Toddlers & 2s

Summer

# Family Connections

**A quarterly letter for connecting with families of children ages 1 and 2 at <Type your church or children's ministry name here>**

Welcome to Family Connections—the quarterly newsletter that helps you know what your child is learning from God's Word. Please let us know if we can help you in any way as we partner together to grow kids in Jesus.

## Family Thought

What prayers do you think God heard from Noah and his family? What would they have prayed as they fed the animals? as they heard the steady rain on the roof? What are your family's prayers? God hears each of them. He cares for you.

## Coming This Quarter

Units of learning include:

- God Made Animals
- Noah Loved God
- God Cares for Me All Day and Night

## Family Memory Challenge

Bible Words your child will be learning this quarter:

- "God made the animals" (based on Genesis 1:25).
- "I can love God" (based on Deuteronomy 6:5).
- "God cares for me" (based on 1 Peter 5:7).

Name an animal and animal motion your child can imitate (hop, crawl, etc.). Say "God made the animals." Have your child point to himself and then point to Heaven. Say "I can love God." Point to Heaven and then give yourself a hug. Say "God cares for me."

## Growing Together

Summertime is a great time for sand and water play. Here are some ideas for having fun with your child while talking about the Bible stories he or she is learning.

- For sand play, provide shovels, scoops, pails, and plastic animals. Encourage your child to build homes for the animals. Talk about the animals God made. Name some of the animals God kept safe inside Noah's ark.
- Provide a variety of containers for playing in the water—cups, plastic margarine tubs, funnels, and so on. Make a "rain cloud" by cutting off the top two-thirds of a 2-liter bottle and poking several small holes in the remaining bottom portion. As the container is filled with water, watch the water "rain" through the holes. Talk about the rain that fell when Noah was inside the ark.
- Add a small amount of bubble soap to the water. To make a no-tears bubble solution, mix 1/4 cup of no-tears baby shampoo with 3/4 cup of water and 3 tablespoons light corn syrup. Thank God that He cares for you and gives you fun things to enjoy.

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