

LESSON 3

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

–June Jordan–

BIBLE PHRASES: “Bring an offering to church” (Mal. 3:10).
“Help one another” (Gal. 5:13).

LIFE IMPACT: The preschoolers will become aware that God has made them special. They will understand that they are big enough to work with other people and to help in their church.

BIBLE STORY:

SAMUEL HELPS AT CHURCH
(Based on 1 Samuel 1-3)

Samuel got up early one morning. He put on his clothes and ate his breakfast. This was the day that he was going with his mother and father to the big church in Shiloh.

As they traveled to church, his mother probably told him about the pretty church. She may have said, “The preacher’s name is Eli. He is a very kind man. He is getting older and needs someone to help him in the big church at Shiloh.”

Samuel was growing up. He was getting big enough to be a helper.

When they got to the church, they saw preacher Eli. Samuel’s mother said, “Preacher Eli, this is my son Samuel.” The preacher said, “I am glad to see you, Samuel. I need someone to help me in the big church.” Samuel’s mother, whose name was Hannah, said, “Samuel could be your helper.”

Eli said, “I need some one to polish the brass candlesticks and the lamps so that they shine. The lamps have to be filled with oil, too.” Eli also said, “I need some one to dust the pretty doors and the furniture.”

Samuel said, “I am big enough to do those jobs.” Eli responded, “You will be a good helper.” He was so glad that Samuel was going to help him keep the church looking clean. Samuel was happy, too, that he could serve God.

BIBLE LEARNING CENTERS:

CREATIVE ART: Make a “Ways People Help” poster

Gather – pictures of ways people help others and ways people help at church (may be found in outdated preschoolers’ take home pieces), long strip of paper or poster board, and glue

Prepare – Collect pictures from outdated preschool take home pieces. Print at the top of the poster board or paper “Help One Another.” Place the glue and pictures near the poster.

Teach – Let the boys and girls select the pictures they would like to glue on the poster. Read the Bible phrase to them as they work. Ask, Have you

helped in any of the ways you see in the pictures? Suggest ways they can help.

BLOCKS

Build a Church

Gather – wooden family figures or pictures clipped from magazines or outdated Leader Pack items and tape to blocks so they will stand up; wooden or plastic cars; cardboard box; small pieces of carpet; pictures of churches from the picture file, marked Bible verses

Prepare – Place the family figures on the block shelves. Stand the pictures of churches on the floor near the block shelves.

Teach – The children may use the box to make a church and use the blocks to make furniture inside the church. They may want to make a parking lot for the cars. Sing songs such as “Jesus Loves Me” and “O, How I Love Jesus” and others. Open the Bible the verses you have marked, “Bring an offering to church” (Mal. 3:10) and “Help one another” (Gal. 5:3). This can be a worship experience for a preschooler.

HOMELIVING/DRAMATIC PLAY Clean the Home living Area

Gather – two dish pans, small mop and broom, dust cloths, mild dish washing detergent, and dish towels

Prepare – Put a small amount of water in the dishpans before the preschoolers arrive. Put the materials in the home living area so they will be obvious as preschoolers arrive.

Teach – The preschoolers may wash the play dishes, dust the furniture, and sweep the floor. With some guidance they may use a small hand vacuum. Remind them that they are doing what the Bible says when they work together. Read the Bible phrase, “Help one another” (Gal. 5:13). Say, “You will hear a story at group time about a boy who helped in his church.

NATURE

Listen to Musical Instruments

Gather – large paper bag, rhythm instruments, glue on cards pictures of piano and other instruments, which may be used in their own church

Prepare – Place rhythm instruments in the bag. Put the pictures aside until they have guessed the instruments.

Teach – Let them listen to the musical instruments that are in the bag and guess the names. Place the cards on the floor with the picture side down. As a child chooses a card, he or she may describe or act out the way the instrument is played. The others may guess what instrument is represented. Ask, Do you like to hear the pretty music at church? Which instrument do you like best? Let them suggest songs they like and sing them. Remind them that the people who play the instruments are helpers at their church.

PUZZLES

Play a Church Helper “Who Am I?” Game

Gather – wooden puzzles that depict churches, picture of a family going to church, envelopes, pictures of church helpers or pictures to represent them

Prepare – Put a picture of a different church helper in each envelope. Make available other puzzles, and place the picture of the family on the child’s eye level.

Teach – Encourage the boys and girls to take turns opening an envelope. Ask to act out what that church helper does in the church. You may be able to guide them to thank God for their church helpers. Help them to understand that money they bring to church helps the church helpers to do their work and to care for their own families.

GROUP TIME:

Sing. Sing a song they might sing at church such as “O, How I Love Jesus.” Ask, What instruments do you hear when you go to church? Wait for their responses. Ask them if they know the names of the people who play the instruments and lead the singing. Encourage them to say thank you to these helpers when they see them.

Conversation. Throw a beanbag to one child and ask him or her what they did to help this morning. Continue to throw the beanbag until all the other boys and girls have had a chance to tell what they did to help.

Bible Story. Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 3 and say, “There is a story in the Bible about a boy who helped in his church”. Tell the story “Samuel Helps at Church.”

Picture. Show a picture of Samuel helping in the church. Encourage them to tell what is happening in the picture. Ask, Do you think Eli was happy that Samuel was big enough to help? Say, You were really good helpers this morning. Our room is so neat. Your church helpers will really be glad that you are big enough to keep our room and our church clean.

Prayer. Lead the preschoolers to thank God for all their church helpers.

Relaxation Game. Sing and act out the “Wiggle Song.” If this song is not available, make up a relaxation song to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell.” Some suggested words might be, “We’ll clap our hands together; we’ll clap our hands together; this is what we’ll do; we’ll clap our hands together.” You may add other appropriate verses.

Bible Phrases. Mark the Bible phrases with geometric shapes. Place on the floor a matching shape for each one in the Bible. Ask a child to select a shape from the floor and match it to one in the Bible. Let him put his finger on the verse that is marked. Use these verses “Bring an offering to church” (Mal. 3:10) and “Help one another” (Gal 5:13).