

September - Walkers

Toddler Tips



Keep in mind that our Walkers are very young. They are not yet ready to sit in a circle and listen. The best approach is to read the Trail Log and do the lesson with Mighty Mouse while they are eating snack. They are already sitting! Children this age learn best through play. Use the **Play-Time Connection** to talk to them about the lesson throughout the morning while they are playing.

Theme Points



Theme: Follow Jesus

Central Question: *Why should I go to church?*

Memory Verse: Mark 1:27 *Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*

Bible Passage: Luke 2:41-52 *Young Jesus Goes to Church*

Key Point: When Jesus was a boy, he went to the church building to listen to God's word and learn about God. We should follow Jesus and go to the church building to listen & learn too!

For Teachers: *Jehovah Nachah* means "The Lord is my Guide." One place we see this is in Psalm 23:3 "He guides me along right paths." *Nachah*, translated from Hebrew, means to lead or guide. *Paths*, in Hebrew *ma'gal*, means entrenchment or track. *Right*, in Hebrew *tsedeq*, means rightness or justice. These three key words reveal to us that God is guiding and leading us on the track to the goal, which is righteousness. As we follow Jesus He will show us the right way to live. (From: <http://peculiarplace.com/ps23v3.shtml>)

Play-Time Connection

Toy Time – Encourage the children to crawl through the tunnel. When they come out the far end say, "Jenna is following Jesus!" and cheer or have the children put on the big shoes to follow Jesus.

Sensory Bottles Shake up the bottles and watch the objects inside. Ask a child to find a certain object. Tell the child how it connects to the lesson.

Bible TREK Velcro Train Invite the children to pull off the pictures and put them back on. Talk with them about how the pictures connect to the theme.

Bible Lesson



Trail Log Entry

(Read from story page. Have the children lift the flaps.)

Dear Trail Log... Our names are Jimmy and Julie. We have been walking in the woods. We saw a bunny rabbit! We want to stay but Mommy and Daddy say we need to go to church. They said we need to learn from the Bible. Does the Bible tell us why we should go to church?



Mighty Mouse

- Jimmy and Julie want to keep walking in the woods but their Mommy and Daddy want them to go to church. My Mom and Dad want me to go to church, too. They even taught me a memory verse. Let's say it together. Mark 1:27 *Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*
- Hey, I know a chapter in the Bible that tells about a time when Jesus was a kid and He went to church. (Teacher reads the Bible story.)
- Jesus' mom and dad took him to church so he could learn about God. Your mommy and daddy want you to go to church to learn about God. To follow God, we need to know God.
- Let's say the memory verse. Mark 1:27 *Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*
- Great job, kids! That will help Jimmy and Julie. They need to go to church to learn about God.