God Promises a Savior

Engage: Page 21

- Take a neighborhood walk, looking for small creatures and animals. **Ask:** What do all these creatures need? (food, water, air) Discuss how people can help God’s creatures.
- **Say:** Let’s read a poem about little creatures who might need our help. Read aloud the session title and the poem. **Ask:** How was each animal cared for? (They were put in a safe place.) **Say:** God sent Jesus to care for and protect us.
- Ask your child to think about ways we protect animals and one another. Pray aloud the prayer together. Then pray Amen. **Say:** It takes great love to keep others safe and protected.

Explore: Pages 22–23

- Together find and identify pictures of people who take care of us, such as doctors, firefighters, and police officers. **Ask:** How do they protect us? (They keep us safe.) **Say:** It feels good to feel safe and loved.
- Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 22. Have your child point to the word Savior. Help him or her find the word Savior in the Glossary. Discuss the definition. **Say:** God promised to send a Savior to protect us. He kept his promise. God sent his Son, Jesus.
- Read aloud the directions. Demonstrate how to write the letter S and have your child complete the activity. Then read aloud the completed sentences.
- Read aloud the I Go to Church feature. **Say:** Jesus knows that sometimes we make bad choices in the things we say and do. His love and forgiveness keep us close to him.
- Read aloud the title and the sentence on page 23. Point out the word heaven, and help your child find it in the Glossary. Discuss the definition. **Say:** Jesus’ love for us is so big that he makes heaven possible for us. Then read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity.
- Read aloud the Reading God’s Word feature. **Say:** God’s love for us was so great that he sent us his only Son, Jesus. Jesus is our Savior.
Art Exploration: Explore Art Print 4 Blackline Master

- Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of the prophet Isaiah.
- **Ask:** What do you see in this picture? What is the man doing? Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail.
- **Say:** The man in the picture is the prophet Isaiah. A prophet is someone who delivers a special message of hope and love from God.
- Display the Art Print 4 Blackline Master. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- Read aloud the section The Prophet Isaiah. **Ask:** What special messages do we get from our friends and family in cards, e-mails, and phone calls? (We are loved; we are special; they are proud of us.) **Say:** Isaiah's message was that God was going to send his Son, Jesus, to save us.
- Read aloud the section My Message and assist your child in completing the activity. Discuss the message about God that your child wrote.
- Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. **Say:** Isaiah's message was true. Jesus really did come to save us.
- Help your child write special messages to family members or friends about Jesus, our Savior, and put them in a place where they will be surprised by the message. **Ask:** How are we being like the prophet Isaiah? (We are delivering messages of hope and love.)

Reflect: Pages 24–25

- Together look at page 24. **Ask:** What do you think the children in the picture might say to God? (Answers will vary.) **Say:** God is always glad to hear what is in our hearts.
- Point to and read aloud the All part: Jesus saves us. Have your child repeat it. Explain that you will pray aloud the Leader part while your child responds with Jesus saves us. Prompt your child to respond at the appropriate times. Close by praying the Sign of the Cross.
- Read aloud the title and the sentence on page 25. **Say:** God the Father sent Jesus to us. What do you say when someone does something for you? (Thank you.) Read aloud the directions and have your child complete the prayer card. Encourage him or her to share it with your family.
- Read aloud the Did You Know? feature. **Ask:** What is the name of the Savior whom God sent to protect us? (Jesus) **Say:** Thank you, God and Jesus, for protecting us and loving us.

Respond: Page 26

- Read aloud the Faith Summary. Have your child trace the words Savior and heaven. **Say:** We learned that God sent us a Savior. Our Savior is God the Father’s Son, Jesus.
- Invite your child to pray silently as you pray aloud. **Say:** Thank you, Father, for sending us Jesus our Savior to help us make good choices and live the way you want us to live. Together pray the Sign of the Cross.
- Read aloud the words from the story in With My Family and have your child say the picture words. Use the Picture Glossary on pages 206–207 if needed. Invite your child to answer the question at the end of the story.