PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY GUIDE

TODAY'S STORY: Sin (Genesis 3:1-13)

TEACHING TRUTH: Sin separates us from God

ACTIVITY 1: TEACHING TRUTH REVIEW – Sin separates us from God

SUPPLIES: Bowl of water, pepper, dishwashing soap

- 1. Fill a bowl with water, explaining that this represents our hearts.
- 2. Let your child shake some pepper into the water, explaining that the pepper is like the sin that separates us from God.
- 3. Have your child put a drop of liquid dishwashing soap into the middle of the pepper/water mixture and explain that the soap represents Jesus. When the soap is put in, the pepper will spread to the edges of the bowl. Explain that the soap (Jesus) is God's rescue plan for the world. When we believe in Him, He cleans the sin out of our hearts so that we can have a relationship with Him.

ACTIVITY 2: STORY REVIEW – Happy and Sad Face

SUPPLIES: Paper plates, popsicle stick or pencil, marker, tape

- 1. Draw a happy face and a sad face on two paper plates.
- 2. Tape them together, making sure the faces face outwards, with a pencil or popsicle stick in the middle.
- 3. Talk about how sin is anything we think, say, or do that is not pleasing to God. God is sad when we choose not to obey Him.
- 4. Give your child examples of good deeds and behaviors or bad deeds and behaviors. As you give them examples, have them show a sad or happy face depending on whether they think God would be pleased or not pleased with that behavior.
- 5. Remind your child that, no matter what, God still loves them and always will.

ACTIVITY 3: MEMORY VERSE REVIEW – Genesis 1:1 – Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: Memory verse song (on the Preschool Kids Kit page), a ball

- 1. Sit in a circle on the floor.
- 2. Explain that you will sing along with the memory verse song and carefully pass the ball while the music plays.
- 3. Stop the music when the verse is over.
- 4. Whoever has the ball when the music stops will stand and shout the verse address (Jeremiah 33:3).
- 5. OPTION: Instead of using the song, a grownup can say the verse one word at a time. With each word, pass the ball to the next person. Whoever has the ball at the end will stand and say the verse address.

Good examples: obeying parents, picking up toys, sharing, helping others, smiling, happy attitude, loving brother or sister

Bad examples: throwing a fit, pushing, not sharing, being unkind, yelling "no" at parents, being mean to brother or sister