

Two's / Three's & Four's

Unit 5: Rules to Live By

Story 13.A & B - Tabernacle and Idol Worship (Exodus 32-34)

Two's and Three's begin and end the service with playtime. Once you begin the lesson, it's okay if not all children are willing to participate; gather those who are willing. Feel free to shorten or modify elements to suit your needs. All plans are flexible for this age group.

1. CIRCLE TIME - Start 30 minutes after the service starts (1st- 9:00; 2nd-10:45).

(Some parents will keep their kids with them for worship at the beginning of service.)

Gather kids on the rug. Set behavior expectations with the following question and answer prompts:

Where are we? We're at church.

What do we do here? Learn about God.

How do we learn about God in this special place? Listen carefully and sit quietly.

- **BIBLE:** Show kids the Bible and tell them it's a very special book because it comes from God, the one who made us. Let each child pat the Bible gently and say "The Word of God."
- **MEMORY VERSE:** Practice the memory verse for the unit. Be sure to give each child a chance to say it by repeating after you. While a few may actually be able to say it on their own, most will just repeat it one word at a time at this stage.
"I have God's word in my heart." Psalm 119:11a
- **STORY:** Give each child a laminated Bible Story Picture from the Story Box, and read today's story on the back of this paper.

2. WORSHIP - Play music on the CD player and give kids instruments from the Music Box.

Encourage kids to praise God through instruments, singing, and dancing! Put the instruments away after the song.

3. ART - Have kids sit at the tables and pass out today's Bible Story Picture with a label sticker already on. Help the kids place stickers on their pictures from the "Art Box."

4. SNACK - **Check for allergies on the attendance roster.** Clean up art supplies and help kids rub their hands with hand sanitizer. Set out snacks and water at the table. Before everyone eats, use this time as an opportunity to pray. There is a short prayer printed on the wall for kids to say with you or feel free to pray as you are led.

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



Last week we heard about how Moses went up to the mountain and came back down with two tablets. They had 10 rules about how to live in a way that honors God.

(Pull out the two tablets from the story box) [Let's count to ten!...](#)

While Moses was up on the mountain, God told him to make a very fancy tent called a tabernacle. It would be a place where they could worship him.

*(*Consider using some chairs and a blanket to make a tent.)*

God told them exactly what it should look like and it would be very special.

While Moses was up on the mountain hearing about how they should build this house for God, the people got tired of waiting!

They decided to make their own god and worship it. Guess what it was? A cow! A golden cow! [Can you point to the picture of the golden cow?](#)

This is a cow, is it God? No! God is not a cow! He got very angry when the people tried to make their god.

[Say, "Oh no!"](#)

The good news is that God forgave them and they built his fancy tent called a tabernacle after all.

Even when we do things that are wrong, God forgives us!