

LESSON 19 | God Is Our Father

Bible Basis: Matthew 2:13 – 23; 3:1 – 17; 4:18 – 22; 9:9; 10:1 – 4; Mark 1 – 3; Luke 2:41 – 52; 3:1 – 22; 5 – 6; John 1:1 – 34

Bible Verse: Luke 2:49: “Why were you looking for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

Bible Point: God watched over his Son, Jesus. God watches over me too!

Resource: *The Beginner’s Bible*

- “An Angry King” (pages 291 – 295)
- “Jesus Is Lost!” (pages 296 – 302)
- “John Baptizes Jesus” (pages 303 – 307)
- “Jesus Chooses His Disciples” (pages 308 – 313)

How to Use This Page

This week, you can read the stories listed above in *The Beginner’s Bible* several times to help your child remember them. Use the Table Talk questions below to start a discussion around the dinner table, while driving in the car, or just about anywhere. The Living Faith activity is designed as a drama to help your child remember the Bible lesson. The Extra Mile provides interactive ways for your child to connect with the story.

TABLE TALK

1. Why didn’t the Wise Men tell Herod where Jesus was? (*God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. They didn’t want Herod to hurt Jesus.*)
2. Who took care of Jesus when he was a baby? (*Mary and Joseph, his parents on earth.*)
3. Did Jesus obey Mary and Joseph because they were his parents too? (*Yes.*)
4. If Jesus obeyed his parents, should you obey your parents? (*Yes.*)

LIVING FAITH

Have your child select one of the Bible stories from this week and act it out for you as you read the story aloud from *The Beginner’s Bible*. You can help your child understand the love of a parent for a child by acting out a manger scene. Set up an area in your house to be your stable, and allow

your child to play either Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, or another character who was present at the stable.

When you come to the place(s) in the story where a Bible character speaks, instruct your child what to say. If possible, have your child perform the Bible drama for other family members in person, via Skype, or using a video camera.

EXTRA MILE

- This week, your child read about Jesus picking his disciples. Help your child begin memorizing the names of the 12 disciples by using the simple song below. The song is sung to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me.”

*Jesus called them one by one
Peter, Andrew, James, and John.
Then came Phillip, Thomas too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.*

*Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them.
He called them one by one.*

*James, the one they called the less,
Simon, also Thaddeus.
The twelfth apostle Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.*

*Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them.
He called them one by one.*