### God Made Families

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# **God Made Families**

This lesson is a series of songs and conversations about the families God gives to us. Each experience is listed on the right edge of the page, with the experience for that page highlighted. The teachers will introduce a new manipulative or visual for each experience. The body of the page is the songs associated with each experience. Each song's common tune is in parenthesis above the song.

Let's call our friend, (name of mascot). (Name), come out and see us. (Bring out mascot puppet.)

Hi, (name), how are you today?

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Bring out mascot puppet.

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SONGS

(Farmer in the Dell)

(Name) wants to learn,

(Name) wants to learn,

(Name) wants to learn about God,

(Name) wants to learn.

(Name) likes to read this book. What book is this? That's right, the Bible. (song) Bible words say "God made families" Let's read Bible words. They say. . . (read family storybook)

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Hold up Bible, open and touch pages then use book to illustrate the story.

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(This Old Man)

Bible words, Bible words Thank you, God, for Bible words. SONGS

There are all kinds of families: big families, small families. Families can have parents: daddies, mommies. Families can have brothers, sisters and babies. There can be grandparents: grandma and grandpa. Families can have aunts, uncles, & cousins.

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Give each child a member of the family as you tell them the name of the person.

(Try to use all family members as listed opposite.)

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(Mary Had a Little Lamb)

God gave us a family, Family, family.
God gave us a family.
A family to love.

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God gives us families to protect us and keep us safe. Our families give us a house to live in so we can stay warm and safe. Put your person in the house so they will stay warm and safe.

Show the house, let each child place his or her family member in the house.

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God gives us families to feed us so that we will grow big and strong. Families cook dinner and sometimes we can help. Let's all pretend that we are helping to cook dinner.

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Pass out a bowl and spoon to each child.

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(The Wheels on the Bus)

The spoon in the bowl goes round and round, Round and round, Round and round.
The spoon in the bowl goes round and round As I help to stir.

God gives us families to care for us. Babies in the family need lots of care. They like rocking and cuddling. Let's all sing to and rock our babies.

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Pass out a baby doll to each child.

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(Mulberry Bush)

(Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Rocking in my arms.

This is the way we rock the baby, Rock the baby, rock the baby. This is the way we rock the baby, The baby in the family.

The baby likes to rock to sleep,

The baby likes to rock to sleep,

Rock to sleep, rock to sleep.

SONGS

Our families take us to church where we can be with our church family and learn more about God. Let's pretend we are driving to church.

Pass out steering wheels and let children pretend to drive.

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(Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)

This is the way we drive to church, Drive to church, drive to church. This way we drive to church Drive to church.

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Did you enjoy the story about families and how they love us?
I did, too. Well it's almost time to go.
Say good-bye to (name).

Have puppet respond to questions by nodding and shaking its head.
Then wave good-bye and put it away.

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PRAY
Dear God,
Thank you for giving us a family.
We love you,
In Jesus' name,
Amen