

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Toddler Bible Story Card for August 23, 2020

Dear Infant/Toddler Parents,

This Infant/Toddler Sunday School curriculum for Sunday, August 23, and for the month of August, will focus on The Forgiving Father. Use the information below to share the story together and do follow-up activities with your child(ren). As you share the story, also have a Bible available to show the children where it is located.

(August's Bible Story is in Luke 15:11-32)

(August's Bible Verse is Psalm 133:1: Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!)

Center yourself for your time together by singing:

You may want to start your time together by centering yourselves with a song. The song for this month is called "Can You Listen?"

(It is song to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

Can You Listen

Can you listen, can you listen, *(Cup hands around ears.)*

Girls and boys, girls and boys? *(Point out to others)*

Listen to the Bible. Listen to the bible., *(Cup hands around hears.)*

God is love. God is love *(Cross hands over heart.)*

Read the Bible story together:

Session 12 The Forgiving Father

Sharing Faith With Your Child

Read this Bible story to your child.

SAY: Jesus told a story: A father had two sons—an older son and a younger son. The younger son wanted some of his father's money. The father gave it to him, even though it made him sad.

The younger son went far away. He spent the money on things he didn't need and had to get a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat what he was feeding the pigs.

The younger son remembered how kind his father was. The younger son wanted to go home and tell his father he was sorry.

When the father saw his younger son walking up to the house, he ran out to hug him. The father was happy his younger son had come home, so he threw a big party for him.

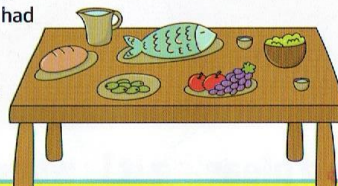
The older son had been working when the younger son came home. The older son was mad and wouldn't go to the party.

The father went outside to beg his older son to come to the party. The older son said he was sad because he had stayed with his father and had done everything his father wanted, but he never got a party.

The father said, "Son, everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate because our whole family is back together."

Turn this card over and invite your child to find the 4 party hats.

SAY: The father saw that his older son was not at the party. The father made sure everyone was included. God is like that too.



Dear God, thank you for including everyone in your family. Amen.



Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!

Psalm 133:1

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Look at the picture above and invite your child(ren) to find the 4 party hats.

Follow-Up Activities:

Paper Craft Activities:

- Print the color sheet (see last page) and encourage your child to color the picture. As they work on their picture remind them that God loves us just like the father in the picture loves his son who is coming home.

Song:

- **Jesus Taught** (Song Option)
(Tune: "London Bridge")
Jesus taught about God's love.
Turn around; shout "Hooray!"
Jesus taught about God's love.
We love Jesus.

Game Idea:

- **Hug Tag**
Say: **The father in our story ran out to his younger son and gave him a big hug when he returned home. We can welcome one another with happy hugs too! Let's play Hug Tag.**
Directions: Walk around the house, or go outside and run around the back yard, to play keep away. The person that is "It" will try and catch those who are walking/running around. When "It" catches someone, they give them a Hug!

- **Suggested Family Serving Time Activities:**

- A. **Donate diapers** to the church for our monthly diaper drive.

- B. The **children's book donation** that I previously mentioned will continue through the end of August or end of September. These books can be used right away.

- C. **Chalk the Lot! A 'thank you' to health care workers (THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23)**
Help decorate the top deck of the parking garage (Parking Lot #2) on Sunday, Aug. 23rd as a way to say "Thank You" to our healthcare workers who have been such amazing heroes throughout this pandemic!

- Choose a time and come decorate a designated parking spot between Noon and 8pm.

- Here is a link to the Sign-Up Genius to select a time to come!**

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49aeac2da4f49-chalk>

Help Us Thank Our Healthcare Workers

CHALK THE LOT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 | NOON to 8PM | PHUMC LOT 2



- **Blessing & Prayer:**

- **Blessing:** Have your child hold out their hand and draw a circle on the back of their hand as you say the following; *(You can also use something like lip balm, soap, lotion, etc. to draw a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following blessing.)*

- Say: _____, **God loves you, God remembers you, God is always with you.**

- **Prayer:** (It might be something like)

- Dear God, thank you for loving us no matter what.**

- Amen**

Remember to gather at 10:30am to watch our Sunday morning service on KATV!



I love you my son!