



Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through creative activities and games.

Reflect: God Blesses

Encourage the kids to open their Bibles and read the suggested passages.

Questions for Younger Kids

- **What promise did God give to Abraham? Why was this promise important?** Genesis 12:1–3
- **How did Jacob receive the blessing from Isaac?** Genesis 27:24–28 (Consider having the kids act this out.)
- **What happened when Jacob spent the night alone in the desert?** Genesis 32:24–30
- **Whom did Jacob wrestle with? How do we know this?** Genesis 32:28–32
- **How did God bless Jacob?** Genesis 35:10–13
- **How does God bless you?**
- **How has God blessed your lives, both in “good” times and in “hard” times?** Tell a story about how God has blessed your life, both in “good” times and in “hard” times.

Questions for Older Kids

- **What promise did God give to Abraham? Why was this promise important?** Genesis 12:1–3
- **How was the promise God gave to Abraham related to Jacob?** Genesis 35:10–13
- **What did God prophesy to Jacob and Esau’s mother, Rebekah?** Genesis 25:21–23
- **What was the meaning of the “blessing” in this ancient culture?**
- **How did Jacob receive the blessing from Isaac?** Genesis 27:11–28 (Consider having the kids act this out.)
- **What happened when Jacob spent the night alone in the desert?** Genesis 32:24–30
- **Whom did Jacob wrestle with? How do we know this?** Genesis 32:28–32
- **How did Jacob take responsibility for his faith when he wrestled with God?**
- **How did God bless Jacob?** Genesis 35:10–13
- **How does God bless you?**

Words of Blessing

God has given us His Word as a way for us to know and remember the many ways we are blessed. By learning and memorizing Scripture we are learning more about what is true about God. Invite the kids to spend time memorizing the Remember Verse through the games below.

SUPPLIES

- Remember Verse
- Paper (several sheets)
- Scissors

RELATE

Print the Remember Verse (Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7:9) onto several sheets of paper.

Option 1: Hide-and-Seek Verse (for younger and older kids)

Print out the verse, cut apart the words, and hide the words around the room. Have the kids say the verse a few times together, and then have them hunt for the words in the room. When they think they’ve found all the words, have them try

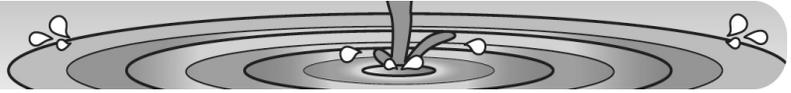
to put the verse together.

For older kids, make two teams. Have one team hide the words (in reasonable hiding places), while the members of the other team keep their eyes closed. When the first team finishes hiding the words, time how long it takes the second team to hunt down the words and put them together to correctly form the complete verse. When they're done, switch the roles. See which team can find and put together the verse the fastest.

Option 2: Verse Relay (for older kids)

Print out two copies of the verse and cut apart the words. Keep the words from each copy in one pile, and place the piles in separate hats, boxes, etc. Have the kids say the verse a few times together, and then separate the kids into two teams, giving each team a pile of verse words. On your signal, have the kids race to put together the verse by arranging the words in the correct order.

BLESS//5 minutes



Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing may be prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

SUPPLIES

- Remember Verse cards (see Resources)
- At Home Weekly: Lesson 5 (see Resources)
- Bible

RELATE

Gather the children in a circle. Have them wrap their arms around themselves, as if giving themselves a hug, as you read the blessing from Ephesians 1:3:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Bless the group with these words:

May your life overflow with thankfulness for God's blessings May you pass on His blessings to others.

Afterward, have each child bless another child by turning to the child on his left and saying, (Child's name), **God has blessed you! May you bless others.**

Send home Remember Verse cards and the At Home Weekly with your kids.

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your God is God; he is the faithful
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to a thousand generations of those
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commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9