

# Here a Little, There a Little

Isaiah 28:10 (NKJV) For precept must be upon precept,  
Line upon line, here a little, there a little.

*52 Lesson Plans of Qualities/Concepts  
from Scripture to Teach Young  
Children*

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# Introduction

***Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NKJV) And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.***

This book actually is a compilation of lesson plans I created years ago to do just what these verses command. I wanted to intentionally and continually throughout each day establish God's Word in the hearts of our preschool children, even beginning when they were just newborns.

As I observed my children, I would determine what character quality needed attention the next week or what concept I wanted them to learn. I spent Sunday afternoon making a lesson plan to teach that, starting with finding a scripture for the week that addressed the issue. Then I found Bible stories, books, songs, videos, etc to reinforce it. I sometimes put the Bible verse to familiar tunes to help with memorizing. I came up with activities to practically teach the quality or concept.

We always began the week by creatively displaying the Bible verse on the fridge. Each day I would enthusiastically tell one of the Bible stories in my own words, using visuals or acting it out and reading it from our favorite Bible Story book, *The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes* by Kenneth Taylor. Then we would do one of the Bible activities.

Find the suggested Bible story in your favorite children's Bible and read it. There are many good ones out today. We loved the Arch Books which are Bible stories put to rhyme with great illustrations. You can find them for many of the Bible stories. Put the verse to a familiar tune or make up your own tune.

I hope after using my lesson plans you will be inspired to write your own, tailored to your children's needs.

# Attentiveness

(Showing the worth of a person by giving attention to his words)

**Bible Verses:** Study to be quiet. 1 Thessalonians 4:11

We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard. Hebrews 2:1

## **Bible Stories:**

Mark 1:35 Jesus loved to get alone with God so he could be quiet and just listen to God. Usually Jesus would get up very early in the morning to go to a quiet place. There he would pray to God and be quiet and listen to God talk to him.

Psalm 29:3 and 1 Chronicles 16:33 We can hear God in many ways if we will be quiet and listen to God. The Bible says God's voice is in the waters and the thunder (Psalms 29:3). The Bible also says the trees of the wood sing out the presence of the Lord (1 Chronicles 16:33). If we are quiet we can hear God in many ways.

Luke 2:41-49 Jesus went to the temple when he was 12 years old. He was so glad to get to go. He wanted to learn all he could from the teachers at the temple. When his parents got ready to leave they couldn't find Jesus. They finally found him sitting with the teachers and listening quietly as they taught about God. Can you be quiet while your teacher or preacher teaches about God?

II Thessalonians 3:12 Jesus wanted everyone to work quietly. He knew that was the best way to work. When you are talking loudly while you work you can't do your best on what you are doing. If someone else is talking and working and you are not quiet they can't do their best.. We must study to be quiet while we work or while others work or talk.

Matthew 5-7 One day Jesus went on a mountain and a great many people followed him to the top, of the mountain. Jesus saw the people and began to teach them. The people sat quietly and listened to Jesus preach about God for hours. Can you sit and listen quietly when someone is preaching about God?

**Prayer:** Help us be attentive to God and listen to our teachers and parents.

**Activities for baby:**

- Look him in the eyes without saying anything
- Picture of Jesus praying alone
- Let him hear different sounds: clock, bell, squeak toy, etc.
- Sing quietly to him
- Talk in loud voice and soft voice

**Activities for older preschoolers:**

- Find picture of Jesus praying alone with God and make a puzzle
- Make list and gather things that are quiet things to do in "Big Church"
- Walk in woods and be very quiet, listen for God sounds
- Play silent game - who can be quiet the longest
- Paint picture without saying a word
- Look for clock hidden in room
- Identify 5 different expressions on mother's face - ex. happy, sad, mad, etc.

# Better to Give Than to Receive

## **Bible Verse:**

It is better to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

## **Bible Stories:**

Matthew 2:1-11 When Jesus was born there were wise men who wanted to go worship Jesus and give Him gifts. They searched for Jesus and followed a star to the place where Jesus was. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh which were special gifts for a special baby. The wise men knew it was better to give than to receive. They didn't go to Jesus expecting Him to give them anything; they took gifts to Him.

1 Samuel 18:1-3 David and Jonathan were good friends. Jonathan loved David very, very much. He love him so much he wanted to give him something. He knew it was better to give than receive. Jonathan gave David his robe he was wearing and his clothes, even his sword and his bow he used to protect himself. Jonathan was a good friend to David because he gave unselfishly to him.

Acts 20:32-35 Paul went from city to city telling people about Jesus. He didn't expect anyone to give him money for doing it either. Paul worked with his own hands to take care of his needs. Paul was telling the people they should work to be able to give to people who have needs – people who were sick, or hungry, or had no money. Paul reminded them that Jesus said, “It is better to give than to receive.” What are some things we can give? (love, thanks, joy, money, presents, etc)

2 Corinthians 9:7 Luke 6:38 God said it is better to give than to receive. The reason he said that was because if we give to others, God will give to us. The Bible says, “Give and it will be given to you.” It makes God happy when we like to give. The Bible says, “God loves a cheerful giver.”

Psalm 92:1 God likes for us to give to others, but one thing He likes for us to give Him is thanks. The Bible says, “It is a good thing to give thanks to God.” Remember to give thanks to God and to others.

**Prayer:**

Help us be more excited about giving than getting

**Activities for younger preschooler:**

- Point out the Wise Men in the manger scene and talk about the gifts
- Find a picture of Jonathan and David to show him
- Find a picture of Paul making a tent and tell the story
- Give him a hug, smile, etc. and say that is something he can give
- Sing “It is Better to Give Than Receive” (tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”)

**Activities for older preschoolers:**

- Let him play with a manger scene and talk about the gifts the Wise Men gave.
- Make a puzzle out of a picture of Jonathan and David
- Look at a calendar to see when the next family member’s birthday is or Christmas and talk about how you can’t wait to give that person a present.
- Make cookies or something to give away and talk about how exciting it is to give.
- Have a clean out day and gather toys or clothes and take them to Good Will or clothes closet

# Brothers and Sisters

## **Bible Verse:**

A brother is born to help in time of need. Proverbs 17:17

## **Bible Stories:**

Genesis 37: Joseph had 11 brothers but Joseph's brothers did not love him. In fact they hated Joseph and were mean to him. One day Joseph's brothers were feeding their father's sheep. Joseph's father sent him to check and see if his brothers were all right. When Joseph found his brothers they wanted to kill him but they decided to sell him as a slave to some men from another country. The men took Joseph to a far away country and made him serve them. How sad that Joseph's brothers were so unkind to him!

Genesis 41:54 – 47:12: After Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave, God took care of Joseph and caused the ruler of Egypt to favor him. The Pharaoh made Joseph his helper. Joseph told Pharaoh that God had told him there was going to be a famine which meant there would be no food. He said that Egypt needed to store food before the famine came. When everybody else didn't have food, Egypt had plenty. Joseph's brothers came to ask for food. They didn't know that Joseph was there. Joseph was glad to see his brothers and gave them the food they needed. Joseph knew a brother was born to help in time of need.

Exodus 1 & 2: At the time Moses was born, the king was angry and wanted all baby boys killed. But God helped Moses' sister take care of Moses. When he was born his mother and his sister Miriam made a basket and hid Moses in the basket in the river. Miriam stood in the bushes to see what would happen to him. The king's daughter found Moses and loved him. Miriam asked the princess if she could get her mom to take care of Moses for her. Miriam helped save her baby brother. She knew a sister was born to help in time of need.

Genesis 4: Adam and Eve had two boys named Cain and Abel. Cain was not a good brother to Abel. He didn't like Abel so one day he killed his brother Abel. God saw what he had done and was definitely not pleased with Cain. God punished Cain for not being



a good brother to Abel. God wants brothers to love each other and help one another when they have needs. A brother is born to help in time of need.

John 1:37-42: Andrew heard Jesus speak one day and wanted to follow Jesus. He spent that day with Jesus. Andrew loved Jesus and knew that he was God's Son whom everybody needed to know and love. Andrew loved his brother Peter and wanted him to know Jesus. Andrew went immediately to his brother and told about Jesus and brought him to Jesus. Andrew knew a brother is born to help in time of need. He knew Peter needed to know Jesus so he took him to Jesus. Can you help your brother know about Jesus?

Prayer:

Help me to be a good brother/sister by helping and being kind.

#### **Activities for younger preschoolers:**

- Show pictures of brothers/sisters helping
- Let older sibling hold and kiss him/her while you share Bible verse
- Let older sibling feed him/her and share Bible verse
- Have him/her help older sibling clean his room
- Have him share something with older sibling

#### **Activities for older preschoolers:**

- Find a picture of a brother or sister helping each other and glue it to a paper plate. Write the Bible verse on it and put a ribbon through the top. Hang it on a door knob or the refrigerator to look at all week.
- Make play dough figures of brothers or sisters and let the figures have pretend conversations as you emphasize helping each other
- Lead older sibling to draw pictures of ways to help with younger sibling and then to do them
- Make paper dolls of the brothers/sisters – cut out, color and cover in contact paper
- Have older sibling tell younger a story about Jesus

