

Ranch Lambs

Lesson: The Garden of Eden

Life Point: "God is my friend"

Scripture Study

Genesis 2:8-20



Prayer:

Dear loving Father, thank you for being our friend. Thank you for your desire to give us good things. Thank you for your desire to always live with us. In Jesus name. Amen.

- Be silly and have fun!
- Pray for the children before class begins.
- Keep the group lesson to 15 minutes. You can reinforce the **Life Point** through play, activities and special one on one time with the child.

Bible Verse Focus

"...It is not good for man to be alone"
Genesis 2:18



Sing to the tune of "London Bridge"

Jesus is our Friend – Author Unknown

Jesus is our friend today
Clap your hands, shout hooray
Jesus is our friend today
We love Jesus!

Jesus is our friend today
Stomp your feet, shout hooray
Jesus is our friend today
We love Jesus!

Jesus is our friend today
Turn around, shout hooray
Jesus is our friend today
We love Jesus!

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Object Lesson

(15 minutes)

Preparation:

-Arrange the children in a circle.

- April Bible Stories Board

- Stuffed animal or doll

Connect with the children by making motions as you tell the story.

Engage the children to do as you do.

Have the kids retell the story however they remember it!

Hi children! Can you give a friend a hug? (Wait for children to hug). Would you like to sing a song? Well, my friend here (stuffed animal on lap) loves to sing to Jesus and I do too! Sing with me:

(sing "Jesus is our friend" two times)

Now we are going to read a story! (From the book *Read Me a Bible Story*, read *The Garden of Eden* (page 12)

- Encourage the children to look and touch the pictures on the Story Board.
- Engage the children. "The child that pays the closest attention will get to hold my friend." (A special stuffed animal)
- As you are reading to the children be expressive. Encourage them to repeat key phrases after you, such as: *God is our friend.*
- After the story encourage the toddlers to complete a coloring page or do a craft.
- Ask questions about the story.
- With the babies it helps to retell the story as you hold them and they look at the story board.

Teaching Tips

- *Share the children's positive interactions with their parents.*
- *Be creative! Do not be embarrassed to make noises, use strange voices and funny facial expressions. This will help the infants and toddlers make a connection with you and the lesson.*
- *Lean on your Junior Helpers! They can be of great help by redirecting the older children and holding the babies while you teach.*

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Daddy teach me about...

The Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-20)

- Use playdough with your child to make plants and flowers. Talk with your child about how God enjoyed his time with Adam and Eve in the garden. God delighted in making the garden beautiful because he loved them very much.
- Color this page with your child and talk about what the garden of Eden must have been like?
- Hold, hug and kiss your child and tell her that God also loves you both very much and that He wants to be her friend. Hold her, hug and kiss her too.

(drawing credit to Buck Denver What's in the Bible)



"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

- Genesis 2:15