

Two's / Three's & Four's

Unit 9 - Prophecy

Story 28.A & B - Zechariah's Prophecy of Joshua

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.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God"

- **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 at the table. Before everyone eats, use this time as an opportunity to pray. You may use the prayer listed below, or simply pray as you feel 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.

Picture Here

There was a man named Zechariah. He had visions from God.

A vision is like a dream except you are awake. Zechariah had a vision about a priest named Joshua.

Point to the man in the picture.

Do you see how dirty his clothes are? How do you think his clothes got so dirty?

He was not following God's rules and every time he did something wrong, his clothes got more and more dirty.

An angel told the people around Joshua to take off his dirty clothes and put on clean clothes.

Turn your picture over, do you see his new fancy clothes?

God told the angel to give him new clothes and then he told Joshua that he should follow God's rules.

God told him that he would be in charge of important things.

Most importantly, God told Joshua that one day God would take away the sins of everyone in one day.

Guess what? That day was when Jesus died on the cross for us.

Say, "Thank you, Jesus!"