Ages Birth – 23 Months

Lesson 3
Extreme Sayings of Jesus

"God Knows Best"

The Point of the Lesson:

Having faith in God gives our lives hope. We want each child to hear that faith in God allows us to love and trust God.

The Power of God's Word:

"Faith proves what we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1 CEV

The Prayer of Each Child:

Dear Jesus, I cannot see you, but I know you love me. Thank you for teaching me to believe in you. Amen.

The Lesson in a Word:

God knows best!

Prepare: (Before Service)
Bubbles

Provide: (10 Minutes)
This is a time when children are checked into a classroom. New walkers and toddlers are provided with a choice to participate in learning center activities. Time is allowed at the end of this segment for classroom clean up, especially to make space on the story rug.

Promote: (25 Minutes)
At this time the children are guided to sit on a story blanket to get a snack from the leader. This process includes 15 minutes for curriculum video, 5 minutes for story and verse, 2 minutes for the game, and 1 minute for prayer time.

(Bring in the snack from the cabinet.) It's Story Time. Come over to the story rug. It's time to sit down to watch our movie. Come sit down and have a cookie. Great job! (Pass out a snack to every child and start the movie.)

Story:
(Hold up the Parent Handout so the children can see the picture and the leader can read the story on the back.) Today's Bible story is about a very special boy named Joseph.

Up and down, up and down!
Watch the water all around.
Noah built a great big ark for animals
that growl and sing and bark.

God told Noah to build a boat,
long before it would ever float.
Noah believed and did what God said.
All of the animals had a roof over their head.

God kept Noah and his family dry.
And he gave us the rainbow, high up in the sky.

Memory Verse:
Faith proves what we cannot see.
Hebrews 11:1 paraphrase

Video:
Turn on DVD and play Lesson Video here.

Game:
The Animal Game
While sitting on the floor, say "Noah and his family put at least two of every animal and bird on the ark to keep them safe during the big rains. Let's pretend we are the animals:"
Camel – Walk side to side with your neck stretched in front of you.
Elephant – Walk side to side while waving your arm in front of your face, like a trunk.
Bird – Flap your arms and say, "Tweet, tweet."
Monkey – Scratch your head and tummy and say, "Ooo – Eee, Ooo – Eee".
Lamb – Crouch down on your hands and knees and say, "Baaah, baaah."

Pray:
It's hard to listen when we are looking around. So, when we pray we close our eyes and fold our hands. Let's play "Open - Shut Them" before we pray:

Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Give a little clap*.*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Put them in your lap*.*

Dear Jesus, I cannot see you, but I know you love me. Thank you for teaching me to believe in you. Amen.

Praise: (5 Minutes)
This is a time of classroom worship through singing and music. Plug in your own worship session here.

(Sing this song to the tune of: Happy Birthday to You)
I'll be faithful to you.
I'll be faithful to you.
I'll be faithful to Jesus.
I'll be faithful to you.
(Repeat)

Play: (15 Minutes)
This section includes free playtime around the classroom. At this time the leaders will also check and change diapers of all the children.