

The Farmer and The Seed – Parable of The Sower.

Bible Story: The Parable of the Sower. God's Words are like a seed growing in our hearts. I want God's love to grow strong in my heart. I will tell everyone about Jesus. Luke 85

A4 Song book Noah's Ark.

<http://www.lambsongs.co.nz/Booklets/1%20Noah's%20Ark%20A4%20CD%20Song%20book%20web.pdf>

5. Butterfly Song – Bran Howard - Noah's Ark CD

3. The Birds up In the Tree Tops - Noah's Ark CD

15. Make Me Like A Tree – Nigel Cato - Noah's Ark CD

16. My Little Heart – Cathy Spurr & Debbie Mc Neil -

Noah's Ark CD: Available at <http://apple.co/2kdkEjJ>

Verse

Love the Lord with all your heart.

Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 5

<http://www.lambsongs.co.nz/Memory%20Cards/Love%20The%20Lord.pdf>

Lesson

There are many points to this story – I keep it simple for little children.

*Jesus told a story –

He wants us to remember something important.

- Gods words in the Bible are like seeds that grow big and strong in our hearts.
- A good heart grows good seed.
- And do what God's words say.
- I want my heart to be like good ground

- I want to plant seeds of God's love in other people's hearts too so they can know about Jesus.
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- Book – “The Farmer and The Seed” by Jill Kemp from <http://www.lambsongs.co.nz/New%20Testament%20Books/Sower%20Parable%20Big%20Book.pdf>

Show pictures.

This is a story about a farmer

*He planted some seed

*He wanted the seed to grow into good strong plants with lots more seeds.

*Some seed fell on the path

*It got stood on and squashed.

*Some fell on good ground, but the birds ate it.

*Some fell onto rocks.

* It started to grow but it was too hot and dry, and it died.

*Some seed fell in a weed patch there was no room to grow.

But some seed fell on good ground. It grew into big strong plants

*With lots of seed for the farmer to harvest.

- Make a visual aid (or use pictures, or seeds and seeds in fruit etc)
- *Have a roasting dish with soil, a path, weeds, rocks.

- Some bird seed or what to scatter.
- Watering can
- Sunshine
- Doll etc to “walk” on path
- Bird to eat seed.
- Have the children scatter the seed?
- Where is the best place for seed to grow?
- Seed needs good soil
- Water and sunshine.

That’s like us

A good heart listens

<http://www.lambsongs.co.nz/Memory%20Cards/Happy%20Heart.pdf>

A good heart obeys God’s words – Doing what is good and right, being honest and kind – like Jesus.

Love for Jesus grows strong in our hearts.

Telling others about Jesus is like putting a seed into their hearts that can grow too.

Activity: Yogurt pot – filled with potting mix.

(Children can decorate)

Bean seeds,

Watering can

Glad wrap, paper and rubber band

(so, seed arrives home safely.)

- Alternately: A flower shape with picture of Jesus and heart in centre.

Teacher will use Noah's Ark CD

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Puppet to tell **each child** by name “...Jesus loves you”

Props and activities are prepared for you and will be in class.

Teacher Preparation: Learn memory verse.

Love the Lord with all your heart.

Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 5

Please ensure:

*New people fill out enrolment form.

*The Roll is ticked

* New people get CD pack

Children take home: Book: “The Farmers Seed.” By Jill Kemp.

<http://www.lambsongs.co.nz/New%20Testament%20Books/Sower%20Parable%20Col.pdf>

Thanks to all our awesome helpers!

5. Butterfly Song

<http://apple.co/2kdkEjJ>

By Brian Howard © AMCOS

If I were a butterfly

X arms flap

I'd thank you Lord
For giving me wings

And if I were

A robin in a tree

finger and thumb open and shut

I'd Thank you Lord
That I could sing

And if I were a

Fish in the sea

palms together wiggle hands

I'd wiggle my tail

And I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father

clap

For making ME

point to self

'Cause You gave me a heart

hands on heart

And You gave me a smile

point to smile

You gave me Jesus

point up

And you made me your child

'rock' baby

And I just thank you Father

clap

For making me – ME

point to self

If I were an **elephant**

wave arm as trunk

I'd thank you Lord

By raising my trunk

And if I were a **kangaroo**

hop

I'd just hop right up to You!

kangaroo hops

And if I were an **octopus**

wave arms

I'd thank you Lord

For my fine looks.

pose

If I were a **wiggly worm**

wiggle finger

I'd thank you Lord
That I could squirm

And if I were a **crocodile**

I'd thank you Lord

For my big **smile**

snap clap

And if I were

rub hair

A **fuzzy wuzzy bear**

I'd thank you Lord
For my fuzzy wuzzy hair

3. The Birds Up in The Tree Tops

Source unknown.

Words adapted by Jill Kemp

<http://apple.co/2kdkEjJ>

The birds up in the treetops

bird beak actions

Sing their song

Early in the morning

And all day long

The flowers in the garden show

arms wave above head

God's love to you

point to another person

So why shouldn't I

point to self

Why shouldn't you

point to others

Praise God too

clap

15. Make Me Like A Tree

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Noah's Ark

<http://apple.co/2kdkEjJ>

Make me like a tree

wave hands overhead

Planted by a river

snake like motion with hand

A strong and healthy tree

wave arms overhead

Bearing fruit forever

Roots down deep in the soil of Your love

fingers clawed downwards

Raindrops glisten on the leaves above

rain

A welcome home for the heavenly dove

thumbs crossed fly bird

Make me like a tree

wave arms overhead

Planted by the river of life s

snake like motion with hand

16 My Little Heart

Cathy Spurr & Debbie McNeil

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My little heart has a great big love

hands on heart

A great big love for Jesus

Open wide

x2

I heard him knock

knock

I let him in

beckon in

Now my little heart has a great big love

hands on heart

A great big love for Jesus

arms open wide

Song goes through "Knock" 4 xs