

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 1
"Where two or three..." (Matthew 18:20)

Theme: We can learn about the Lord in Sunday School.

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The Lord is our Heavenly Father.
- B. The Lord and His angels are constantly caring for us and leading us to heaven.
- C. The Lord is present with us by means of His Word. (TCR 225, 780)

***Note:** At this first Sunday School session a key goal is helping the children feel comfortable coming to Sunday School. Tell them what Sunday School will be like and encourage their enthusiasm for learning about the Lord in Sunday School.*

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduction to Sunday School
 - 1. At Sunday School we learn about the Lord by reading stories from the Word. (Show the children a picture of the Lord, if possible.)
 - 2. We also like to have fun at Sunday School with our friends.
 - 3. The Lord is happy when we are together, learning about Him. He is close to us right now!
- B. Tell/Read the Verse: Matthew 18:20
- C. Get to know each other
 - 1. Go around the circle and everyone says his/her name. See if everyone can say the name of the person to his/her right.
 - 2. Sing song about each child
"I love _____, _____ is my friend!
I love _____, and here we go again!"

III. Enrichment Activities

- A. Music
 - 1. "I love _____..." with each child's name
 - 2. To learn names: (Raffi) Willaby Wallaby Wamy, An Elephant Sat on Amy (for each child's name)
 - 3. "Love Him, Thank Him" (New Liturgy p. 461)

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B. Activities

1. Learn everyone's name - "say the name of the child on the right"
2. Name tags - made by teacher or children, children decorate them
3. Give the children a small heart sticker that they can put on their hand to remind them that the Lord loves them.

C. Project

1. Pictures of Sunday School children with the Lord in the midst of them
 - a. On a large bulletin board, tack up a picture of the Lord. With a Polaroid camera, take a picture of each child. Allow each child to hold and watch the picture as it develops. Explain to the children that the Lord made and loves each one of them; that they are all special in their own ways. When all the pictures have developed, have the children sit on the floor in front of the bulletin board and ask them to bring their pictures up one at a time, to be tacked on the board around the Lord. Ask each of them to name a special gift the Lord has given them—something good they love to do.
2. The Lord Made Me.
 - a. Take a picture of each child with a Polaroid camera. Glue picture down in the center of a piece of construction paper that has the words, "The Lord Made Me" written on it. Have the kids decorate around their pictures with crayons and stickers.
3. The Lord wants me to be happy: a sidewalk mural. (You will need several helpers.)
 - a. The children lie down on the sidewalk (or parking lot) in any happy kind of pose they would like: jumping with arms up, dancing, skipping, etc. The teacher and helpers quickly trace around the children with sidewalk chalk. The children fill in the faces and clothing. Allow time for them to look at all the figures.

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Picture of the Lord
- B. Name tags for students and teacher
- C. Polaroid Camera

V. Further Reading for the Teacher