



September Bible Story Corner

To our new families - Welcome to Joyful Noise! I look forward to getting to know your child during Bible Story. To our returning families - Welcome back! I can't wait to see all the children and hear about their summers.

For those of you who don't know - Bible story is once a week - 15 mins for the playgroups and 20 mins for the other classes. If your child is in two classes, they will have it twice a week.

While we read lots of Bible stories about God and Jesus, we also spend time learning about what it is to be a friend, how to be thankful for what we have and other important character traits. We use a felt board to let the children re-tell the day's story, play games related to the story to reinforce concepts or sit and talk about feelings, things we are thankful for, etc. It is so important to me to make sure that all my students understand that they are loved by God and, their families and their community and how to treat others. Kindness is a theme we revisit throughout the year.

Bible will officially start the first full week of school. I'll welcome the students, help them transition to a new room and talk a little about what we do in Bible story. Then we will read a back to school/fall story and I'll let each child take a turn telling me something about their summer, about what they want to do at school, or anything else they want. It is so interesting to see what they come up with.

The last week of September, we will hear one of my favorite stories - Noah and the ark. We will sit in an ark made out of tape on the floor while we listen to the story. Then we will play a matching game with stuffed animals and march them into the ark. We will also dance to the unicorn song and learn why the unicorns didn't make it onto the ark. All this active participation will help the students really understand and remember the story.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. My email is lauren.hassan@yahoo.com

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