

## What Your Child Is Learning This Week

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### I Am the Apple of God's Eye!



This week your children are learning that God loves them and knows each of them by name. We are getting to know the name of our classroom friends.

### Growing In Faith Together

Sometimes our schedules are so busy and full that we neglect the very people who are the reason for our busy schedules. We want our children to have so many opportunities that we sometimes forget *to make the time* to nourish their hearts and souls. Sharing in a reflective way with your child on a daily basis will have long-lasting benefits. Sharing each lesson from class with your child will provide quality time for both you and your child and plant the seeds of open communication within your family.

### Helping Them Remember...

- Have your child tell *you* this week's story.
- Each day, point out the ways God touches each family member's life.
- Use grace before dinner each day as a time to name (and thank God for) some of the special gifts God has given him or her.
- Play a game of "God made \_\_\_\_\_, and God made me!" in the car at stoplights or in other moments of "downtime".
- Sit down with your child to talk about this week's worksheet as they color it.
- Practice making the sign of the cross each time you pray. (don't worry about the left and right, just practice the best they can.

### Praying Together

Set aside at least ten minutes each day to pray with your family in a special way. Decide together the best time and a special place. Here are a few suggestions:

Bedtime prayers are a wonderful way to help children reflect on their day and feel safe and protected by God throughout the night. If you don't already pray together at bedtime, this is a wonderful time to start.

Place a picture of absent family members on a table as you pray. If Grandma and Grandpa are far away or Mommy or Daddy's on a business trip, include them in your child's prayer experience.

A votive candle which you light before prayers and which your child can blow out after prayers may help your child understand that this is a special time.

### Next Week...

#### *God Made the world and he made ME!*

Next week we will be learning about Creation and reading a simplified version of the Creation story from Genesis.



#### *Questions or concerns?*

*Please call the Religious Ed office.*

*Our door is always open to help you in any way we can.*

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