MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Hannah **SAMUEL 1-2**

BIBLE WORDS

"I will always love you."

JEREMIAH 31:3, CEV

BOTTOM LINE

God loves you.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

STORY TIME:

Act It

CRAFT TIME:

• Prayer Journal

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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) begins with a woman named Hannah.

"Hannah was sad. Show me your sad faces. (Pause.) Those are good sad faces. But Hannah knew she could pray and talk to God about why she was sad. That made Hannah feel better. Show me your happy faces. (Pause.) Yes! Hannah was happy because she knew she could pray and talk to God about anything. YOU can pray and talk to God about anything anytime, too, because God loves you! (Point to each of the children.) If you are happy, sad, scared, or excited, you can pray and talk to God. If you are at home, or somewhere new, you can talk to God because God loves you!"

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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Prayer Journal" and "Journal Pictures" Activity Pages, cardstock, glue sticks, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Prayer Journal" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Copy "Journal Pictures" on cardstock and cut, one set per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Rub glue on the backs of each of the pictures and encourage children to stick each picture on their paper. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], you can pray and talk to God when you are sad. Put the sad face on your paper. (*Pause.*) you can pray and talk to God when you are happy. Put the happy face on your paper. (*Pause.*) You can pray and talk to God when you are worried. Put the worried face on your paper. (*Pause.*) You can pray and talk to God when you are excited. Put the excited face on your paper. (*Pause.*) You can pray and talk to God anytime, because **God loves you!**"