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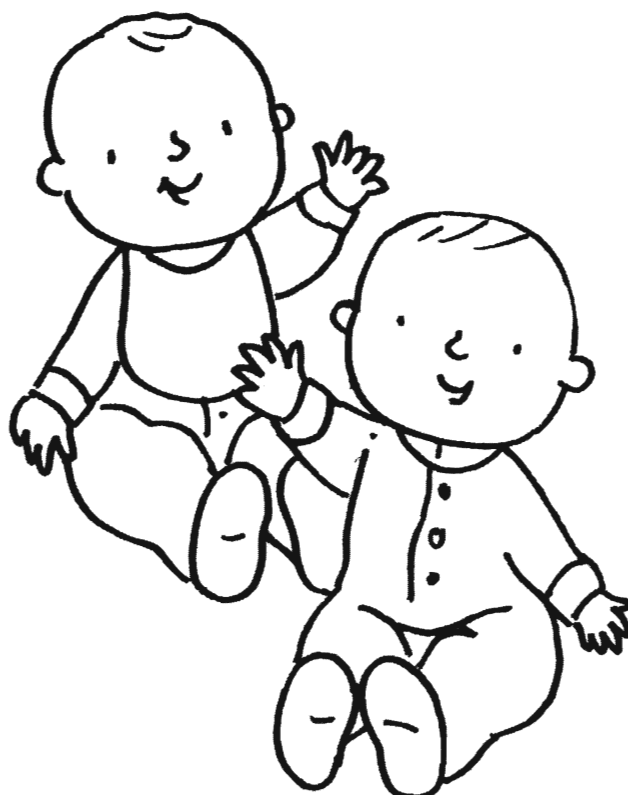
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Introduction

Babies are in the nursery room week after week. Nursery workers hold, rock, feed and change babies' diapers. Now you can turn routine activities into teachable moments. Each and every week, volunteers have dozens of opportunities to help instill God's Word and His love in the lives of even the youngest children.

The lessons in *Instant Bible Lessons for Nursery: Give Thanks to God* include Bible stories about familiar things a young child can be thankful for, such as family, food, pets and clothes. Teachers can tell Bible stories, say the memory verse and present activities that will appeal to a variety of nursery-aged children. If your nursery has only babies one week, use the story poster ideas and sing the verse songs many times during class. Older babies will enjoy the crafts and touchable activities. Some of the crafts and games may seem a little old for babies, but the children will enjoy "helping" as much as they can. All the while, the teacher can repeat the story and memory verses for great one-on-one activities.

You may send story posters, song/rhyme pages and many other activities from this book home with parents so they may continue the lesson theme throughout the week.

Get ready to have fun in the nursery!

* How to use This Book *

Each chapter begins with a Bible story which you may read to your class or to a child one-on-one. The questions after each lesson can be used as an opportunity for you to continue telling the story. Ask and answer each question for the children. Encourage older babies to repeat some of the words of the story or memory verse with you.

Every chapter includes a bulletin board story poster with the memory verse and suggestions for using the poster as an activity. All activities are tagged with one of the icons below, so you can quickly flip through the chapter and select the projects you need. Simply cut off the teacher instructions on the pages and duplicate.



story to share



bulletin board



easy craft



puzzle



read to me



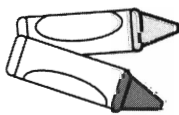
learning play



room decoration



hands on



coloring



song



rhyme



parent corner

Thank You God for My Family

Memory Verse

[Abraham's]... son Isaac was born to him.

~GENESIS 21:5



Story to Share

Abraham and Sarah were very old. They both loved God very much. But Abraham and Sarah wanted something very much. They wanted a baby of their own. They wanted to have a family.

God promised Abraham that Sarah would have a baby. God kept his promise. Soon, Sarah had a little baby boy. His name was Isaac. Abraham and Sarah thanked God for their new little baby.

~Based on GENESIS 12:1-3



Story Review

1. What did Abraham and Sarah want to have? They wanted to have a child of their own. They wanted to have a family.
2. What did God promise Abraham? God promised Abraham that Sarah would have a baby.
3. What did Abraham and Sarah name their baby? They named their little boy Isaac.



Parent Corner

1. Make a Bible lessons book to share with your child. Place eight plastic page protectors inside a clean three-ring binder. Decorate the front of the binder by taping your baby's picture onto it. Write with permanent marker, [name]'s Bible Story Book. Slip the take-home paper from each lesson inside a page protector. Look at the book together while you tell each story to your baby.
2. Show your baby pictures of your family. Say each person's name. Help the child fold his/her hands while you say, **We give thanks to God for Emma. We give thanks to God for Mommy and Daddy. We give thanks to God for Jack.**
3. When the family gathers for dinner, have everyone hold hands. Help your baby point to each person while you say, **We thank God that Rachel is part of our family. We give thanks to God for our families.**



Story Poster

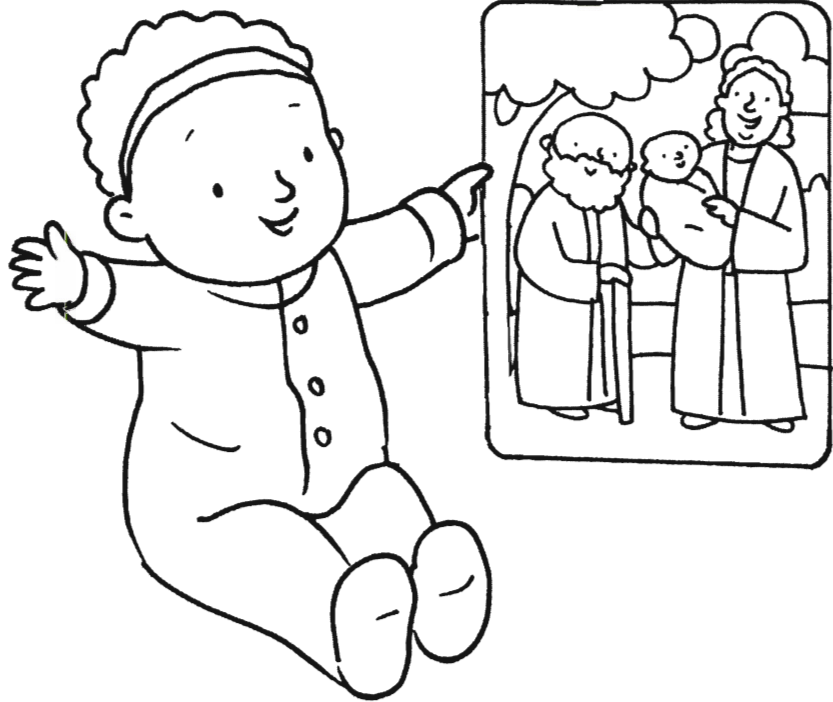
Bulletin Board

What You Need

- pattern on page 9
- clear adhesive-backed plastic
- magazine pictures of families
- glue

What To Do

1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 9 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To use the poster as an in-class activity, turn the poster over and help the children glue a picture of a "today" family to the back of the poster. Write, "Thank you God for my family."



Poster Pointer

Reduce the size of poster to about one-half. Cover both sides of poster with clear adhesive-backed plastic. Use scissors to round off sharp corners. Let each child hold a storybook while you tell the story.



Isaac was born to him.

~Genesis 21:5



SONG

what you Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

what To Do

1. Sing the song "Families", to the tune of "Deep and Wide."
2. Sing more verses using the extra verse phrases.

Families Song

Families

Families

God gave us families to love.

Families

Families

God gave us families to love.



→ Extra verses:

Substitute any of these words for "families": Mommies, Daddies, Brothers, Sisters, Grandmas, Grandpas.

My Family

I Love You Sign Language Rhyme

Love

[cross hands over heart]



Love

[cross hands over heart]



God gave us families

[point to God]



To Love

[cross hands over heart]



Rhyme

what you Need

- duplicated page

what To Do

1. Say the rhyme with the children using the simple signs.
2. Help older babies make the signs.



Family Picture Frame

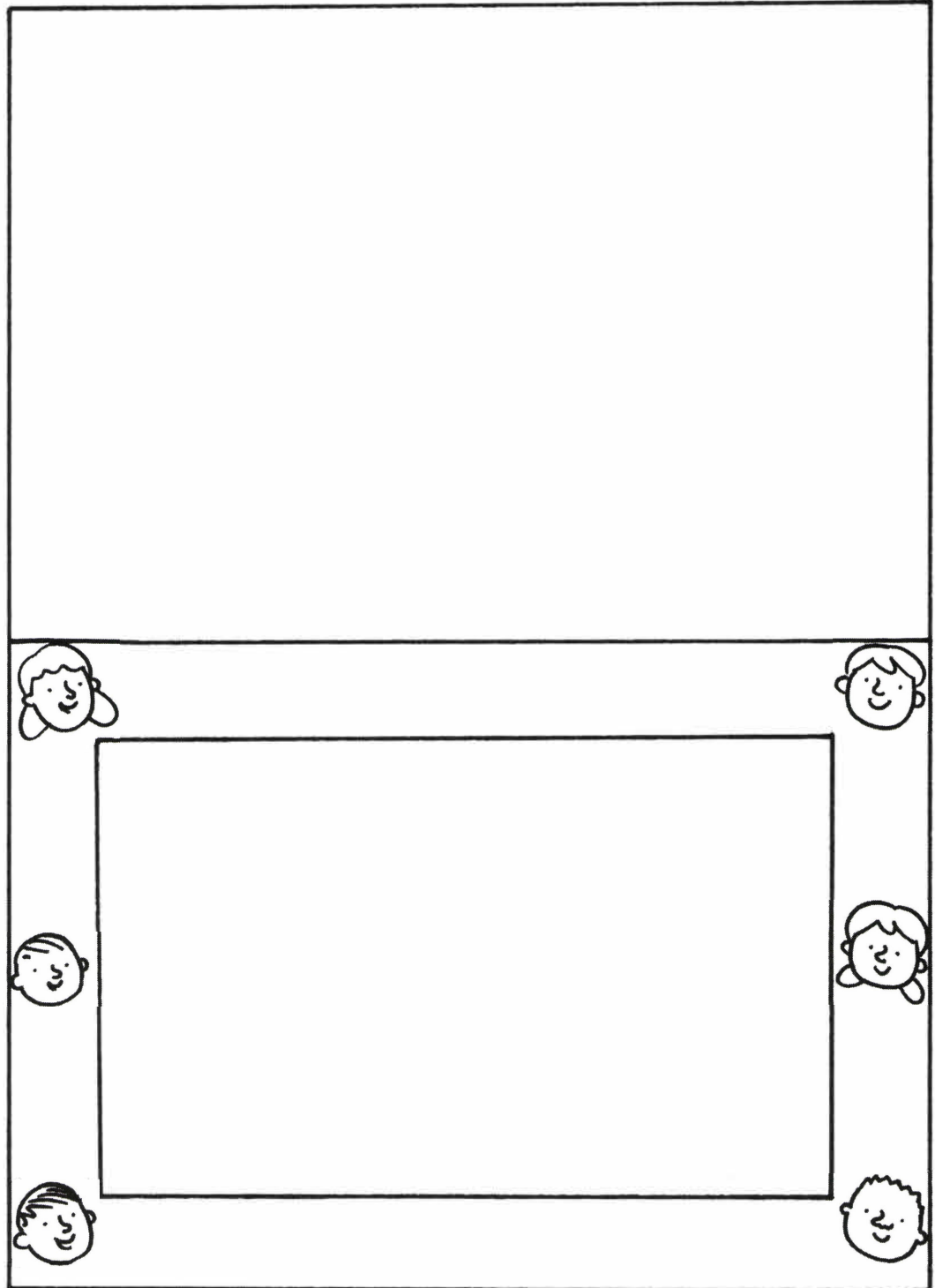
Easy Craft

What You Need

- page duplicated to card stock for each child
- scissors
- crayons

What To Do

1. Before class, cut the opening from the front of the frame.
2. Fold page in half to form a picture frame.
3. Help older babies scribble-color their picture frames.
4. Send a frame home with each child.



Family Prayer Glove



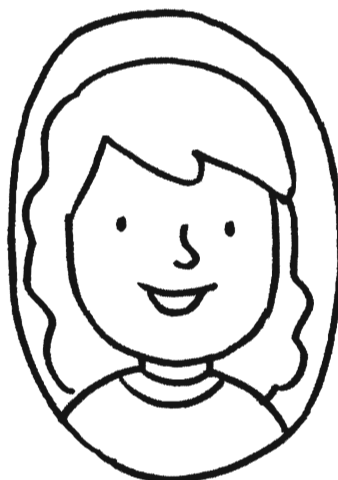
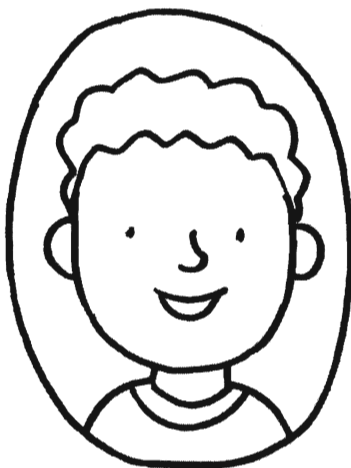
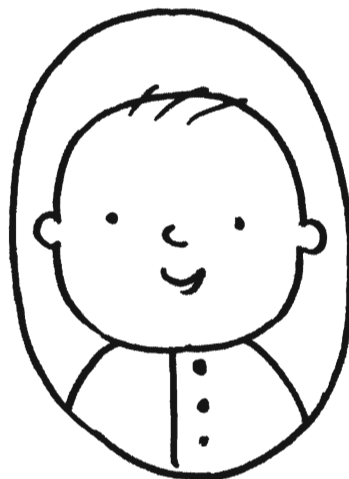
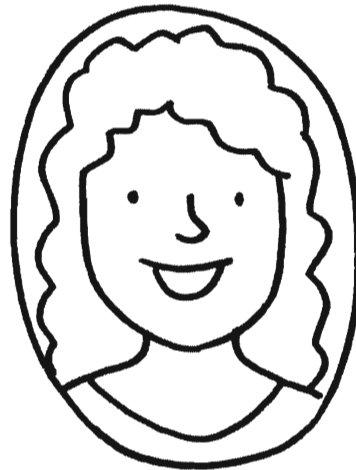
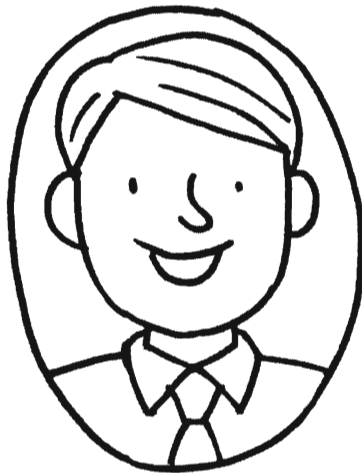
Learning Play

what you Need

- duplicated page
- an old glove
- scissors
- tape or glue

what To Do

1. Before class, cut the five family figures from the pattern page. Glue one figure to the end of each of the five fingers on the palm side of the glove.
2. Use one-on-one with each baby or with a group of children. Wear the glove. Let each child touch the figures on the prayer glove.
3. Say, **This is Mommy. Let's pray and thank God for Mommy. Thank you God for giving me a special Mommy.** Repeat with each family figure.





My Family Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board

What You Need

- duplicated page
- instant camera and film
- tape

What To Do

1. Before class, cut out the rectangles from the pattern page, one per child. You might want to call or write each family and ask the entire family to come into the nursery before class time this week.
2. Take an instant photo of each baby with his/her family.
3. Fasten each photo to the "We give thanks" rectangles. Write the baby's name in the blank on the rectangle.
4. Fasten the finished "thank you" pictures to the bulletin board.
5. Carry the children often to the bulletin board. Say, **This is Zack's family. Thank you God for Zack's family.**

we give thanks
to God for

_____ 's family

My Family