

THE STORY BASKET



Find a large basket. Each day put in one item mentioned in the Word (or a picture of it) into the basket. Tell your children story or stories with which it is associated. For example, bread is mentioned in the Lord's Prayer, the miracle of the loaves and fish, the table of shewbread in the tabernacle, etc. Next time, you might add an angel and talk about the angels in the Christmas and Easter stories. Also review the items already in the story basket by taking them out one at a time as the children call out the associated stories. The story basket will also be a source of visual aids when reading aloud stories of the Word. Below is a starter list of stories that are associated with various items you could put in a story basket.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE STORY BASKET

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| cup | wash the inside of the cup (not just the outside), cup of water for these little ones, Holy Supper |
| bread | manna, Lord's Prayer, 5 loaves and 2 fishes, table of shewbread |
| flower | Solomon in his glory—not arrayed as fine |
| water | water to wine |
| rock | house on the rock, Moses hit rock |
| lamp | Lord is my light and my salvation, hide lamp under basket? |
| shoe | Moses removes shoe at burning bush, John the Baptist |
| Baby doll | Moses, Samuel, baby Lord, Woman clothed w/ sun |
| sword | David, Jonathan, Swords into plowshares |
| basket | bakers, Sermon on the mount |
| rainbow | Noah |
| lamb | lost lamb, Christmas, Revelation |
| bird | quail, sparrows, dove |
| cloud | pillar of cloud, small hand-sized cloud |
| branch | I am the vine... |
| fruit | by their fruits you shall know them |
| star | Abraham, Wise Men |
| sun | sun stands still, Lord is the sun of heaven |
| jar | Elijah and jar of oil |
| angel | Bethesda, Christmas, Abraham |
| heart | listening heart, Pharaoh's hard heart, I will give you a new heart |
| fire | pillar of fire, Elijah's contest, fire of tabernacle, plague |
| donkey | Balaam, Palm Sunday |
| hair lock | Sampson, woman washed Lord's feet, Absalom, very hairs of head numbered |
| snake | garden of Eden, fiery serpents |
| oil | Samaritan, Elijah, Easter, |
| animals | Noah, plagues, Christmas |
| boat | storm – Lord asleep, cast net on right side, Noah |
| fish | 153 fish, fishers of men, 5 loaves 2 fish |
| trumpet | 7 trumpets Rev., Gideon, Jericho |
| lion | lion of Judah, Samson |
| honey | Sampson, land flowing with milk and honey |
| milk | land flowing with milk and honey |
| bracelet | Rebekah, Tabernacle |
| grain | 7 years of plenty, wheat and tares |
| crown | Revelation—twelve stars, Saul, David etc. |
| tree | Garden of Eden, Holy City, Zacceus, Psalm 1 |
| pearl | of great price |
| garments | Palm Sunday, Elijah & Elisha, Joseph's coat, Samson, Shem, Ham, and Japheth |