

Sunday School Family Sheet: Children Must Be Protected!

Sunday, January 3, 2021

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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(Call the church office 9715-848-7286 for help getting one)

1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud either Exodus 2:1-10 (you could start with Exodus 1 as background) or pp. 60-61 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, explain the following: “Remember how Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt? Well, an amazing thing happened: Joseph went to Egypt, but while there, he became a rich and powerful leader who worked for the king of Egypt, called the *pharaoh*. So in time, all of Joseph’s family, including his brothers, also came to Egypt. Joseph and his brothers made up and loved each other. Then after several 100 years, they grew into a great nation of people called *the Israelites*, and this is what happened.” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. **After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:**
 - a. What did the new king of Egypt, or *Pharaoh*, think about the Israelites? *(He was afraid of them because there were so many of them.)*
 - b. What was the first thing that the Pharaoh do to try and keep the Israelites from growing? *(He made them slaves, that is, he forced them to work hard for other people and took away their freedom.)*
 - c. What was the other horrible thing did he do? *(He ordered all of their baby boys to be killed, drowned in the river.)*
 - d. How was one baby boy saved from being killed in this way? *(His mother made a little basket for him to float in the river. His sister watched over him until the princess of Egypt took him into her care.)*
2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: Here we see that God wants children protected. We see this in how He led the baby’s mother and sister to save him. This is also why God wants husbands and wives to love and honor each other, because when parents love each other, it helps give their children a safe home. He actually made it one of His Ten Commandments. The 6th commandment says, “You shall not commit adultery.” What this commandment means is that husbands and wives are to respect, love, and honor each other more than any other man or woman.
3. **Pray.** Continue to teach the children to remember their Baptism by crossing themselves and saying, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in a prayer for life: “Dear God, who wants husbands and wives to love each other: bless all the families of our church, and fill their homes with love, honor, and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”