

Fellowship Kids

Twos/Threes Lesson Plan - Sunday School

Sunday, September 7

UNIT 9 | SESSION 3

THE ARK WAS CAPTURED

1 SAMUEL 4-6

CHRIST CONNECTION: The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Because of Jesus, God is always with us!

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PHILIPPIANS 4:19 - "And my God will supply every need of yours..." (ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit (4 weeks): Regardless of sin patterns and disobedience, God continued to see His people and hear their requests and desires. God's provision is seen through His gifts of a kinsman redeemer for Ruth's family, a son with a prophetic calling for Hannah, and freedom and protection for the Israelites from the Philistines. God's plan remained steadfast, despite humanity's brokenness.

Volunteer Huddle | **8:45 a.m.**

Meet in the Threes classroom (first floor) for prayer and important info for this Sunday.

Prep Room | **8:50 a.m.**

- Pull out paper and crayons on tables (in Teacher Box)
- If you'd like, put music on the Spotify app on the Roku TV.
- Prep room for any activities you will do during the lesson.

Fellowship & Play Time | 9:00-9:15 am

One volunteer should greet children and families at the door.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Allow children time to engage with one another and play. Use this time to get to know your students and hear about their week. What was a good part/hard part or “yay duck”/“yuck duck” of their week?

MAGNETILES & COLORING

For free time before the lesson, ask children to come to the tables and give them the option to either 1) build with Magnatiles or 2) color (paper and crayons in Activity Box). Use this time to ask them questions about their week and get to know them.

During free time, especially because children are at such a young age, please keep a diligent eye and ear on their words and play with one another.

TRANSITION: Give children a *warning* before you ask them to come to a circle

SAY “Everyone, in 5 minutes we are going to pick up our toys and gather in a circle!”

Sing the clean up song and ask children to come find a seat in the circle.

Activity | 9:15 am

REVIEW CLASSROOM RULES

Post the **Rules Poster** (in Activity Box) somewhere in the room.

CARRY THE ARK

Take out the **cardboard box** (in the classroom). Ask children to stand on one end of the classroom. One at a time, have each child carry the box to the opposite side of the room and back. Then have the next child carry the ark. Let each child who wants to have a turn carrying the ark, working as hard as possible not to drop it.

SAY *Today we are going to learn about a special box called the ark. The ark was a sign to God's people that God was always with them. In our lesson we will learn that the ark was stolen - oh no!*

Lesson | 9:20 am

Let children know your expectations during the lesson - that you would like them to sit quietly, keep their hands to themselves, listen to the story, etc.

1. Open the Bible & Pray

Open to **1 SAMUEL 4** in your Bible. **Reverently display the open Bible.**

SAY *Today we are going to be in the book of **1 Samuel!** Do you remember if the book of 1 Samuel is in the Old Testament or the New Testament?. Let's listen to this true story from the Bible.*

Pray quickly for your time in the Word of God.

2. Tell the Bible Story

Use the **visuals** (in Activity Box) if you'd like to help children follow along with the story.

THE ARK WAS CAPTURED

Long ago, God's people lost a battle with the Philistines. God's people were sad. They thought if they took the ark of God (a special box to remind them that God was with them) to battle, they would win.

Eli, the priest, had two sons who took the ark to the battle, but the Philistines won again. And they even took the ark!

The Philistines set the ark next to a statue of their pretend god. Every morning, the statue was lying facedown in front of the ark. It kept falling down and breaking! God showed the Philistines that He is the real God.

Then God made the Philistines very sick everywhere they moved the ark. So, they put the ark on a cart pulled by two cows and sent it back to God's people.

Christ Connection: *The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Because of Jesus, God is always with us!*

3. Review the Bible Story

- Did the Israelites win their battle against the Philistines? (*no*)
- What did the Philistines capture? (*the ark*)
- What happened every night when the ark was next to the stature of their pretend god? (*The statue fell down to the floor in front of the ark!*)

4. Pray

Memory Verse | 9:35 am

Open your Bible to **PHILIPPIANS 4:19** and lead the kids to repeat the abridged verse several times, using hand motions if you'd like:

"And my God will supply every need of yours..."

- **PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

SAY: *The ark was special, but Jesus is even better. The key passage phrase tells us God will supply all our needs in Christ Jesus. Jesus reminds us that God is always with us.*

MEMORY VERSE THEATER

Invite the class to say the memory verse in lots of fun ways. Some suggestions: loud, soft, high-pitched, low/deep, eyes closed, slow, fast, holding your nose, singing, holding your tongue, etc. Get creative and come up with your own fun ways to learn the memory verse.

PLAY THE MUSIC VIDEO

Have the children repeat the verse with you several times. Then play the memory verse music video from the YouTube app on the Roku TV (YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids (switch accounts on the top of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom).

After the activity, invite children to sit at the tables to complete their activity pages.

Extra Activity | 9:40 am

TRAVEL A TAPE ROAD

Create roads on the floor using **painter's tape** (in Teacher Box). Place toy cars or trains on the tape.. Invite children to travel on a tape road. Show them how to drive the cars on the road. As children play, remind them how the cows carried the ark of the covenant on a cart back to the Israelites.

SAY *The Philistines captured the ark and put it next to their made-up god. The ark was taken, but God still showed His power. Every morning they found the statue lying down in front of the ark. Then God made the Philistines very sick. They were scared and wanted to give the ark back to the Israelites. They put the ark on a cart pulled by two cows and sent it back to the Israelites where it belonged. The ark was special, but later God gave people something even better: His Son, Jesus. Jesus reminds us that God is always with us.*

Activity Pages + Transition | 9:45 am

ACTIVITY PAGES

Invite children to the tables and pass out the week's **Activity Page** (in Activity Box) and **crayons** (in Teacher Box) to each child. Have them work on it as the new Worship Service volunteer team arrives.



TRANSITION TEAMS

The worship service volunteer team will switch into the classroom at 9:50. **Please do not leave the classroom until the next service's volunteers have arrived and are ready to take responsibility for the class.** Call the Team Lead if the worship service volunteers have not arrived on time.

If needed, let them know about any pertinent information on children, the lesson, etc.

