

# SABBATH SCHOOL

## Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

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Level K • Unit 5 • Week 4

### BLESSING OF LITTLE CHILDREN

**OBJECTIVE:**

Jesus loves children and Jesus blessed children by prayer.

**ATTENTION GETTER:**

Supplies: Doll wrapped in a blanket for each student  
(If necessary, ask parents of students to bring dolls.)

Do: Sing "Rock-a-Bye-Baby" to your doll. Then ask the children to sing it with you to their dolls.

Ask: How do mommies and daddies feel about their babies?

Response: Wait for response of love.

Say: This is how God feels about little children. Today we will see how Jesus felt about little children. God wants us to talk to Him. God wants all people—big and small—to be like a little child who respects, trusts and wants to please God.

**BIBLE LESSON:**

Do: Read the story of Jesus blessing the little children from a Bible story book. In order to emphasize points of the story, pause occasionally to ask the children questions. Repeat children's answers, rephrasing and expanding as needed.

Ask: Where were the children going with their moms?

Ask: How did the children feel about seeing Jesus?

Ask: What did Jesus' friends say to the children?

- Ask: Why was Jesus angry with His friends?
- Ask: What did Jesus do with the children?
- Say: Remember God loves all children. This is why the minister asks God's blessing babies. The minister is doing what Jesus did as an example. The minister asks that God give that child extra protection.
- Say: God wants you to talk to Him so He can be part of your life.
- Ask: How can you have God in your life?
- Response: Wait for response of prayer, coming to Sabbath services and Sabbath school, helping your family and other people, listening to and doing what your mom and dad ask.
- Say: This tells God that you want to live His way and want Him to be in your life. When we share our toys, when we play together, when we come to Church and listen, when we pray, we are letting God live in us.

### **LESSON APPLICATION:**

- Supplies: Pages from magazines that have pictures of babies and children (*Parents, Family, Parenting*, etc. are good sources)  
 9 x 12 inch construction paper  
 Glue  
 Scissors

Make a "God Loves Children" collage. Have children cut out pictures of babies and children and glue on construction paper. Remind them that God loves children.

### **Music:**

Sing to the tune of B-I-N-G-O.

There was a man who was God's Son,  
 And Jesus was His name-o.  
 J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S  
 And Jesus was His name-o.

There was a man who fed 5,000,  
 And Jesus was His name-o.  
 J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S  
 And Jesus was caring.

You should be a shining light,  
And a good example.  
J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S  
As Jesus was for us.

There was a man who loved little children,  
And Jesus was His name-o.  
J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S  
And Jesus was His name-o.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

Matthew 19:14 "But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

# *family activity*

## **THE POINT:**

Jesus loves children and Jesus blessed children by prayer.

## **ASK ME...**

To tell the story of Jesus blessing the little children.

Why do ministers in God's Church ask God's blessing on children?

How do we show God we want Him to be part of our lives?

## **FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:**

Talk about the "Blessing of Little Children" ceremony. If your children were blessed as babies, talk about that occasion.

Talk about the times God has intervened for your child—protection, special help, understanding of God's truth, etc.

Read Mark 10:13-16 or Luke 18:15-17. What are the characteristics of children that God wants all people to have.

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