

Two's / Three's & Four's

Unit 6: Rules to Live By

Story 14.A & B - The Twelve Spies of Israel (Numbers 13 & 14)

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 unit's memory verse. Give each child a chance to say it by repeating after you. At this stage, a few may be able to say it on their own, most will just repeat it one word at a time.
"The Lord is my shepherd. He leads me. Psalm 23:1-2"
- **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.



Do you remember when Moses went up the mountain to talk to God? God gave them ten special rules called the Ten Commandments. *(Show Ten Commandments from the story box)*

After that the people of Israel wandered in the desert. They brought their special tent to worship God with them. After a long time, God told them that it was time for them to see the land that he had for them.

This land was called Canaan. It was the place that God promised to their great, great, great ... grandpa Abraham.

God told Moses to pick twelve men to go and take a peek at the land in secret. [Let's count to twelve...](#)

Those twelve men snuck into Canaan and guess what they saw! They saw a lot of fruit and food! They even carried back some big grapes to show everyone. It took two people to carry them! [Say, "Yum!" Point to the men with the grapes in your picture.](#)

They also saw big cities with big giant people in them! They were very scared of those big people, so they ran back to tell Moses all about it.

They told Moses that they should not try to go to the land of Canaan because the people were too scary! Even though two men named Caleb and Joshua said that they should trust in God and go where he said, the others said, "No!"

They did not trust in God, so God said they had to stay in the desert for 40 more years! [Say, "Oh no! That's a long time!"](#)

Even though they had to wait, God's people remembered and trusted God's promises—and in the end, He gave them the land He had promised.