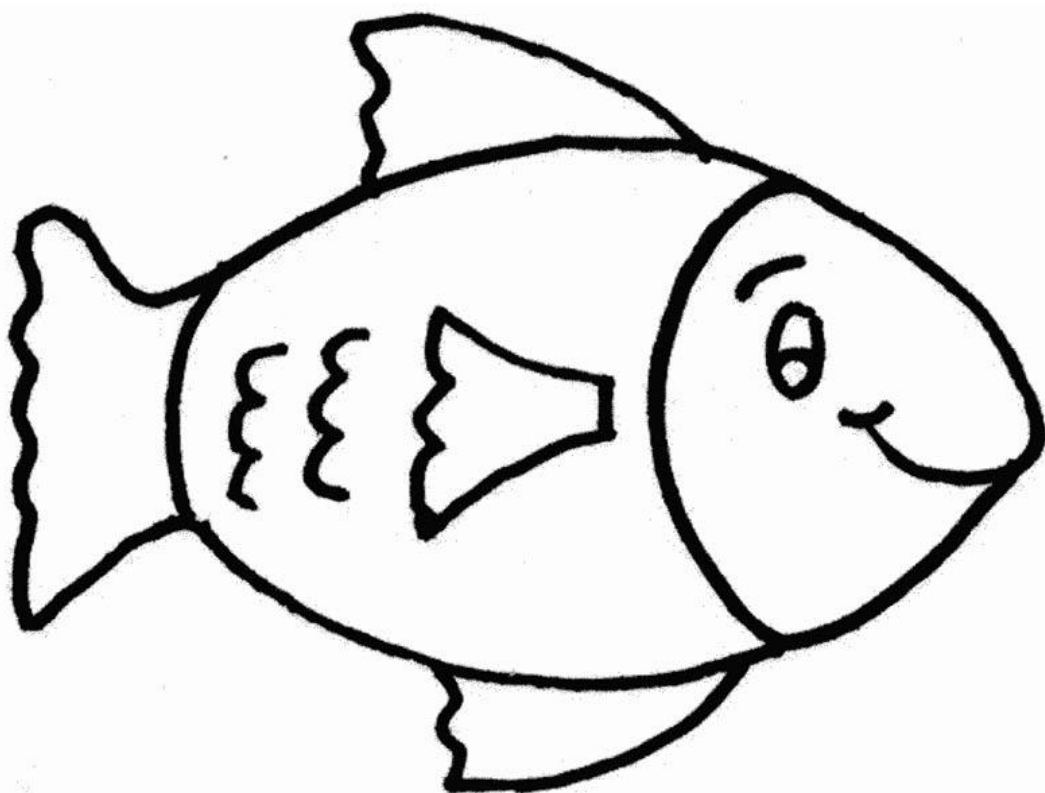
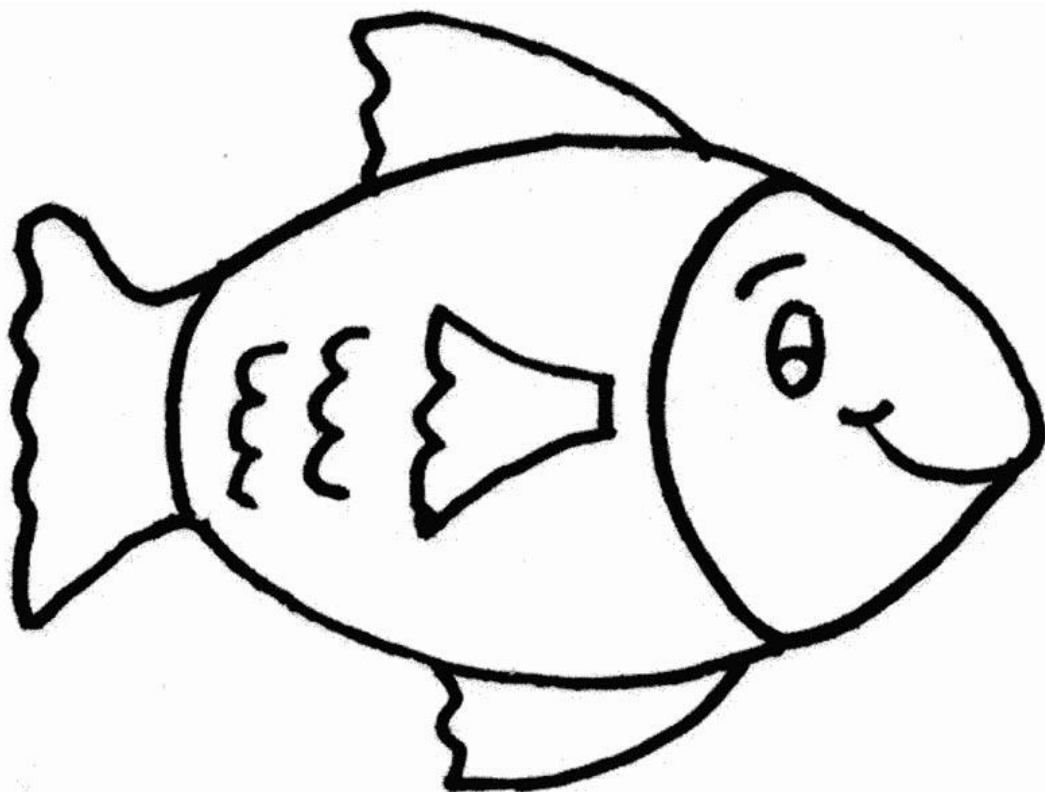
God is Love
Therefore I express Love by...

Weekly Bible Lesson

Take Notice

Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake.

*Science and Health with Key to the
Scriptures 442:30*



Casting the Net

**I am God's
perfect child.**

I am loving.

I am truthful.

I am obedient.

I am patient.

I am gentle.

I am kind.

I listen to God.

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Subject: Probation After Death

Today in Sunday School, we...

- Reviewed the synonyms and the Ten Commandments
- Talked about listening to God and letting Him direct our path. (S.H. 254:11-12)
 - o How did God direct Noah?
 - o How did God direct Moses when he led the people out of Israel?
 - o How did God direct Joseph?
 - o How does God direct us?
- Practiced saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9)
 - o How can we be a peacemaker?

Have a great week!

Dorothy

Obedient

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Intelligent

Intelligent

Intelligent

Joy

Joy

Joy

Fearless

Fearless

Fearless

Energetic

Energetic

Energetic

Honest

Honest

Honest

Patient

Patient

Patient

Principle

Mind

Soul

Spirit

Life

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Trash Can Thoughts (error)



Treasure Chest Thoughts (from God)



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Bibliography - Bible Story Books

Favorite Bible Stories Collections

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***[A Treasury of Old Testament Heroes](#)**

By Patricia Pingry

https://www.amazon.com/Treasury-Old-Testament-Heroes-Stories/dp/0824942582/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=a+treasury+of+old+testament+heroes&qid=1560877249&s=books&sr=1-1

***[A Treasury of New Testament Stories](#)**

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***Books By [Patricia Pingry](#)**

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*On Amazon.com, search Books by Patricia Pingry to see several pages of children's books she has written – many of them Bible stories

- The Story of the Loaves and Fishes
- The Story of David
- The Story of The Good Samaritan
- The Christmas Story
- The Story of Zacchaeus
- The Story of Joshua
- The Story of Joseph
- The Story of Miriam and Baby Moses
- The Story of Daniel
- The Story of Noah

***[A Child's First Bible](#)**

By Kenneth N. Taylor

https://www.amazon.com/Childs-First-Bible-Kenneth-Taylor/dp/0842331743/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=A+Child%27s+First+Bible&qid=1560878341&s=books&sr=1-2

The Children's Illustrated Bible

By Selina Hastings

https://www.amazon.com/Childrens-Illustrated-Bible-Selina-Hastings/dp/1564584720/ref=sr_1_2?crd=1Q2ZJ7J933BJ6&keywords=the+children%27s+illustrated+bible+by+hastings&qid=1560878540&s=books&sprefix=The+Children%27s+Ill%2Cstripbooks%2C147&sr=1-2

Jonah and the Whale Pop-up Book

By The Clever Factory

https://www.amazon.com/Jonah-Pop-up-Clever-Factory-Greenbrier/dp/B00B429R9I/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=Jonah+and+the+Whale+by+The+Clever+Factory&qid=1560878653&s=books&sr=1-2

The Story of Joseph/The Story of Jonah and the Big Fish/The Story of David and Goliath/The Story of Joshua and the Wall

By The Clever Factory

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Bible Reader (Level 1)

By Greenbriar International, Inc.

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David and Goliath

By Nickel Press

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Bible Stories: A Touch and Feel Book

By Olivia Price

https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Stories-Touch-Feel-Book/dp/1581178026/ref=sr_1_6?keywords=Touch+and+Feel+Bible+Stories&qid=1560879201&s=books&sr=1-6

Kid Bible Stories – Set of Eight

By The Clever Factory

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Lift the Flap Bible

By Sally Lloyd Jones

https://www.amazon.com/Lift-Bible-Sally-Lloyd-Jones/dp/0794422780/ref=sxbs_sxwds-stvp?keywords=Touch+and+Feel+Bible+Stories&pd_rd_j=0794422780&pd_rd_r=3c2480bc-1202-4a90-b5f9-46b0aaf0e0ac&pd_rd_w=x7wOE&pd_rd_wg=EN7IQ&pf_rd_p=a6d018ad-f20b-46c9-8920-433972c7d9b7&pf_rd_r=3QWFZKTWPGDPS4BVRV0W&qid=1560879546&s=books

*My First Bible Stories (Series) – Daniel and the Lions

By Katherine Sully

https://www.amazon.com/Daniel-Lions-First-Bible-Stories/dp/1609922638/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=My+First+Bible+Stories+Daniel+and+Lions&qid=1560879707&s=books&sr=1-3

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Additional Resources

Beatitudes: Be (good and happy) attitudes and how they helped us

Ann Bennetts with contributions from Elena, Megan, Anna

<https://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/2009/7/111-29-30/be-good-and-happy-attitudes-and-how-they-helped-us>

BiblestoryPrintables.com (free Bible Minibooks)

[Biblos Foundation](http://BiblosFoundation.org) (\$50 annual membership; basic membership - free)

[Ideas for Teaching the Bible to Children](http://IdeasforTeachingtheBibletoChildren.com) (\$25)

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