

Pre-Lesson Downloads

Lesson #1 – The Bible – God's Word

Dear families: Here are the instructions for our arts and crafts portion of the lesson. I will provide pages like this for each lesson. Adults, I hope you will participate along with you child/children, so that you can help them if needed and answer their questions. If you don't know the answers, "I don't know." is a perfectly fine answer. Then you can search together to find the answers. Of course, "Older Children" is a relative term. The activities are just more challenging. They are for anyone interested.

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Have fun!

Please let us know if someone needs help with the materials.

Materials needed:

Homemade Shaker and Drum: You could make these **before** the lesson:

- Box for a drum: Small shipping box, shoe box, other. . Different sized boxes make different sounds, opened and closed boxes make different sounds. Decorate box sides as you wish. Leave top clear.
- Aluminum soda can for a shaker: Clean and let thoroughly dry. Rice or pebbles for the inside. Some Native American tribes won't use food for arts or crafts, so pebbles are an option. Otherwise beans or popcorn work. Rice makes a quieter sound, popcorn is fairly loud. Copied strip pattern: Color and cut out to height of flat outside of can. Duct tape hole to keep (beads, pebbles, beans) inside. Scotch tape one end strip to side of can, wrap strip around can and tape 2nd end to can. (To make the colored strip last longer-cover it in packaging tape or clear shelf liner.)

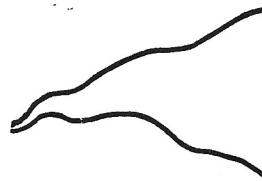
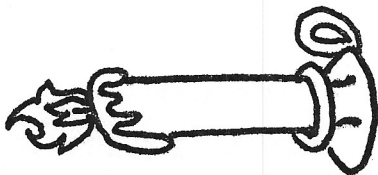
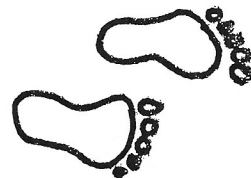
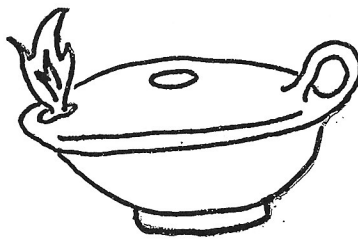
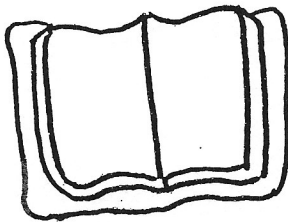
The "instruments" above will be used for several lessons.

- Copy 3 pages from downloads: Book front, scroll picture, and small pics of lamp, candle, bible. . . color, cut out small pictures only.
- 12 pieces copy paper, plain
- crayons or colored pencils, glue stick, scissors, stapler
- "Safe" place to do the arts and crafts work

Close to the end of the lesson we will be putting our homemade Bible together. If all the small pieces are colored and cut out (Do not cut out the book front and scroll page yet), the children can put it together as I show them how to do so. **This book will also be used for several lessons.**

Science/Social Studies Connections:

- Experiment with different materials in the shaker; and sizes and types of boxes.
- Look online for different foods, clothes, instruments, etc. from Bible times.
- Make a meal or snack with just foods from Bible times.
- Make another book about Bible times and how people lived back then.



Bible Text/Verse: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalms 119:105 NRSV
Older Children: Copy the "Hebrew Names for God" page.

Hebrew Names for God

In Jewish thought, a name is very important because it is thought that a name shows the nature (the traits of a person, the way a person is) of the person named. For example, a person named David might be well-liked by many people because the name means “beloved.” The name Amy also means beloved and has a side meaning of being a loyal and true friend.

God has been called by many names, over 200 in the Bible. Here are four:

- 1) YHWH – Some translate this as Yahweh (ya [short a sound]-way) and others as Jehovah (je -ho [long o] -vah). It means “I am” which, in a simple way, means to say, “I am the true God. In the Jewish religious culture, this name is not spoken aloud because it is too holy. It is to be written only. If a person is reading aloud and comes across this name, that person is to substitute the word Adonai.
- 2) Adonai (short a, long o, long i), which means LORD.
- 3) Elohim (short e, long o, long e), also means LORD.
- 4) El Shaddai (short e, short a, long i), which means “I Am Enough” or “Almighty God.”

We will look at more names for God and we go along. It makes sense to me that there are so many names for God because He/She is so Big and Amazing! You cannot use just one word to describe God. Please also notice my pronouns for God are in both the masculine and feminine because God is both male and female. She/He is all humanity. We will look at that later too. In old Bibles the masculine pronoun He and His were only used because the old Bible culture was very patriarchal (male- centered). That means they thought men were more important than women. More recent Bible scholars, special Bible teachers, believe that God always meant He/She loves women just as much as She/He loves men.

Assignment: Look up your name on the internet. You may find more than one meaning. See which one is the closest to the kind of person you are or the kind of person you want to be. Look up the other peoples’ names in your family. If you are Native American, Hispanic or any other culture, find out what your name means in your culture. You might want to ask your family why they chose your name for you. You might want to make yourself a nameplate with its meaning. Cut out a wider strip of paper and fold it longways so it will stand up easily. It works better if you use a thicker kind of paper. Have fun!

