

# **Cradle Roll**

For ages 0-18 mos.

## **Greeting**

As the parents bring each baby into class greet them and assist them with getting the baby into their seat. The baby may need pillows to help prop them up in their seat. If the child is too small to sit in a seat, you can leave them in their car seat and set them on the table or the helper may hold the baby.

## **Opening**

When the bell rings begin class with the following songs:

**Ding Dong Goes The Bell** (Help each baby to take a turn ringing the bell)

**What Time Is It?** (Use the toy clocks to interact with each baby)

**Did You Come To Bible Class On A....?** (Give each baby a vehicle as you bring it out)

**This Is The Way We Drive The Car** (Give each baby a car to hold)

**The Wheels On The Car** (Help each baby park their car on board parking lot)

**Where Is (Child's Name), Did She/He Come?** (Use the laminated church with mirror.)

**You're A Special Little Girl/Boy And God Loves You.**

(Hand each baby their Bible, and say "Bible" when you hand it to them.)

Sing some songs about the Bible:

**The Bible, The Bible**

**We Love The Bible**

**I'm A Little Bible**

**The B-I-B-L-E**

**This Is The Bible**

**The More We Read The Bible**

**I Peeked In My Bible**

(Help each baby look through their Bibles and find things that God made. Talk about how God's word tells us lots of things. It tells us about all the things he made. It tells us that he loves us.)

## Class Closing

Our Bibles tell us about someone special that God gave us. Do you know who that person is? That's right Jesus. Jesus is God's son and God sent him to us as a special gift. God chose Mary and Joseph to be his parents. Mary and Joseph had to take care of baby Jesus. Can you help me take care of baby Jesus the way Mary and Joseph did?

Sing **"God Loved Us So Very Much"**

Give each child a baby doll to hold as you sing..

What do you think we need to do first for this baby? Do you think it's hungry? We need to feed it a bottle. Hand each child a bottle.

Sing **"This is the way we feed the baby"**

Continue with: **"Wash the baby"**

**"Comb the hair"**

**"Rock the baby"**

Sing **"When Night Time Comes"**

Let each child put the baby to bed in the doll bed and rock it to sleep.

Sing **"Night, Night, Little Baby, Jesus Loves You"**

After each child has finished talk about how Jesus grew and helped his father, Joseph in the carpenters shop. Give each child a hammer and saw.

Sing **"Pound, Pound, Pound Goes Jesus Hammer"**

Take up hammers and saws.

Talk about how Jesus kept growing and became a man. Jesus would go around, talk to all the Mommies and Daddies about God, and tell them he was God's son. They would bring their little boys and girls with them and Jesus would say, "Bring the children to me." Jesus loved children. Give each child a couple of the flannel children. Put up Jesus figure and let the children put their figures up beside Jesus while you

Sing; **"Jesus Loves The Little Children"**

Jesus loved someone else who was very special and when I look in this mirror I can see that person. I see me. (Give each child a mirror to look in.) Who do you see?

Do you see someone very special that Jesus loves?

Sing: **"Jesus Loves Me."**

God loves us so much that he is always with us.

Sing: (use flip chart) **"Wherever I Am Walking!"**

What can we do to show Jesus and God that we love them?

One way to show God that we love him is by the way we act.

Read: **“Brian and Betsy Help.”** When we do these things we are showing God that we love him.

Another way to show God that we love him is to learn about Him.

We can do this by reading our Bibles with Mommy & Daddy and by coming to Bible class.

Read **“Where Are You Going Today?”**

Another way we can show God that we love Him is by becoming a Christian.

When we grow up we can become a Christian. A Christian is someone who loves God and believes that Jesus is God’s son and is baptized.

Sing: **“Whatever I Will Be When I Grow Up”** (Hand out hand puppets to the children as you sing)

A Christian is someone who believes that Jesus is God’s son. A Christian also tells others about Jesus. When we do this we are letting our “Light” shine. Can you show me you light? (Light candle)

Sing: **“This little Light Of Mine.”**

Hold the candle and let the children take turns blowing the candle out.

Another way we can show God that we love Him is to tell Him. We can tell Him when we talk to him. How do we talk to God? Prayer, that’s right. What do we have to do before we can say our prayers? We have to get everything quiet.

**Use prayer flip chart with animals.** (Example, What does the cat say? Meow, meow, shhhhh. Little kitty, we are going to talk to God.)

Ask the children to bow their heads, fold their hands, and close their eyes while you say a prayer.

**Say a prayer and let the children repeat.**

After prayer the children may play until the bell rings.