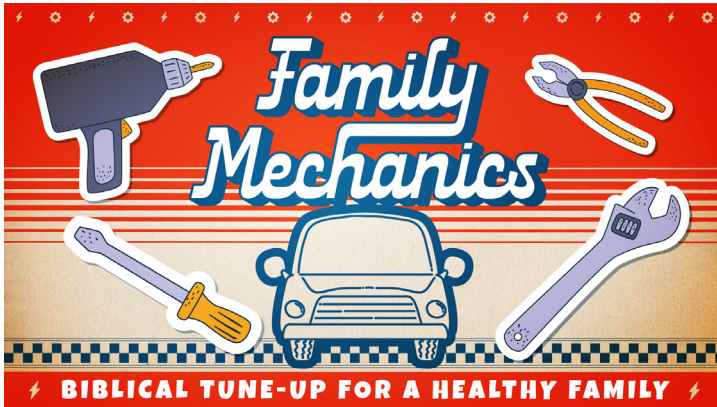




Preschool Lesson



Lesson 1: God In The Driver's Seat



Whatchagaddaknow:

"I Will Put God First In My Family!"



Power Verse:

"...But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

- Joshua 24:15

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the story of Joshua declaring that his family would serve the Lord (Joshua 24:1-24).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 6-9)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn that they can lead their family in putting God first!	Remote-controlled car, wilted plant, healthy plant	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #2 - Number One Craft	Paint dotters, cardstock	Number One Craft Print Piece (pg. 11)
Craft Option #3 – My Family Will Put God First Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	My Family Will Put God First Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 12)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 6-9)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- Today’s Bible Story is about a man named Joshua, who was a leader of God’s people. Joshua knew he needed to give them a very important message. So, he called for a big meeting of all the leaders in Israel. (show pic)

Say- The people gathered, not knowing what Joshua had planned. (show pic) I’m sure they wondered what was about to happen.

Say- Joshua stood tall before them. He held his mighty sword in his hand, which he had carried into many battles. Suddenly, he lifted it high above his head! The leaders immediately grew silent. Everyone stared at Joshua, waiting to hear what he would say. (show pic)

Say- Joshua said in a STRONG, POWERFUL voice: “Choose today who you will serve! But as for me and my family — WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!”

Say- The leaders froze for a moment, thinking about what Joshua just said. Then, excitement filled their hearts as they remembered all the great things God had done for them. (show pic) One by one, they began to shout: “We, too, will serve the Lord, for He alone is our God!” The whole group erupted with cheers!

Say- It was a powerful moment. They chose to put God first in their families!

Say- Every family must make the same decision Joshua and the leaders of Israel made. We must choose to put God first!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Remote-controlled car; wilted plant; healthy plant

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

Say- Look at this fun car! I can make it go fast or slow... forward or backward... all with this remote! (Begin driving the car around, zig-zagging or bumping into things)

Say- Uh oh! This car is going kind of wild! What if you were riding in a real car like that? Yikes! That would feel scary!

Ask- Have you ever been in a car that felt bumpy or too fast? What did you do?

-Allow time for response-

Say- Riding with someone who isn’t paying attention while they drive or doesn’t know how to drive can be scary! But when someone is a good driver, it feels safe. We can relax and enjoy the ride!

Say- Our families are kind of like that car. We need someone to help us go the right way.

Ask- Who can lead our family in the right way?

-Allow time for response-

Say- Yes! God should be in the driver’s seat of our family! We want Him to lead us, help us, and keep us safe. That’s what Joshua said. He told all the people, “As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord!”

Say- When we put God first in our family, it means we PRAY TOGETHER! Say “pray” with me. (Say the word along with the kids)

Say- We can pray at bedtime, when it’s time to eat, or when we feel scared or happy. We can pray anytime! When we pray together, we are letting God lead us like the driver of the car. He knows the way and always listens when we talk to Him.

Ask- What do you think happens to a plant nobody takes care of?

-Allow time for response-

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Hands-On Learning

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Say- *(Show the wilted plant)* That’s right, the plant gets sad and droopy, like this plant. But look at this healthy one! *(Show the healthy plant)* It’s been watered and cared for. Our families grow strong when we come to church, sing to God, and read the Bible at home. Just like plants need water, staying close to God together makes our family grow strong!

Say- When we love God, we help others too! Helping is also called SERVING. Say “serve” with me. *(Say the word along with the kids)*

Say- We can pick up toys at church, help someone who’s sad, or help take care of someone who’s been sick. Families who serve together show God’s love to the world!

Say- Joshua said, “As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord!” Joshua wanted God to be first in his family, and we want God to be first in our families! We can pray together, grow together, and serve together—and that’s how we keep God first in our lives!

Say- Let’s say this together: “I will put God first in my family!” *(Say the phrase along with the kids)*



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: Number One Craft

Supplies Needed: Number One Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Paint Dotters; Cardstock

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Number One Craft Print Pieces on cardstock. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to decorate the craft page using paint dotters. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about putting God first in our families!



Craft #3: My Family Will Put God First Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: My Family Will Put God First Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 12); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the My Family Will Put God First Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

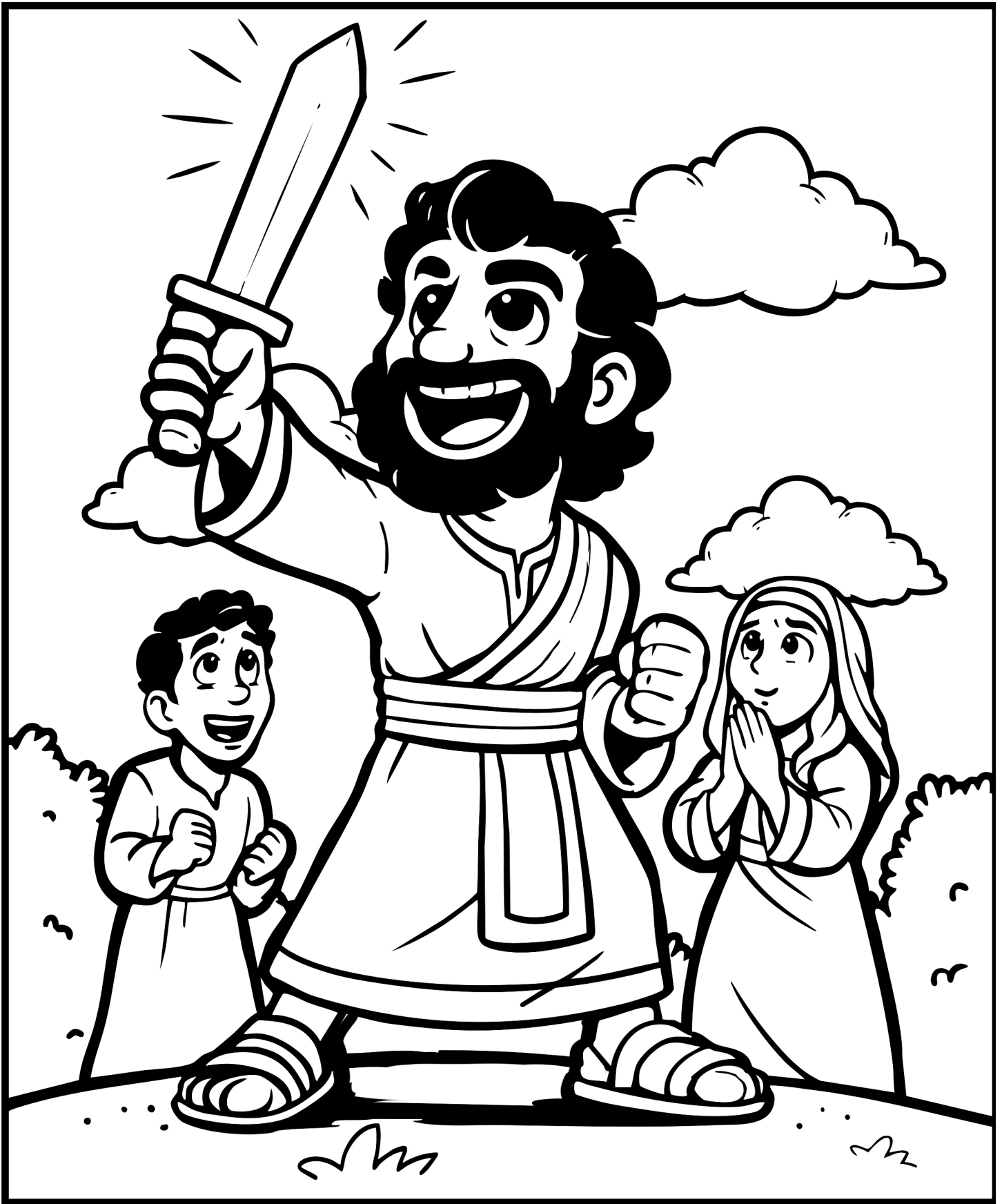
How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



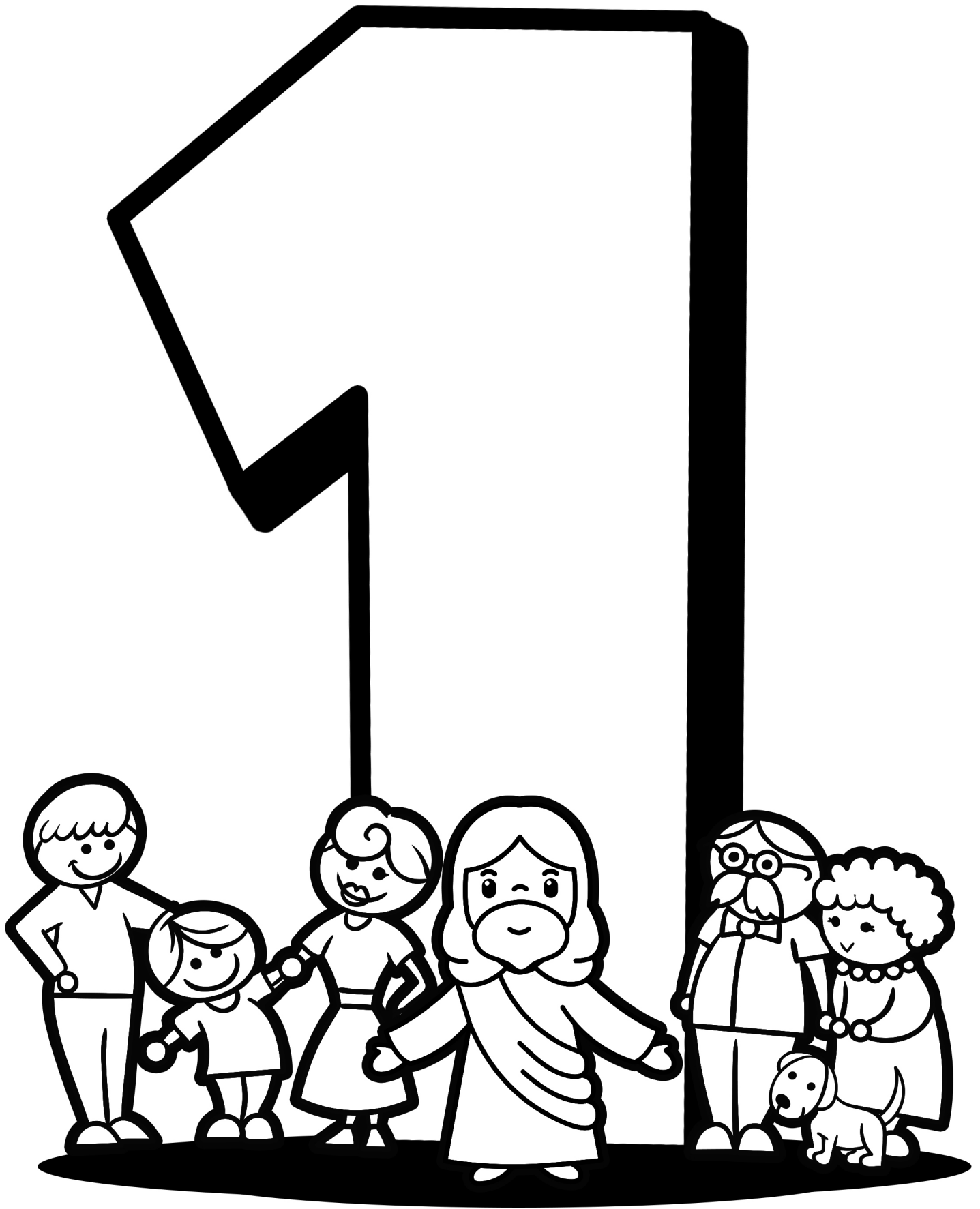








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