



Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 21-06-20

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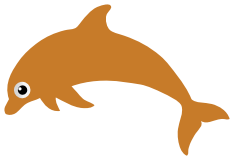
Praise shout

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to praise God for his faithfulness

You will need: an audible timer (such as a kitchen timer, mobile phone or digital alarm), Splash sheet 48 (attached)

1. Teach the children the response 'God's love never fails' from Psalm 136, using these actions: God's (point upwards), love (arms crossed over chest), never fails (hands down and away from your body, very firmly, emphasising the word 'never').
2. Now read verses 1–9 and 23–26 of Psalm 136, with the children joining in the response.
3. Ask the children for other examples of God's unfailing care for us and shout the same response after each illustration.



Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

Family photos

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

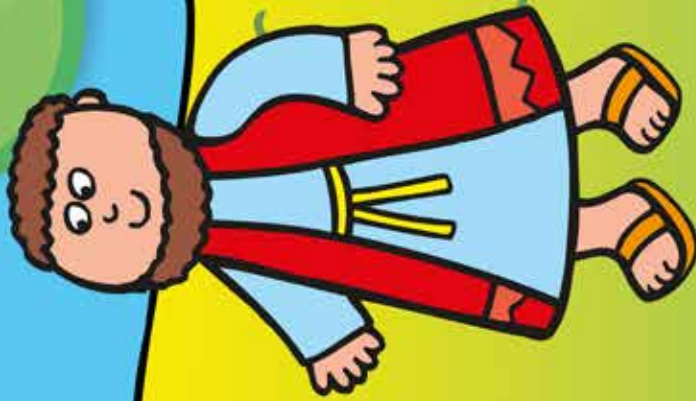
Aim: to see how God does what is best for families

You will need: photos of families, including special occasions; large backing paper; glue; Bubbles sheet 6 (attached)

1. Look at all the pictures of families. Who can the children see? A mummy or a daddy? Grannies, or brothers and sisters? Show one or two pictures of your own family and talk about who the people are and what they are doing.
2. Encourage the children to talk about their own families and any special family occasions.
3. Show the front of Bubbles sheet 6. Who is the older man (daddy) in this picture? It's Abraham. Who is the younger man? He is Isaac, Abraham's grown-up son.
4. Label your backing paper 'God loves families'. Let the children stick pictures of families on to the background. Include pictures of Abraham and Isaac; introduce Rebekah who came to join their family.



Add
Rebekah
to the
family.



Bubbles⁶

Isaac and Rebekah

Today's aim is to discover that God does what is right for families.

Genesis 24

God promised Abraham a large family.

In this Bible story, baby Isaac has grown up. But that is not a very large family! God ensures that his promise to Abraham keeps on being kept.

Remember that the culture of Abraham's time was not the same as our own.

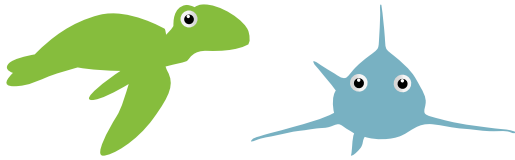
This story may prompt all sorts of conversations with your child about weddings, marriage and families.

Rebekah was happy to marry Isaac and to be part of God's plan. This is an arranged marriage and also a love match.

The Bible story can be found on **Bonus Sheet B**.

Enjoy this Bible story again in **The Big Bible Storybook**, available from GPC as a hardback, paperback or audio book. It is full of great Bible stories, told especially for young children, and features all your favourite **Bible Friends**.





Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

Splash

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to help children to trust God this week

You will need: Splash! sheets 48 and 50 (attached), split pins (optional)

1. Look at the illustrations in circle 2 on the Splash! sheet and chat with the children about times when they find things difficult. Say that just as God only wanted the best for Abraham, he also wants the best for us, so we can trust him to be with us when we are facing difficulties. (Be sensitive to children who are in particularly difficult circumstances.)
2. Encourage the children to each think of three times when they will need to trust God this week, and to write or draw them in the blank segments on their sheet.
3. Help the children to cut out the circles, and to attach circle 1 over circle 2 with a split pin, to make a wheel of trust. Show them how to turn the top circle to see one picture at a time.
4. Ask the children to turn their wheel to the segment that they most need to trust God for today. Lead the children in a short prayer asking for God to be with them for the issue shown. Encourage them to say a short prayer asking God to be with them for a different issue each day.
5. Colour in Splash sheet 48. Cut out the jigsaw pieces and put them together again to tell the story.

Splash!

I can trust God

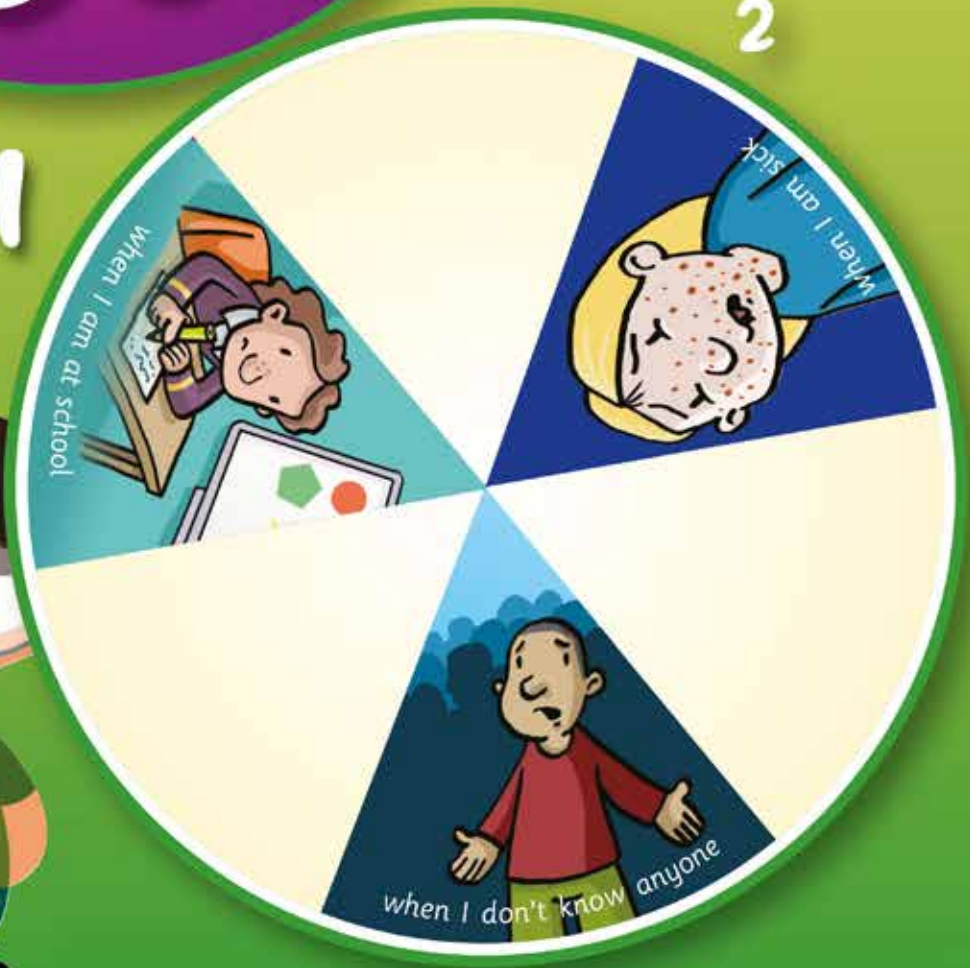


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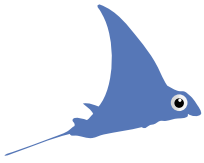
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Wheel





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Trust God

Activity time: 10–20 minutes

Aim: to trust God with our worries

You will need: a large wooden cross (optional)

1. Invite the children to write or draw some things they are afraid of or worried about.
2. Display your cross, or a similar symbol of Jesus, on the other side of the room. Invite the children to take it in turns to place their words and pictures by the cross and tell Jesus about the things they have written or drawn. Explain that Jesus doesn't always take away difficult things or situations, but he does promise to be with us always.
3. Say that in today's story they'll see how much God wants his people to trust him.