

# Bible Foundations Curriculum



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## Jesus and the Children

Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16 and Luke 18:15-17

**Bible Foundations Series #1.1** 

#### Pamm's House



#### Foundations Curriculum

Thank you for your purchase of Pamm's House Bible Foundations Curriculum. I have worked hard to provide plans that include activities and ideas that will introduce infants, toddlers and preschoolers to the Bible. If this is the first time you have used this curriculum, you can send a copy of the letter on the following page home to parents.

There are a few things you should know about the Foundations line of curriculum:

- 1. Everyone learns best when all ages are together. Whenever possible, include children in a group of all ages.
- 2. Print the Memory Verse sheet several times and post all over the classroom, use one to introduce and reinforce the verse to the children, and send them home so the parents can work on it with their children. It gives the children a visual trigger for the verse, even though they cannot read.
- 3. The Foundations Curriculum line utilizes worksheets, art and/or paperwork sparingly. I know some parents are looking for art and worksheets as a sort of "receipt" for their time in the classroom. Instead, send parents photos of the children engaged in activities.
- 4. These plans are very hands-on. Activities are for children and caregivers to DO. Everyone should be involved with the activities as much as their abilities allow.
- 5. It is assumed that you have basic toys and household items on hand. If you come across something that you do not have, try shopping at a thrift store or the dollar store for it, or ask parents for donations or to borrow the object for that activity.
- 6. Many activities can be done during everyday life. Talk about the Bible story while you're changing diapers, sing the songs at the snack table, recite the memory verse when the kids are outside, etc.
- 7. These plans can be used in a daycare setting daily, in a Sunday School Class using one lesson each week, at a Mom's Day Out program, etc. Adapt the plans to work for you.
- 8. Foundations Curriculum is available separately, that include weekly lesson plans based on a Nursery Rhyme, letters, numbers, shapes and colors for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.



Please feel free to contact me with any questions: <a href="mailto:pamm@pammshouse.com">pamm@pammshouse.com</a>

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Dear Parents,

We are using **Bible Foundations Curriculum** with activities that will include all the children, infants through preschool ages. We will study units centered around a classic Bible story or concept. Each unit includes Bible stories, classic Sunday school songs and memory verses.

I will do my best to send photos of your child participating in the activities, because the curriculum emphasizes the children being engaged in hands-on activities, rather than using worksheets and crafts.

You can support your child by reading aloud to your child from a children's Bible story book and helping your child recite the memory verses.

You can stay involved by asking your child about his or her time in the classroom and take interest in what they have to say. We look forward to having fun while learning about Jesus.

Thank you!

#### **Supplies Needed**

#### **Bible Stories**

- **1.1** Bible or Bible story book, "Jesus Loves The Little Children" music
- **1.2** Printed Memory Verse sheet, one or more balls
- **1.3** Paper plate for each child, crayons or markers, sign that says "Jesus Loves Us ALL"
- **2.1** Bible or Bible story book, "Jesus Loves Me" music
- **2.2** One or more bean bags or other objects
- **2.3** Blocks, rocks and stones, toy people, infant appropriate manipulates
- **3.1** Bible or Bible story book, "Jesus Loves Even Me" music
- **3.3** painters tape or masking tape
- **4.1** Bible or Bible story book
- **4.3** Articles of clothing children size and adult size
- 5.1 Bible or Bible story book, rhythm instruments5.3 Picture of each child and yourself on index card with name printed on it, footstool or other chair

Reading the story aloud from a Bible is important. You may want the children to see you reading from your own Bible or you may want to use a children's Bible to read the story from. You can read from the same Bible each day, or you can find the same story in a different Bible or Bible story book each day to give a different perspective.

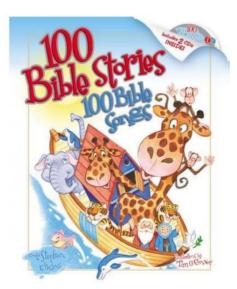
I have suggested a few picture books below, to reinforce the Bible story. Let infants and toddlers explore board books and other age appropriate styles of books. Older toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy turning pages and retelling the stories as they look at the picture books. If you do not own the suggested books, you can check your local library and thrift stores, or substitute your own titles.

#### Suggested Picture Books:

<u>Jesus Blesses the Children</u> by Arch Books

<u>Jesus Loves Me</u> by Debby Anderson

<u>Jesus Loves the Little Children</u> by Debby Anderson



#### Suggested Bible Story Book:

100 Bible Stories, 100 Bible Songs by Stephen Elkins

This Bible story book is full of Bible stories and the CDs have classic Sunday School sonas.

# Memory Verse



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me"

Matthew 19:14

#### Lesson 1

### 1.1 Jesus and the Children, based on: Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16 and Luke 18:15-17

Read the story out of a Bible Story book or your own Bible. Be sure to include all children. Sing "Jesus Loves The Little Children." If using 100 Bible Stories, 100 Songs, the song is on the CD. You can also search YouTube for the song. Sing with or without music. Add verses if you know them.

#### Infants

- ★ Place the infants where they are a part of the group at Bible story time.
- ★ Include them in the group as you sing the song.

#### **Toddlers**

- → Encourage the toddlers to sit with the group and listen to the Bible storu.
- → Encourage them to sing the song.

#### Preschoolers

- Ask the preschoolers to sit and listen as you read the story.
- Encourage everyone to sing the song.



#### Jesus Loves The Little Children

Jesus loves the little children

All the children of the world

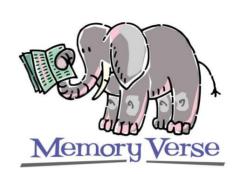
Black and yellow, red and white

They're all precious in His sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world

#### 1.2 Memory Verse: Matthew 19:14

Show the memory verse sheet to the children and say the verse several times as a group. Next, play **Memory Verse Catch**: Stand in a circle and toss or bounce a ball back and forth as you say the words. You can have the whole group or individuals say the words with each throw.



#### Infants

- ★ Hold the infants or place them where they can see and hear the children play the game.
- ★ Provide extra balls for the infants to explore as the group plays the game.

#### Toddlers

- → Encourage the toddlers to stand in the circle and participate in the game as best they can.
- → When it's a toddler's turn, have the whole group say the words, then they can throw the ball.

#### Preschoolers

Show the preschoolers how to play the game. Some may want to say the words by themselves, while others may want the help of the group.

#### 1.3 Reinforce the story



**Jesus loves us all**: On paper plates, have the children draw a picture of themselves, their family and/or friends. Label the pictures with the names of the children or with the names of the people in their pictures. Place the pictures on the wall under a sign that says "Jesus Loves Us ALL."

#### Infants

- ★ Let the infants scribble.
- ★ Alternatively, you can draw around the hands of infants.
- ★ Label the plates with the infants' names.

#### **Toddlers**

- → Encourage the toddlers to draw people, but they will scribble.
- → Label their plate with who they told you they drew.

#### Preschoolers

- Ask the preschoolers to draw themselves, their family and/or friends.
- Label the plates with the names of the people in their pictures.