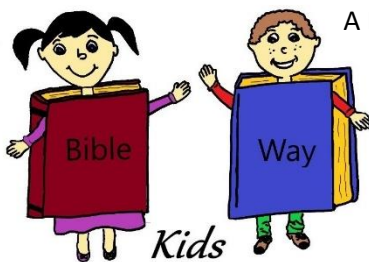


# GREAT RECIPES FROM GOD'S KITCHEN



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## **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

Great Recipes from God's Kitchen are stories involving character traits that we want to instill in our children. Some of the stories are familiar stories, some are not as well known.

The children will be creating a recipe book to take home at the end of the series. Each week they will be writing their memory verse in the book and then inserting a recipe that goes along with the story. This series is a favorite with children because they get to make a recipe and eat it each week. Crafts will be eliminated in this series and food recipes are added.

The children will need a three prong folder that will remain at the Sunday School until the last session.

There will be a menu board in the classroom that the memory verse will be written on each week. Each week they will be given a new recipe card page. The page will have two recipe cards on it. You can make these cards using a recipe creator online or there are several templates online to pick from. During pre-session the children will write their memory verse on the top card and will glue the provided recipe on the bottom recipe card. The recipes are written at the bottom of the lesson. You can make the recipe at home before hand or create it at the Sunday School with the children. We sometimes did both, made it ahead and then mixed it up again with the children and either cooked it then or took it home. Time constraints and size of your class will determine what works best for you.

When the children take the recipe book home they will have a written record of their memory verses and of the things they made in class.

The room décor is all about cooking. Posters of cooking, chefs, recipe cards, utensils, etc...

The costumes are aprons and chefs hats if you desire. The guys can wear full body "guy" aprons or even a chefs white coat.

Happy Cooking!!



# **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

## **Recipe #1**

### **Joy- Lame Man at the Gate Beautiful**

#### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Welcome:** Smiley face stickers, Recipe Cards and recipes from Resource Packet

**Pre-session:** Menu board with Memory Verse written, three prong folders, Card stock, pencils, recipe cards from welcome, art materials

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** Large Cookie cut out of cardboard, a cookie in a clear baggie with the verse stapled on the bag (one for each child)

**Lesson:** 3 towels (not the same colors if possible), coffee cup, notecard with the word FAITH, notecard with the word LAME, notecard with the word JOY

**Object Lesson:** 1 balloon with strips of black paper inside and a smiling face on the outside, 1 balloon with 1 ½ cup of water inside and a smiling face on the outside, candle, candle lighter

**Recipe of the Day:** 5 ½ cups unsweetened, shredded coconut, 14 oz. sweetened condensed milk, 1 ½ cups pwd. sugar, 24-30 almonds, raw  
4 cups chocolate candy melts.

**Extended Time Game or Activity:** Address labels cut in half

# Great Recipes from God's Kitchen

## Recipe # 1

### Joy- Lame Man at the Gate Beautiful

#### Scripture Reference: Acts 3:1-10

**Memory Verse: John 16:22** And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a smile and give them a smiley face sticker. Hand them this week's recipe card and recipe for their folders.



**Pre-session:** The children will be given a three prong folder and a recipe card sheet with two recipe cards on the sheet. They will decorate the outside of their folder and put their names on them. They will then open them up and put the recipe sheet inside and write their memory verse from the menu board on the top card. They will then glue the recipe to the bottom recipe card.,



**Prayer:** Let the children worship the Lord and give him a hand clap of praise.



**Song and Offering:** "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"  
What a wonderful day to be serving the Lord! Let's praise him by giving in offering.



**Memory Verse:** Make a big cookie out of cardboard. Give each child a marker and let them each write one word of the verse on the cookie. If a child doesn't have a word to write, they can draw a chocolate chip on the cookie. Have the children repeat the verse until they feel comfortable with it. Give each child a cookie in a clear baggie and the verse stapled on the baggie to take home.



**Lesson:** Choose the children you would like to help you today. You need a lame man (one color towel draped on shoulder, notecard LAME in his pocket and coffee cup), Peter (towel draped on shoulder, notecard FAITH in his pocket), and a John (towel draped on shoulder, notecard JOY in his pocket).

**Peter and John** were walking (walking in place and pretending to be talking) along to the temple one day because it was getting about prayer time and they were discussing all the awesome things that Jesus did when He was here. Peter was talking about Lazarus being raised from the dead. John was talking about that time in the boat when they thought they were going to die. Jesus woke up and just spoke to the wind and it ended the storm. Instant calm. Wow! They talked about all the men, women and children that Jesus healed and raised from the dead. Peter and John talked about how Jesus himself was raised from the dead after 3 days. Jesus was great and He said that if we would just ask anything in His name then He would answer. Peter was getting a little pep in his step and John couldn't stop smiling.

By the time that **Peter and John** got to the temple, they were already worshipping! They started singing songs (*choose any worship song*) unto the Lord and laughing because they couldn't stop remembering all that Jesus was to them. Peter was so hyped up on the goodness of the Lord that he called out to the **beggar** lying by the Gate called Beautiful right in front of the temple. **Peter** said, "Hey! Look at us!"

Now, the beggar was lame. He couldn't get a job because his legs and feet refused to hold him up and no one had use for a man who couldn't stand all day. So he was at the temple most every day begging for money to buy food and he had seen these two fellas before. He knew they always came to the church at this time to pray. He also knew that Peter and John usually didn't have money to give to him. So he was curious... "Money for me?" the **beggar** asked.

**Peter** laughed, "Silver and gold, have I none. But such as I have give I thee- In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"... In other words, "I don't have money to give you but I have something better! In Jesus Name be healed! Stand up and walk!"

Before the **beggar** could think about what was happening, **Peter and John** each took a hand and hauled the beggar to his feet. Instantly the man's legs and ankles were healed! The beggar took up his bed and ran and jumped around! The beggar ran into the temple to praise Jesus for what had happened to him in His Name! Everyone who saw the man who once was a beggar was amazed!

What was the gift that **Peter** gave to the beggar? His Faith! (*Peter gives notecard FAITH to beggar.*) Peter had been worshipping Jesus and praising Him for the things he had done on Earth and it gave Peter faith. He just KNEW Jesus would heal that man! Is there something in your life that has been troubling you for a long time? Maybe it has held you back from getting the joy that you need. You can ask Jesus to help you with your problem. He may not solve the problem for you but He will walk through the problem with you. He said He would never leave you nor forsake you. It is with FAITH (*show the notecard*) that the beggar was able to trade being LAME (*gives the notecard to teacher*) with having JOY (*teacher will give beggar the notecard*).



**Object Lesson:** Set up your props on a table and show the kids both balloons.

**Teacher says:** When you are living for God you are going to experience happiness. There are going to be days that are just the best you have ever had. Then there are going to be days that you'd wish were over already. On your "bad" days when nothing is going right (you lost your homework, can't find your favorite shoes, mom is upset with you) are you still happy?

(*Light the candle*) This candle flame represents the bad times in life. You may fail a test. Mom and Dad may be fighting. You could have fell down and hurt yourself walking home. Or you just may not feel good. Are you happy still? (***Hold the balloon with the paper strips over the flame.***) Oops! The balloon popped! Uh oh... there went our happiness and it just left us with dark feelings. (***Show the kids the paper strips.***)

Let's see what happens when we hold our other balloon over the fire. It has the same smile as the other balloon. What do you think is going to happen? (***Hold the balloon sideways over the flame. The water should protect the balloon.***) Wow! What's the difference? Well, it has water in it. The water protected the balloon from the flame. The water in this balloon represents Jesus in our lives. When we have the Holy Ghost, the happy feeling in our hearts is not happiness, it is JOY. Joy is being able to keep your smile even when going through the fires in life. We can have the happy feeling of JOY because we know that no matter what happens to us, Jesus loves us and is with us through it all. Acts 2:38 gives us the best formula for making sure we have Jesus on our side all the time. It says that if we repent and be baptized in Jesus Name then we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost! The Holy Ghost is Jesus's Spirit in our Hearts and then we can have Joy all the time! Have a time of prayer with the children.



## Recipe of the Day: Almond Joy Bars

### Ingredients

- 5 1/2 cups Unsweetened Shredded Coconut
- 14 fluid ounces Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 1/2 cups Powdered Sugar
- 24-30 almonds, raw and whole
- 4 cups Chocolate Candy Melts

**Direction** Line an 8"x8" baking dish with parchment paper.

1. Mix together the coconut, sweetened condensed milk, and powdered sugar. Press the coconut mixture into the baking dish, and place (uncovered) in the freezer for at least 30 minutes (up to an hour).
2. Meanwhile, melt the chocolate melting candy by microwaving for 1 minute or heating over low heat on the stove until smooth. Remove from heat and let it cool for about 5 minutes.
3. Remove the coconut mixture from the freezer and lift from the baking dish using the parchment paper. Cut the coconut into bars (I cut 9 bars, and mine were quite large).
4. Dip the backs of two almonds in the chocolate (which will act as "glue") and stick the almonds to a coconut bar. Use a fork to dip then entire bar into the chocolate. Move quickly so that the bar doesn't fall apart. Tap on the edge of the bowl to release any extra chocolate. Move the dipped bar to a sheet of wax paper or silicon mat to let cool and harden.
5. Repeat with all of the bars.



**Extended Time Game: "Joy is Contagious"** Write joy on your address labels- then use a crayon to draw a line through the word joy. Give each child a blank sheet of paper with their name on it and mark the same color as their Joy at the top of the page. Make sure every child has 8-10 "Joy" labels with their own unique colors- have the children line up against the wall with their stickers in hand- When you say "Go" the children will race and see how many stickers they can stick to the other players. You want them to make sure they share their joy with everyone and not just one person. When you give the signal to stop, have the



children sit back at the table or your area and transfer their stickers to their paper. Have them write down each color Joy's names if time allows.

Laughing Game: Have each child sit in a circle. The first player will say "Ha", then next player will say "Ha, Ha" the next player will say "Ha, Ha, Ha", and on and on.



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### **Recipe #2**

### **Hospitality- Aquila and Priscilla**

### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencils, and glue.

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** See Resource Packet, scissors, tape, 2 poster boards (for the resource packet- 12 slices of pepperoni pizza on a single sheet)

**Lesson:** Tent, bible costume of your choice to wear while telling the story, bible

**Object Lesson:** Container with a lid, a small bowl, some rice or sand, and 3 balls or rocks.

**Recipe of the Day:** Pinwheels- 8 oz. cream cheese softened, 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing mix, 1 package soft taco sized tortillas, 1 package ham, Saran wrap

**Extended Time Game:** Small stuffed bunny and candy prizes

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## Recipe #2

### Hospitality- Aquila and Priscilla

**Scripture Reference: Acts 18:1-3, Romans 16:3-5; 1 Corinthians 16:19**

**Memory Verse: Galatians 6:10** As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a smile and pat on the back. Let them know that you are so glad that they could come visit today.



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Let the children worship the Lord for a bit this morning. God loves the praises of his people.



**Song and Offering:** "Everybody Ought to Know" Everyone ought to know who Jesus is and what He has done for you. We can help keep the good news out there by giving in offering.



**Memory Verse: Pizza Game:** Make 4 copies of the Pizza Slices in the Resource Packet. Cut out the pizza slices and write one word of the verse on each slice. Separate the slices for a whole verse for Team 1 and a whole verse for Team 2. Mix up the verse so it is not in order. Separate your children into two teams and see who can tape the verse on their poster board in the correct order first. Let the children work together to color and add ingredients to their pizza slices.



**Lesson:** *(If possible, have the children and yourself in the tent for the story. If there are too many children to fit inside the tent, you can sit in the doorway of the tent.)*

*(Open your bible- you can put your story to read in there.)* In the city of Corinth, Aquila was a man who really loved his wife. He taught her the tricks of his trade because he wanted his beautiful, smart wife near all the time. Priscilla in return really loved her husband because she chose to work with him day in and day out. They were best friends and they made tents for money. That was their job. One day there was special preacher in town. His name was Paul. He liked talking to all the people in the market place and so that's where he headed first. While he was walking and talking to everyone at the market place, he came upon the tent shop. When he peeked into the tent flap, Apostle Paul could not help but notice that the tent was very finely stitched, and made of the best of goat skins. He was very impressed with the workmanship. As Paul stepped into the shop, he interrupted a very intense conversation. Aquila and Priscilla were discussing about the best ways to spread the word -Jesus is God and died on the cross to save people from their sins.

It was God's will that Paul met Aquila and Priscilla that day. Paul, himself, was a tent maker. He loved the Lord Jesus and had received the Holy Ghost. He had a lot in common with the couple. Aquila and Priscilla asked Paul to stay with them and join them in their tent making business. It seems like they were very busy people. Paul also taught them to teach bible studies and to apply the scriptures more plainly. After a year and a half of teaching the gospel and making tents, Paul felt like God was leading him to Ephesus. Guess who went with him? Paul's best friends, Aquila and Priscilla!

Just as Aquila and Priscilla started their new tent business in Ephesus, Paul had to leave and travel to Jerusalem. This time Aquila and Priscilla told Paul that they would pray for him because they felt like God wanted them to stay there. It hurt to part with their good friend but they wanted to be in the will of God. Later, they understood why God wanted them there. Aquila and Priscilla opened a church in their home and taught everyone who would listen about the salvation that Jesus gave to His people. They are also remembered for teaching a young scholar named Apollos. Apollos only knew about John the Baptist but did not know about Jesus. After Aquila and Priscilla took him into their home and taught him about Jesus, he went on to become a preacher. Because Apollos was very educated and knew how to give speeches, many people heard and believed.

Aquila and Priscilla were known for their hospitality. They took others into their home, fed them, taught them the scriptures, prayed with them and when the

guests left- they were no longer guests but friends. Jesus wants us to share the gospel with others and to be their friends. Let's pray today and ask God to help us to be a good witness like Aquila and Priscilla.



### **Recipe of the Day: Pin Wheels Appetizers**

- 8 oz cream cheese softened
- 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing mix
- 1 package soft taco sized tortillas
- 1 package ham

#### **Instructions:**

1. Mix cream cheese and ranch to taste, I use the whole package to 8 oz cream cheese, some people use less.
2. Spread a tablespoon (or more) onto a tortilla.
3. Place two slices of ham on tortilla covering it from end to end.
4. Roll up tortilla tightly and wrap with saran wrap.
5. When all tortillas are rolled and covered, place in fridge for a few hours.
6. When you are ready to serve just unwrap the tortillas and cut them into pinwheels!



### **Object Lesson: Making Room for Jesus**

Have the children put the balls in the container (I used a pickle jar) and then fill the container to the brim with your rice or sand. Everything fits great.

Next, you have them dump all the contents into a small bowl. Remove the larger objects and have them put the rice back in the container. Then, have them try and put the balls in. The balls don't fit. The larger objects represent God, prayer and bible reading. The rice represents all of the other stuff in our lives. When we put the other stuff as the priority, nothing is left over for God. However, when we put God as the priority, the other stuff can fall into place around Him. I also related this to hospitality. If we get so caught up in the small stuff, the real priority, our guests, is lost because we don't spend time with them. We get too caught up in doing the stuff and don't build relationships. Try and prep well beforehand so that the by the time your guests arrive you can focus on them.



### **Extended Time Game: Bring Back My Bunny**

Have the kids sit in a large circle with the leader in the middle. The leader explains that every time he says a word beginning with the letter B, the group members are to pass the stuffed bunny to the person on the left. Once the leader is sure everyone understands, he sings, “Bring Back My Bunny.”

*“My Bunny lies over the ocean. My Bunny lies over the sea.*

*My Bunny lies over the ocean. Oh, bring back my Bunny to me.*

*Bring back, bring back, bring back my Bunny to me, to me.*

*Bring back, bring back, oh, bring back my Bunny to me.”*

When the song is over the person holding the bunny is out. Reward the winner with prize candy. A twist to the game could be that whoever the bunny lands on gets a treat at the end of the song.



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**Recipe #3**  
**Great Listening- Samuel Hears the Voice of God**  
**Lesson at a Glance**

**Pre-session:** Recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue.

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** Balloon for each child, permanent markers, glue, small paper dessert plate, craft sticks

**Lesson:** 2 pillows, 2 blankets, and a Bible

**Object Lesson:** Battery powered radio and enough aluminum foil to cover it

**Recipe of the Day:** Cinnamon Elephant Ears: 1 cup sugar, pinch of kosher salt, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 sheet puff pastry-defrosted, rolling pin, parchment paper, and a knife.

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## Recipe #3

### Great Listening- Samuel Hears the Voice of God

**Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 3:1-21**

**Memory Verse: Hebrews 2:1** Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.



**Welcome:** When you greet your children today, pretend that you cannot hear them. Play off the responses. (Ex. Teacher: Hi! How are you today? Student: Fine. Teacher: Huh? I can't hear you. What did you say? Student: I said Fine. Teacher: Pine? What? You are doing Pine?!) It should get some laughs and introduce the topic for today.



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Pray with the children today asking God to help them be good listeners. We want to teach our children to listen to the word of God and His voice.



**Song and Offering:** "Oh Be Careful Little Ears What You Hear"  
Remember that God is writing down our deeds in a book with our name on it. Whenever and whatever we are doing, He is keeping good track of it. Make sure you are careful with what you see, hear and say!



**Memory Verse:** Give each child a balloon (blown up) and have them write the verse on the balloon. Pass out the small paper dessert plates and glue the craft stick to the plate to make a type of ping pong paddle. For the relay race, separate into two teams and each team will compete to carry their balloon to the end of the



room, say the verse to the teacher (teacher can help when needed with the verse) and race back. Don't let the "Word Balloon" slip!



**Lesson:** Assign a child to play Samuel and give that child a blanket and a pillow. Assign another child to play Eli the priest and give them the bible, pillow and blanket. Assign a child who can whisper really well to represent the Lord.

As Samuel lay down to sleep after a long day of worship and tabernacle duties, he was very tired. When his head hit the pillow, he immediately began to snore. He was that tired. You see, Samuel was the priest's helper. The priest, Eli, was getting older and his sons would not help him. Samuel's mom gave Samuel to God as a "thank you" for hearing her special prayer for a baby. So, Samuel soon took over the duties of Eli's lazy sons and did things around the temple. He swept floors, tidied up after the sacrifices, and took care of Eli. At the end of the day, after keeping busy all day (God loves hard workers!) Samuel was tired.

After being asleep for a short while, Samuel heard his name being called. (The child representing the Lord leans over "Samuel" and whispers his name.) "What? \*Yawn\* Eli needs me!" Samuel leaps up and runs over to Eli. Shaking Eli's shoulder to wake him, Samuel asks "Yes sir, Eli, I'm right here. Did you need me?" Eli says, "No, go back to sleep."

After going to sleep again, Samuel heard his name being called. (The child representing the Lord leans over "Samuel" and whispers his name.) "What? \*Yawn\* Eli needs me- I hope he remembered what he wanted." Samuel leaps up and runs over to Eli. Samuel noticed that Eli is asleep again, shaking his head Samuel wakes up Eli and asks "Yes sir, Eli, I'm right here. Did you need me?" Eli says, "No, Samuel, I don't need anything. Please go back to sleep."

After cuddling with his pillow and going to sleep a third time, Samuel hears the voice call his name again. By this time, he is expecting to be woke up. He was not sleeping very hard and was ready to get to Eli before Eli went back to sleep. Running over there, he knelt by Eli but again Eli was asleep. Samuel woke Eli up again and asks him the same question. "You call for me, Eli? Do you need me to help you or get you something?" Eli shakes his head "no" but then as if a light bulb came on, he sits up fast and says to Samuel "It is the Lord calling your name, Samuel. Go back to bed but if you hear the voice again, say "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears."

Samuel goes back to his bed and goes back to sleep. This time when he hears the voice waking him, he says, "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears." And the Lord spoke prophecies to Samuel because He had chosen Samuel to be the new prophet. Have the child representing the Lord read 1 Samuel 2:35. Samuel was a good listener, wasn't he. We want to be good listeners too. We want to listen when

we hear the word of God preached , and we want to listen if God wants to speak to us like He did to Samuel. We want to have spiritual ears to hear with. Let's pray together and ask God to help us be good listeners. Pray with the children.



**Object Lesson:** How many of you had to do homework or chores this weekend? Did you have to do some shopping with mom and dad? We are always busy. When there is not a church activity, there is not a day that goes by where there is not something going on in our lives. There is constant noise bombarding our minds. For me (*tailor this part to yourselves*) there is always some kind of Gospel music on in one part of the house and two or three Adventures in Odyssey being played in another part of the house. Along with the music and stories, there is conversation trying to be had on top of that. How many of you can relate to that? I cannot tell you how many times I've had to say "Will you please turn that down?! I can't hear myself think!" God made us to be listeners. He gave us two ears and one mouth and so to my understanding we are to be doing more listening than we are talking. Though at times, we may be listening but get caught up in listening more to other things and not listening to God so much.

How many of you know what this is right here? It's a radio! You may not recognize it because it is not a cell phone or iPod but this is a radio. This little radio is like you and me. It is a receiver of messages. (*Turn on the radio. If you cannot find an appropriate station just scroll through all the channels and then turn it off. If you can find something appropriate, let it play in the background.*) In the air all around us are a lot of radio waves bouncing around in the room, outside, in our cars, everywhere. We cannot see them because they are invisible but they are heard through the receiver. (*Point to the radio.*) The radio can pick up a lot of messages when it is tuned to different stations. (*Wrap the radio in the foil.*) What happens to the radio station when we wrap up the radio in foil? That's right! It cannot pick up a signal. When our lives get busy, it is like we are wrapped up in the things that we are involved in and we cannot receive the messages from God. He tries to talk to us but in our busyness we tell Him "Just a moment, God." We need to get rid of the "carnal foil" from our minds so we hear what God wants to say to us. We have to tune in to the Spirit Station and use our Holy Ghost antenna to better hear what the Lord is trying to say. To get our Holy Ghost antenna, we need to follow Acts 2:38. When we have heard and followed what Peter told us to do, then we will have better hearing and understanding of what God wants from our lives.



### **Recipe of the Day: Cinnamon Elephant Ears**

1 cup sugar, divided

Pinch kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1 sheet puff pastry, defrosted (recommended: Pepperidge Farm)

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.

Combine 1/2 cup of the sugar and kosher salt and pour it over a flat surface such as a wooden board or marble slab or table. Unfold the sheet of puff pastry onto the sugar mixture.

Combine 1/2 cup of the sugar and the cinnamon and spread it evenly on the puff pastry. This is not about sprinkling, it's about an even covering of sugar. With a rolling pin, lightly roll the dough until it's a 13-inch square and the sugar is pressed into the puff pastry on top and bottom. Fold the sides of the square toward the center so they go halfway to the middle. Fold them again so the two folds meet exactly at the middle of the dough. Then fold one half over the other half as though closing a book. You will have 6 layers. Slice the dough into 3/8-inch slices and place the slices, cut side up, on baking sheets lined with parchment paper.

Bake the cookies for 6 minutes, or until caramelized and brown on the bottom, then turn with a spatula and bake for another 3 to 5 minutes, until caramelized on the other side. Transfer to a baking rack to cool.



**Extended Time Game:** “The Cook Says” This is played like “Simon Says” but let’s try to use some culinary motions. Example: The Cook says stir the pot... stop...The Cook didn’t say stop. You can stir the pot, put the pan in the oven, roll out the dough, wash the dishes, etc.



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### **Recipe #4**

### **Persistent Prayer- Woman & the Unjust Judge**

### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Welcome:** Dum Dum suckers with the memory verse taped to the stick

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue.

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** Dry erase board, dry erase marker, eraser, small prizes

**Lesson:** Bible, stack of sticky notes, notecard and a graduation robe for the judge

**Object Lesson:** 1 glass jar with lid with a piece of paper inside saying "Your Prayers are heard and answered!", 1 glass jar with a piece of paper inside where the writing can be seen from the outside of the jar saying "You Didn't Ask..."- the lid on this jar should be glued to where it cannot be opened.

**Recipe of the Day:** 4 egg whites, 1 c. sugar, 1/2 c. melted butter, 1/4 c. flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 2 tbsp. water

**Extended Time Game:** Prize candies

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## Recipe #4

### Persistent Prayer- Woman & the Unjust Judge

#### Scripture Reference: Luke 18:1-8

**Memory Verse: Luke 11:9** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a Dum Dum sucker with the memory verse taped to the stick. Before giving the sucker to the child, have them ask for it.



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Pray with the children reminding them that prayer is needed every day to grow. Just as we need to eat in the physical we need to feed our spiritual man every day with prayer.



**Song and Offering:** "Read Your Bible, Pray Every day" The Bible says in Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."



**Memory Verse:** Write the verse on a dry erase board and have the children read it several times. Then have a child erase one word and have the children read the verse again and continue until the whole verse is erased and the children can quote the verse. Hand out small prizes to those who can quote with little to no mistakes.



**Lesson:** Have the children read the scripture reference from the bible. When the reading is finished, choose a “persistent woman”, a “judge” and two more petitioners. Give the sticky notes to the “persistent woman”, gown to the judge, and a notecard to the petitioner. *(Have the volunteers act out their parts. Encourage them to really put effort into their acting.)*

Narrator: Now, the woman had a problem. She NEEDED things to change in her life desperately. But, she had to get in line to see the judge about her problem.

1<sup>st</sup> Petitioner: Judge, the grocery lady has been stealing my money. I know that bread and milk only cost so much and I should have more change than what she gave me! I just KNOW that she is stealing from me. I want justice!

Judge: Do you have any proof? Without proof I help NO ONE! THE LAW RULES!

1<sup>st</sup> Petitioner: I have proof right here. *(Hand over notecard.)*

Judge: Justice is yours!

Persistent Woman: Judge, I am a widow. I love God and keep his commandments.

Judge: What does God have to do with the LAW? I am afraid of no man and no GOD! Tell me your complaint and get on with it!

Persistent Woman: *(Give Judge a sticky note.)* Well, Judge, my husband has died and I’m keeping some goats and chickens to sell some milk and eggs to make enough money to get by. I live on the edge of town and my closest neighbor was jealous of my dead husband. They argued all the time and that man is still mad at my poor dead husband and taking it out on me!

Judge: What is the point of your problem? Get right to it and move along! The LAW waits for NO MAN or woman.

Persistent Woman: My chickens are not laying as many eggs as they used to and my neighbor keeps commenting on how that I should give it all to him because if he had my chickens then they would lay more eggs.

Judge: AND...

Persistent Woman: I think that he is doing something to my chickens that they are not producing. I am a widow and this is my income and I need the money. Please tell my neighbor to stop.

Judge: Do you have any proof? Without proof I help NO ONE! THE LAW RULES!

Persistent Woman: I don’t have any proof right now, Judge, but my neighbor keeps hinting that he knows what has happened to my chickens.

Judge: Justice Denied!

Narrator: And so the “persistent woman” came back the next day and the next day and the next day with all the issues that her neighbor was plaguing her with. *(Have the “persistent woman” go to the “judge” and give him sticky note after sticky note to simulate going to him over and over.)* One day as the “judge” was hearing more cases the woman came yet again...

Judge: NO! You again?

Persistent Woman: Please, Judge, hear my cry! This neighbor is tearing up my garden, stole two of my goats, and somehow got into my house and broke all the lovely dishes that my poor dead husband gave to me! Please! I’m scared he is going to hurt me next! Please tell my neighbor to stop!

Judge: If I say NO then you just keep coming! I’m tired of hearing about this and although you have no proof as the LAW demands I will make an exception. So, JUSTICE GRANTED! I will order your neighbor to stop harassing you and to replace all that is lost and damaged. Please tell me that you will stop giving me your notes. They stick to me and I cannot get away from them.

Narrator: And the persistent woman got her petition answered and so it is with God. (Read Luke 18:7-8) When God’s people come to Him with a need, as long as they believe (or have faith) He will answer that need! His word said that when we cry to Him, He will answer speedily. That means fast! If you want the Holy Ghost, just ask. If you need to be healed, just ask. If you have a friend who doesn’t know Jesus, just talk to God about it! Go to Him often and ask Him about it. Don’t beg God, just ask Him with FAITH and He will answer.



**Object Lesson:** Place both jars on a table and choose a volunteer to help you.

How many of you needed help from the Lord? Have you ever had a head ache? Fallen down from your bike and in pain? Needed help on a test? Ever had friend problems? What did you do about these things? Did you tell your mom about it? Were you ever too embarrassed to admit that you needed this help? I know that I have at times. It’s too easy to take Tylenol for the headache and run to get a band aide for the bike accident. Guess what?! Jesus wants you to talk to Him about all of these things. He wants to hear about everything that happens to you- the good and the bad. Have you ever thought, “I don’t need to pray about this because He already knows about it.” You are right! He does know already but He likes for you to come to Him. That shows that you trust Him.

Our memory verse talks about asking God about things and He gave us the promise that it shall be given you. Wow! What a promise! *Have a child read Jeremiah 33:3 - Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and*



*mighty things, which thou knowest not.* This scripture says that if we call on God that He will answer us. The bible also says in *(have a child read)* Matthew 21:22 - *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.* That is the key to prayer. You need to believe that whenever you go to God in prayer that He is listening. Faith is believing in what you cannot see. We cannot see God but He has proven Himself every day that He is real!

Now, I have these two jars. *(Pretend to try to open the jars but they are hard to open.)* Wow! These are tough to get open! So, *(volunteer)*, we are going to pray that God will help us to open this first jar. “God, I know this may sound silly, but please help us to open this jar.” Ok, *(volunteer)* let’s see if this jar opens. Have the volunteer open the jar and read the message inside. YEA!! God answers prayer! Ok, we are not going to pray over this other jar. *(Pretend to try to open the jar.)* It’s pretty tough but *(volunteer)* can surely open it with no problem. *(Volunteer)* is really strong. What’s wrong? Why won’t the jar open? That’s crazy! Can we read the note? What?! It said we didn’t ask. The bible says also that we HAVE NOT because we ASK NOT or we ask for our own gain. We cannot expect God to make us all millionaires but when we ask God to fill us with the Holy Ghost... That’s a different story. That makes God sit up and pay attention. What?! You want the Holy Ghost?! YES! YOU CAN HAVE IT! Follow Acts 2:38 and you can receive the Holy Ghost! Do you want healing? Ask for it. Do you need help at school? Ask for it! Do you have friend problems? Ask God to help you! He is waiting on you! Let’s pray right now!



### **Recipe of the Day: Chinese Prayer Cookies**

4 egg whites  
1 c. sugar  
1/2 c. melted butter  
1/4 c. flour  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
2 tbsp. water

Write prayer requests on small strips of paper and fold them into small pieces.

Mix sugar into the egg whites and blend until fluffy. Melt the butter and let cool to room temperature. Add flour, salt, vanilla, water, and butter to the sugar mixture. Beat until the batter is smooth. Grease a cookie sheet. Pour batter from a spoon to form 3-inch circles.

Bake at 375 degrees for about 8 minutes. Lay a prayer request on each circle, fold it into thirds, then bend it gently in the center. If the cookies get too hard to bend, put them back in the oven for a minute.





**Extended Time Game:** “Don't Give Up” Choose 1-3 children (depending on class size) to be the Seeker(s). Have the Seeker(s) stand in a certain area and have the other children gather around you where it would be hard for the Seeker(s) to see what you are doing and pretend to have a candy to each child. Only distribute as many candies as you have Seeker(s). The children then will all pretend to hold something and go to all areas of the room. The Seeker(s) will then ask each child if they have the prize and if the person they ask does not have the prize, they will say “Don’t Give Up!”. They will have to keep asking until they find a prize. Play this as many times as it takes for each child to play Seeker.



## **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

### **Recipe #5**

### **Loving the Unlovable- Zacchaeus**

### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Welcome:** Heart stickers

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue.

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** Green or blue balloons, two sided tape, heart stickers, memory verse copied and cut into strips-one per child, white paper, crayons

**Lesson:** Binoculars, step ladder, money bag

**Object Lesson:** Bag of Hershey's Kisses (enough for everyone to have one) and a large solid chocolate Hershey's Kiss.

**Recipe of the Day:** Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix (or sugar cookie recipe of your choice), large and small heart shaped cookie cutters, jolly ranchers

**Extended Time Game:** Chairs

# Great Recipes from God's Kitchen

## Recipe #5

### Loving the Unlovable- Zacchaeus

Scripture Reference: Luke 19:1-10

**Memory Verse: John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a hug or handshake as appropriate and give each a heart sticker. Let the children know that you love them but God loves them more!



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Thank the Lord with the children today that loved us when we were unlovable . Before He ever knew us he died on the cross.



**Song and Offering:** "Jesus Loves Me" God loves the whole world. He hates sin but wherever there is a person who wants to change the way that they are living- He wants to help them.



**Memory Verse:** Have the children repeat the verse over and over as a group or even small groups until they can say the verse. Then give each child a blue or green balloon, memory verse cut out, and a heart sticker. Let them draw a small person to go on the balloon. Have them use two sided tape to affix the person and verse on the balloon, stick on the sticker. The balloon represents the world, the person represents all the people of the world, and the heart represents the love that God has for us!



**Lesson:** *(Have the children act out the story. Choose a Zacchaeus and a Jesus. Everyone else could participate as the “crowd”. Encourage all the children to really play their parts!)*

Zacchaeus was a short guy but he sure made up for it with a BIG attitude. He was the man who would go around collecting the tax money from all the people. (“Zacchaeus” Give me your money...give me your money) Sometimes Zacchaeus would even ask for more money than what was owed and put some of it in his pocket. The bible says that he was a rich man. To tell the truth, Zacchaeus was not a well-liked person. Some people might have even hated him in their hearts. (“Zacchaeus” Give me your money...give me your money)

Jesus was coming to town and Zacchaeus (like everyone else) wanted to see him. He got his step stool because he knew he was shorter than most people he knew and went to the road that Jesus was supposed to be traveling. When Zacchaeus arrived, the way was packed with people. As he climbed on his step stool he put his binoculars to his eyes and... all he could see was the backs of people. “What am I going to do? I really want to see this man called Jesus...” Zacchaeus got to thinking. Looking around the crowd, Zacchaeus spied a big sycamore tree that had limbs low enough to climb and he knew what he was going to do! He ran to the tree and climbed up to a branch just above everyone else’s head. Perfect! He had a clear view of the road. Just about that time, a noise started from the far end of the crowd- Jesus was coming. Zacchaeus about fell out of the tree-he was so excited. Jesus walked down the lane greeting all the people. Zacchaeus was feeling a strange sensation in heart- a nervousness or tickling in his belly. As Jesus got close to the tree he was in, Jesus stopped and looked right at Zacchaeus. Jesus said, “Zacchaeus, come on down out of that tree. I am going to eat at YOUR house today.” Zacchaeus looked around- “Me? Is Jesus talking to me? JESUS is talking to ME!” Zacchaeus was so excited that he scraped his knees coming down out of the tree and led Jesus to him home. While Zacchaeus and Jesus talked, Zacchaeus repented of all the bad things that he had done to the people. He promised Jesus that he would give back all the money he had stolen from and even give them four-times more than what he took. When Jesus showed Zacchaeus love, his heart was opened to hear the word of the Lord. When you show love to someone who has bullied you, it makes a difference in the way that they think about things. You may not see the change on the inside but by loving that person, it allows God a chance to shine. The bible says in John 13:35-By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.



**Object Lesson:** *(Bring out your bag of Hershey's Kisses but keep one small Hershey's Kiss and the large Hershey's Kiss in a bag where the children cannot see.)* Today we are talking about LOVE. And what talks about love better than chocolate? Chocolate says it ALL, right? This piece of chocolate represents love for your mom. *(Hand out to chocolate to your children as you are speaking.)* This one for dad...brother...sister...friend... *(Encourage the children to come up with things that they have love for- when they say God or Jesus then let them know that you will talk about God in a minute.)* Wow! There is a lot of love in this room! *(Bring out the small Hershey's Kiss from the bag and show to the children.)* This little "Kiss" represents all the types of love you just talked about. Now, let's see what God's Love looks like. *(Pull out the large Hershey's Kiss and show to the children.)* Look at the difference. God's love is bigger, stronger and solid. It would take a whole lot to break God's Love. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Romans 8 verses 35-39 says: 35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"* 36 *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.* 37 *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.* 38 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,* 39 *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* What a special promise! No matter what happens in life, nothing can separate us from the love of God! *(Have a drawing for the large Hershey's Kiss.)*



**Recipe of the Day: "Stained Glass Heart Cookies"**

1. Use your favorite sugar cookie recipe.
2. Cut out the cookies with a large heart shaped cookie cutter.
3. Use a spatula to transfer the shapes to the baking sheet.
4. Remove the centers of the cookies with a smaller heart shaped cookie cutter.
5. Place 2 Jolly Ranchers (I like using 2 different colors) in the center of each heart and bake according to your recipe's instructions.
6. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer them to wire racks to cool completely. To prevent sticking, place waxed paper between layers of cookies.



**Extended Time Game:** Musical Chairs: Set up chairs according to the number of children minus one and set up in a circle with the seat facing out. Have the Teacher sing songs about God's Love as the children play the game.



## **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

### **Recipe #6**

### **Friendship- Jonathan & David**

#### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Welcome:** Note with a lifesaver candy attached saying: "Thanks, Friend, for being a Lifesaver."

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** A puppet of your choice-if possible make a white chef hat for him/her and a bag of suckers

**Lesson:**

**Object Lesson:** Plastic plate, pepper shaker (with pepper in it), balloon, dry erase board and dry erase marker

**Recipe of the Day:** 2 lbs ground beef, 1 (48 ounce) jar spaghetti sauce, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 (16 ounce) package medium egg noodles, 1/2 cup margarine or 1/2 cup butter, 3/4 teaspoon onion salt, 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt, 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese, 12 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese

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## Recipe #6

### Friendship- Jonathan & David

**Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 18:1-4, 19:1-7, 20:12-42**

**Memory Verse: Proverbs 18:24** A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a big smile and a note with a life saver attached saying: "Thanks, Friend, for being a Lifesaver."



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Thank the Lord today for good friends.



**Song and Offering:** "This Little Light of Mine" When the world is dark with sin, your Holy Ghost will be the light that witnesses to others. Children and adults who do not know Jesus will be drawn to you because you do know Him and His light shines out!



**Memory Verse:** Write memory verse on dry erase or chalk board. Read one time through with the children. *Chef Puppet:* My name is Chef Peppy! If you laugh at me, I'll season you with PEPPER! I heard you children read that memory verse and I know something that you don't know!! You want to know? Well, who is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother? Jesus! What is stickier than a sticky friend? Caramel! Yes! Or maybe the gooey stuff from Gushers candy. Or maybe peanut butter!! I KNOW! SUCKERS!! How many of you kids like sticky stuff? This memory verse says that there is a friend that is sticky like suckers!

*Teacher:* No, Chef Peppy, the verse says the friend will stick closer than family. That no matter what happens, that friend will always walk by your side.



*Chef Puppet:* What? I thought that verse said something about sticky. You know that whenever you start licking on a sucker its hard to get rid of it? It will stick to your hair, your clothes, your socks, your dog's fur...everything. I guess Jesus is like that too. Once you start being friends with Him, He goes everywhere with you and is hard to shake off. Ha Ha.

(Have the children quote the verse to Chef Peppy and let him ad lib as needed. Give each child who quotes the verse a sucker.)



**Lesson:** Before David killed Goliath, the giant, Samuel anointed him King of Israel. After David killed the giant, Jonathan, the son of Saul, basically adopted David into his own family. They were great friends. David would play music and sing God's praises for the king's family and King Saul began to give David more responsibilities.

After the people started to sing David's praises more often than the King's, King Saul became jealous of David. He was jealous of the Spirit of God that he could see that was on David's life. One night as David played the harp, King Saul took a spear and threw it at David. Jonathan feared for his friend and tried to make peace with his father concerning David. King Saul agreed not to try and kill David again.

As time passed, a moment of anger came over King Saul again and he threw another spear at David that almost hit him. David managed to run away and when the coast was clear, he found Jonathan and let him know what happened. Jonathan did not want to believe what his father had done. He told David to skip dinner and if the King was not mad about that, then it would be safe for David to come back. If the King did get mad, then Jonathan arranged a signal to let David know not to return to the palace. The signal was that in 3 days Jonathan would shoot 3 arrows near a certain rock. If Jonathan told the servant boy that the arrows were near the rock, then David could return in peace. If Jonathan told the servant boy that the arrows were beyond the rock, then David could not return.

When David missed dinner the first night- no one mentioned his absence. Jonathan was relieved. The next night though, King Saul was furious when David did not show for dinner and actually threw a spear at his own son. Jonathan was angry with his father who through jealousy would harm David. Jonathan truly feared for the life of his best friend.

On the third day, Jonathan was very sad as he went out with his arrows to signal David. As he shot the first arrow, a tear trickled down his face and he quickly wiped it away. He quickly shot the second and third arrows and sent the boy. With sorrow in his heart he shouted, "The arrows are beyond you, boy!" When the boy had gathered the arrows, Jonathan sent him away.

David came out from his hiding place and hugged his friend. Though David and Jonathan could not go back to the palace together, they made a covenant with one another to always remain friends and to look after one another's descendants. David did keep his promise to Jonathan. After the deaths of King Saul and Jonathan, David became king and looked for any sons or daughters of his best friend, Jonathan. He found a crippled son of Jonathan and honored him because he loved his father, Jonathan. It's a good thing to find good friends isn't it? We know a friend that is everyone's friend. That's Jesus. Let's love and worship him for a while today.



**Object Lesson:** Our memory verse talks about if you want friends, then you must be friendly. What are some ways that we can be friendly? (*Let the children compile a list of characteristics they find in their friends. Write answers on dry erase board. For each word written, have a child shake some pepper onto the plastic plate.*) Good Job! That's right! I like to hang out with others that share the same interests as I do. That is what "ATTRACTS" me to them. And that is what we are going to show you with this balloon. This balloon represents YOU. (*Choose a child who can rub the balloon on their hair to "charge" the balloon with static.*) (Volunteer), come right up here. As you rub this balloon in your hair, you are producing static. Have you ever heard of static cling? Now, I want to attract some good people to be my friends. I want them to be a good influence on my behavior and my thinking. I want the relationships I have with others to attract me closer to Jesus. (Volunteer), is there enough static in that balloon? Good! I'm prayed up. I've been reading my bible. I have been praying God would send me some friends. On this plate are all the types of friends that we wanted to have...lets see what happens when I hold this balloon over the plate. Be very quiet and listen closely. (*Make sure the balloon has enough static charge and it should pick up the pepper. You should be able to see quite a bit of pepper fly to the balloon.*) Wow! Just like the static attracts the pepper to the balloon, your kindness, thoughtfulness, and trustworthiness will attract good friends to you. When making friends takes time,

remember that you don't need everyone to like you, and sometimes people just don't click. So don't give up when you feel like you don't have a lot of friends right away. Remember your memory verse.



### **Recipe of the Day: "Friendship Casserole"**

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 (48 ounce) jar spaghetti sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 (16 ounce) package medium egg noodles
- 1/2 cup margarine or 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 teaspoon onion salt
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 12 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350°.

Brown meat, drain fat. Add spaghetti sauce and sugar to meat; simmer 20 minutes. Cook noodles as directed (al dente); drain and toss with margarine, salts and Parmesan cheese.

Spray two 9x13 pans with non-stick spray. In both pans layer half the sauce, all the noodles, rest of sauce; top with mozzarella cheese.

Cover with foil; bake 45 minutes



**Extended Time Game:** Concentration is a hand-clapping game that challenges kids' ability to keep rhythm and think on their feet. Two or more players sit in a circle and start the rhythm by slapping their knees, clapping their hands or snapping their fingers in a pattern. The player who is the leader chooses a category, such as names or animals, and on his turn, each player has to call out something that fits this category in time with the rhythm or he is "out." The last remaining player wins.



## **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

### **Recipe #7**

### **Freedom- Demon Possessed Man**

### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Welcome:** Free Ice Cream Cone coupon from a fast food restaurant (if you can get a donation).

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** Construction paper cut into strips, glue and markers or pencils

**Lesson:** Handcuffs, large shirt, sweat pants, 2 sheets, and pig masks in Resource Packet

**Object Lesson:** Bleach solution, bowl for the solution, 2 tongs, washable marker, new white kid sized t-shirt, spray water bottle

**Recipe of the Day:** 24 baked cupcakes (any flavor), 16 oz. prepared pink frosting, 8 large marshmallows, 48 mini semisweet chocolate chips, strawberry wafer cookies (cut into 48 triangles)

# Great Recipes from God's Kitchen

## Recipe #7

### Freedom- Demon Possessed Man

**Scripture Reference:** Luke 8:26-39

**Memory Verse: Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a smile. If possible, give them a coupon for a free ice cream cone from McDonalds or any other fast food restaurant that might donate to your church.



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Ask the Lord to help the children today understand the concept of being free from sin. Their hearts have not been stained with hard sin like some other older people, yet” all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”



**Song and Offering:** “Jesus Loves the Little Children” No matter what we have done or what sin that we have committed, God loves us. He wants us to be free to worship Him.



**Memory Verse:** Read the verse and have the children repeat the verse several times. Hand out strips of construction paper. Have the children write one word of the memory verse on each strip. Then take the first word and glue the ends

together. On the second word of the verse, intertwine through the first word and then glue to make a chain. Etc...



**Lesson:** (*Choose a “Demoniac Man”, “Jesus”, and make enough masks for everyone else to play pigs.*)

Read the Luke 8:26-39 to the children in the Amplified Bible. Then the children will act out the story.

Jesus came to the Gadarenes in a boat. (Jesus acts like he is rowing a boat.) A man possessed with devils (draped in a sheet with handcuff on his wrist) ran to Jesus and fell at his feet. Jesus commanded the devils to leave and the devils inside of the man cried out to Jesus. “What have we done to you, Jesus? Please don’t torment me!” Jesus said, “What is your name?” The devils said, “Legion, because there is a lot of us.” The devils begged Jesus to let them leave the man and go into the pigs that were nearby. Jesus said, “Go into the pigs but leave this man alone.” The devils went into the pigs and the pigs went crazy! They started running around and then they ran right off the cliff! The man who was now free (teacher holds up the second sheet and the “man” dresses in the new shirt and pant (over the top of his clothing)) is found clothed and in his right mind. The town people came running to see what happened to the pigs are so surprised to see that man. He had finally been set free! If you want to be free from the sins that you have committed, all it takes is repentance. Let God know that you are sorry and do not ever want to go back to your old ways. Have your pastor baptize you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ask God for the Holy Ghost. We have been talking a lot about asking and you shall receive. Have faith that God is a man that means what He says and that if you ask for the Holy Ghost- He will give it to you!



**Object Lesson:** (*Ask for a volunteer to wear the t-shirt.*) Today we are talking about sin and how the blood of Jesus totally washes sin all away. That is truly a miracle. Here is a nice white t-shirt. It has never been worn. It’s nice and bright and represents a new baby’s heart. There is no sin in it’s heart when it is born. But the Bible says in Psalms 58:3 - The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. (*Take a washable marker and write the word “lies” on the t-shirt.*) Uh oh, looks like this shirt is not going to stay clean. Then in Ezekiel 28:15 - Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Iniquity means lawlessness or rebellion. What does that mean? It means doing whatever you want to do regardless of what those in authority tell you to do. (*Write rebellion on the t-*

*shirt.*) For example: Momma tells you not to kick the neighbor's cat. In your anger and disregard for your mom, you go to the neighbor's house and kick the cat. *(Write disobey on the t-shirt.)* Now, your momma hears the cat yelling and asks you if you kicked the cat and you said no. *(Write lying again.)* Wow! This heart is getting yucky. After that you go and brag to your friends about how you got away with your bad deed. *(Pride/Bragging)* Can you think of some sins that even little kids get involved with? *(Write the sins on the shirt.)* Oh no! This shirt is really dirty and needs to be cleaned. Do you think that this shirt can be made clean if I spray it with this water bottle? What about if I scrub it with this rag? What if *(volunteer)* says sorry for every sin on this t-shirt? Does that automatically make it clean? No, it doesn't but it is a start. Acts 2:38 says Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Ok- we have this dirty heart and we are sorry for all the sins written on this heart. Now, what do we need to do? Be baptized for the remission of sins. What does that mean? It means that when God forgives you and you are baptized in Jesus Name then all the sins are completely and forever washed away. *(Dip the t-shirt into the bleach water. Make sure the bleach mixture is strong enough to get all the ink at one time. Pull out with 2 tongs and show the children the clean shirt.)* When we get baptized in Jesus Name, the blood that He shed at Calvary washes all of our sins away. Our heart is clean and we are FREE from sin. To keep our hearts clean, we need Jesus in there all the time. Without the Holy Ghost, we are unable to keep sin out of our hearts. Let's pray now and ask God to live in our hearts. Repent and let Him know that you want to be FREE!



### **Recipe of the Day: Pig Cupcakes**

24 baked cupcakes, any flavor  
 16 oz. prepared pink frosting  
 8 large marshmallows  
 48 mini semisweet chocolate chips  
 Strawberry wafer cookies, cut into 48 triangles

1. Frost the cooled cupcakes with the pink frosting, smoothing off the top. Reserve a tiny amount of frosting for the nostrils.
2. Using kitchen shears, cut each marshmallow into 3 discs (resulting in 24 total). Place on top of each cupcake near the edge.
3. Add two mini chocolate chips for the eyes, two wafer triangles for the ears and two dots of frosting on the marshmallow nose for nostrils. (Use a toothpick to dot the frosting.)

4. Marvel in their cuteness and then enjoy! Best when assembled shortly before serving.

\*I cut the marshmallows into thirds because I felt the nose stuck out too far when using halves. Do whichever you think looks best, but obviously you'll need 12 marshmallows to do halves.



**Extended Time Game:** Freeze Tag: The person who is "It" chases the other kids to try to tag them. When she successfully tags a player, that player must freeze and remain frozen until another player, who has not been tagged, tags them to unfreeze them. The game continues until all runners have been frozen, and then a new person becomes "It."





## **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

### **Recipe #8**

### **Faith- Lazarus's Story**

#### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** Make burgers out of brown construction paper, buns from light brown, add extras as desired- write the memory verse words on the pieces-make two sets, 2 sticks of glue and 2 paper plates

**Object Lesson:** A glass of water (about half- 2/3 filled), towel (just in case) and an index card.

**Recipe of the Day:** 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls, 8 large marshmallows, 1/4 cup melted butter, 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon, 2 tablespoons white sugar

# Great Recipes from God's Kitchen

## Recipe #8 Faith- Lazarus's Story

**Scripture Reference: John 11:1-44**

**Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a smile. Ask each one how they are today. Take a little time to listen to what they have to say.



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Explain to the children what faith is and then pray that God will help us to have more faith in Him.



**Song and Offering:** "I Believe God" Faith is another word for Believe. It can also mean trust. I trust, believe and have faith in my God!



**Memory Verse:** Write the memory verse on a dry erase or chalk board for a reference. Today, we are going to make a cheeseburger out of the memory verse. Separate the class into 2 teams and have them race to put the verse together in order and glued on the paper plates.



### **Lesson:**

Mary, Martha and Lazarus were good friends of a special man. His name is Jesus. Now, Mary, Martha and Lazarus had seen Jesus work miracles and they believed that Jesus that He was the Messiah. Not everyone believed but Mary, Martha, and Lazarus believed and had Jesus and the disciples over for dinner whenever they were in town. As the seasons began to change, Lazarus got sick. He kept on working until the fever took him to bed. Mary and Martha did not really begin to worry about Lazarus until he refused to eat or drink and was sleeping constantly. Mary and Martha agreed it was time to call for Jesus.

As the messenger got to Jesus, he relayed the message from Lazarus's sisters. "Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick." Or "Lord, your good friend, Lazarus, is sick and needs healing." Jesus didn't hurry straight to Lazarus to heal him though.

Mary and Martha were worried. Jesus had not come yet! Lazarus would no longer open his eyes and he was barely breathing. The next morning when the sisters went to check on him and offer some broth-Lazarus had died. They were so sad because they really wanted Jesus to have the chance to heal him.

Four days later, friends were still checking in on Martha and Mary to offer them any help that they might need while they grieve their brother and one happened to mention that Jesus was in town. Martha ran out right away and went to find him. A servant found Mary and let her know the same news and Mary went after Jesus too.

Martha found Jesus first. *(Have a child read John 11:21-22)* Martha believed that if Jesus had just been there, her brother would have been healed. She also mentioned that she believed that whatever you ask of God, he would give it to you. She had faith.

Jesus didn't get mad at Martha. *(Have a child read John 11:23-26)* Wow! That wasn't what Martha was expecting to hear but she said that she believed that Jesus could do all that He said that He would do. Martha left Jesus and went to let her sister know that Jesus was here. When Mary heard the news, she immediately got up and ran to find him. The people that was there to comfort the sisters assumed that she was going to her brother's grave to cry and they followed her. The bible says that when Mary found Jesus, she fell at his feet. She echoed her sister's words that if the Lord had been there, her brother would have been healed.

Jesus decided to take action. He asked to be brought unto the tomb. When he arrived, he called for the stone to be removed. Martha, the practical one, said "Jesus! He's been dead 4 days and his body probably stinks by now." *(Have a child read John 11:40)* Jesus is talking about believing that He can do what He

said that He would do. When the tomb was open, a foul smell came out. Jesus didn't care. He spoke in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." (*Have the children repeat it all together. "Lazarus, come forth."*) Guess what? That man who had been dead for 4 days came hopping out of tomb.

You may have heard this story told to you before. Never doubt what you read in the bible! It is definitely a true story. The point we wanted to focus on is FAITH. Martha and Mary had faith that if Jesus had just been there their brother would have never died to begin with. Martha had it right when she said that in whatsoever you ask of God, God will give it thee. He is a good God who doesn't withhold good things from His children.



**Object Lesson:** What does it mean to have faith? It means to trust in something that you cannot see, hear, taste or touch. It takes place in your heart and mind. What does trust mean to you? Who do you trust and why? DO you trust me to put this notecard on the top of this glass, turn it upside down and then let go of the paper and the water will not all fall out? What do you think? Should we try it? (Place the index card over the top of the glass, making sure that the whole of the rim is covered by it, and press down. Hold onto the top of the card with one hand and move your other hand down the glass, towards the bottom of it. Carefully flip the glass upside down, making sure you keep holding the card in place. You may get a TINY bit of drip page at this point, but don't panic! Now slowly move your card holding hand out from underneath and the card should stick, holding the water at bay!) Ta Da! Even though you cannot see it, what was holding the card in place was the air pressure pressing upwards (stronger than gravity pressing downwards). We cannot see God. There are things that happen in our lives that we can only trust God to help us. Have you ever trusted God? (Let the children respond.) When might you need to God? Have you ever thought about what would happen if you died? The man in our story died. Jesus brought him back to life but if you died and God didn't bring you back have you thought about where you would go? The bible gives us two options. We will either go to heaven or hell and the determining factor is that if we have followed Acts 2:38. Repenting of sins and being baptized in Jesus Name will show that we have faith that if we ask forgiveness and get baptized even if we do not understand it all- God will keep His Word and fill us with the Holy Ghost. Only those who have the Holy Ghost are going to heaven. If you do not have the Holy Ghost, you need to trust God with your life and pray right now and ask and have faith that He will hear you. He will forgive you and fill you.



### **Recipe of the Day: Resurrection Rolls**

- 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons white sugar

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. Separate crescent rolls into individual triangles.
3. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar.
4. Dip a marshmallow into melted butter, then roll in sugar mixture. Place marshmallow into the center of a dough triangle. Carefully wrap the dough around the marshmallow. Pinch the seams together tightly to seal in marshmallow as it melts. Place on a baking sheet. Repeat.
5. Bake in a preheated oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.



**Extended Time Game:** Play a game of Fruit Basket Upset



## **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

### **Recipe #9**

### **Obedience- Moses Obeys (Halfway)**

#### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** 3 poster boards with the verse written on them

**Object Lesson:** 2 prepared chocolate cupcakes- one a nice yummy one and the other made with too much salt. Recipe card, mixing bowl, measuring cups and spoons, 1  $\frac{1}{3}$  cups flour,  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon baking soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup unsweetened cocoa powder, 1 dash salt, 3 tablespoons softened butter, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs beaten,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup water

**Recipe of the Day:** 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter, softened, 1 egg,  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup confectioners' sugar

**Extended Time Game:** 2 chairs, Oreos, 2 plates, 2 jump ropes and 2 hula hoops

# Great Recipes from God's Kitchen

## Recipe #9

### Obedience- Moses Obeys (Halfway)

**Scripture Reference: Numbers 20:2-13, 1 John 2:3-6**

**Memory Verse: 1 John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not grievous.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a smile and a “Glad to see you today!”



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Obedience is something that we want our children to understand, how much easier their lives will be if we can instill this principle in them. Pray with the children that God will help them to learn to be obedient.



**Song and Offering:** “Trust and Obey” There is no other way to be happy in Jesus than to trust Him and obey His words.



**Memory Verse:** Cut out the verse word for word out of each poster and make sure each verse stays together. Make three stacks of the memory verse in the different areas of the room and separate your class into three groups. Have them wait until you are ready to time them and they are to put the memory verse in order before the timer goes off. Start out with two minutes, then 1 minute, then 30 seconds.



**Lesson:** Did you ever have a friend that was never satisfied? Someone who no matter if you gave them your cookie from your lunch or shared your favorite toys with you that they would complain that you didn't like them and are not their friend if you didn't ... In our story, Moses was facing a similar issue. The children of Israel were delivered from slavery in Egypt, fed angel food (manna), ate quail that just fell from the sky, drank from waters that once was bitter but made sweet from a tree branch and now are complaining because they are running low to almost out of water. They are on a journey to the Promised Land- a land flowing with milk and honey- a land where they are going to eat from gardens that they didn't plant or work, live in houses that they didn't build and win battles with the Lord on their side. What more could they want? Water- so they are complaining and murmuring. Moses was fed up with hearing it. He and his brother, the priest, went to the Lord about the problem. God told them that He had already provided for them and to speak to a certain rock and He was going to make water come out of the rock. God wanted to give the Israelites another miracle that day. Moses and Aaron went with all the people to the rock that the Lord told them that He would perform the miracle for His people. Moses was angry and said "YOU REBELS! Must we fetch you water out of this ROCK?!" And with his staff (walking stick) Moses hit the rock two times. Water started to gush out of the rock. The bible said that it flowed abundantly. There was more than enough water for all the people and their animals to drink. God provided water out of the rock but God spoke harshly to Moses. "Moses, you didn't obey my word when I said to speak to the rock. You hit the rock two times and because you did not listen, neither you nor Aaron will lead my people into the Promised Land." Moses was devastated. God had used him to lead Israel this far and now because of a moment of anger he would not be permitted to go into the Promised Land.

In summary: Forty years had passed since the Israelites left Egypt to go to the land that the Lord had promised them. After camping in an area called Kadesh they ran out of water. When the people complained to Moses and Aaron, the Lord commanded Moses to speak to a rock so that water would miraculously gush from it. Instead of obeying the Lord, Moses chose to angrily speak to the people and then strike the rock twice with his staff. The rock produced water but Moses paid a high price for refusing to fully obey all the words of the Lord. He would not live to enter the Promised Land. Just like Moses, we need to obey all the words that God gave us in his letters to us- The Bible. The bible says that we are going to be judged in the end of times by the books and that is referring to the bible. If we follow His laws we are going to be able to enjoy the Promised Land- Heaven!





**Object Lesson** (*Make two chocolate cupcakes and frost them. One should be with the directions and the other made without using the directions. One will taste wonderful and the other yucky. Frost both cupcakes but make sure you know which cake is yum and which is yuck. Have prepared cupcakes covered up until time to taste.*)

In our lesson, Moses only obeyed God half way. He responded with anger and instead of following the words of the Lord, he did it his way. It's like baking a cake. (*Get out your recipe.*) You want to make a certain type of cake and have it taste a specific way and to get the results that you expect- you will have to follow the recipe. The recipe tells you what to put into the cake, how to mix it and how long to bake the cake. The recipe says that I need 1  $\frac{1}{3}$  cups flour,  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon baking soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup unsweetened cocoa powder, 1 dash salt, 3 tablespoons softened butter, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar, 2 eggs beaten, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup milk. The instructions say: Heat oven to 350°F. Put cupcake liner in muffin tin OR grease very well muffin tin. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, cocoa and salt. The in another bowl beat together the butter and sugar and then add the eggs beating very well then mix in the vanilla. Add the flour mixture alternately with the milk to the sugar and be sure to beat well each time. Spoon batter into the muffin cups  $\frac{2}{3}$  full. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes oven, or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean.

But you know, I don't have all these ingredients so I am going to just make do with what I have. I'll have to not use the milk and just use water- I'm sure it will not hurt anything and I will just have to go without vanilla- because I don't have any. I'm sure everything should be just fine. (*Start adding ingredients in the bowl and stirring. Tell the kids what you will be adding.*) Now, the last ingredient I will have to add is the sugar. (*Shake the container of sugar...put a frown on your face.*) Looks like I only have one cup of sugar. What do you think I should do? I cannot run to the store for sugar because we are having church. I guess I will just add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup salt. I'm sure it won't hurt. Now, mixing it all together...yummy! I can't wait! (*Take this as far as you want as far as whether you want to put the batter into a cupcake pan or just say that you prepared this recipe earlier and want a taste tester.*) Now, I have two cupcakes to taste. (*Choose a child to taste the bad cupcake.*) (Volunteer) please give me your honest opinion of my cupcake. Don't be mean, it might hurt my feelings. WHAT?! You don't like my cake?! (*Give the child the good cupcake as a prize for tasting the nasty cake.*) That's ok that you didn't like that cupcake. I promise that this cupcake is better. Wait to eat it until you go home though.

The reason that first cupcake tasted bad was because the recipe was not followed. Now, when it comes to food, there is usually substitutes for everything but when it comes to God- it is all or it means nothing. There are no shortcuts, substitutions or halfway of anything when it comes to salvation. Acts 2:38 gives the ingredients of salvation. Repentance, baptism in Jesus Name and receiving of the Holy Ghost are essential and necessary ingredients to living for God. We cannot be saved without them. Moses learned that by not obeying fully down to the last instruction that God told him cost him the Promised Land. He was able to see what God was going to give His people but when it came time to enjoy the promise- Moses passed away. Wouldn't it be sad to miss Heaven because we find ourselves too busy and caught up in what WE want to do than what God asks of us?



### **Recipe of the Day: Ooey Gooey Butter Cookies**

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the cream cheese and butter. Stir in the egg and vanilla. Add cake mix, and stir until well blended. Roll into 1 inch balls and roll the balls in the confectioners' sugar. Place 1 inch apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet.
3. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes in the preheated oven. Remove from baking sheets to cool on wire racks



**Extended Time Game: Relay Time!** Separate your room or area into fourths. Set up two chairs at the end of the room with a stack of Oreos on a plate in each chair. Put masking tape to indicate the next fourth of the room and put two jump ropes. In the middle of the room mark with tape and put two hula hoops and at the first fourth of the room mark with tape and the children will do a set of jumping jacks there. Separate the children into two teams and have them follow directions on how many jumping jacks to do, how many times to hula hoop and jump rope, and eat the prize cookie. Make sure the cookie is completely swallowed before running back to the end of the line. Have Fun!



## **Great Recipes from God's Kitchen**

### **Recipe #10**

### **Respect- The Hand Writing on the Wall**

#### **Lesson at a Glance**

**Pre-session:** Kids recipe books, new recipe pages, recipe, pencil, and glue

**Song and Offering:** Offering plate or tin

**Memory Verse:** 2 poster boards, scissors, dry erase board and dry erase marker

**Lesson:** Party decorations, balloons, golden cups with fake jewels glued on, golden plates, note cards with Daniel 5: 25, 26, 27, and 28

**Object Lesson:** Building block and/or Lincoln Logs

**Recipe of the Day:** 1/4 cup coconut oil (or canola), 2/3 cup popcorn kernels, 3 Tablespoons butter (melted), 2 Tablespoons honey, 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt, Clear food service plastic gloves

**Extended Time Game:** Large ball of multi-colored yarn

# Great Recipes from God's Kitchen

## Recipe #10

### Respect- The Hand Writing on the Wall

**Scripture Reference: Daniel 5, 1 Samuel 2:30**

**Memory Verse: Ecclesiastes 5:1** Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.



**Welcome:** Greet each child with a smile and a big handshake!



**Pre-session:** Give children their recipe books and new recipe pages and recipe. Let them copy the memory verse from the menu board and glue the new recipe at the bottom of the page.



**Prayer:** Pray with the children today asking God to help them learn respect for Him and for the things of God.



**Song and Offering:** "Making Melodies in My Heart" I love Jesus and when I come to His house it makes me want to SING!



**Memory Verse:** Write the verse onto two poster boards and then cut the posters into puzzles. Have the verse written on a dry erase board for the children to reference and have them put the verse together a couple of times and then race. Also, before you end the memory verse session- have each group try to quote the verse.



**Lesson:** (*Set up the lesson area for a party. On a table, place the golden cup and plates.*) In the time of Daniel the prophet of God, the children of Israel were in captivity. They were slaves in Babylon. The king at the time was a man named Belshazzar. One night, he decided to throw a big party and invited all of his friends. (*Make a point of arranging the cups and plates just so and put the balloons around the edge of the table.*) To make a big impression on his friends, Belshazzar gathered the golden cups and plates and silverware his father had taken from the house of God when they captured the Israelites. As his guests arrived and oohhed and awwwed at the beautiful table ware, Belshazzar's chest puffed out with pride. He was sure that his party was going to be the talk of the town for the next 10-20 years. Belshazzar made sure that there was plenty of wine poured and enough food always out and that his servants saw to everyone's wants. Out of the corner of his eye, as he was admiring the beautiful cup that he had just got a drink out of, Belshazzar saw something strange. "What is that?!" He cried out! A hand without an arm or even a body was writing on the wall! In Daniel 5:25-28 the bible tells us what was written on the wall. (*Pick 4 children to read the verses on the notecards.*) Verse 25: And this is the writing that was written, Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin. 26 This is the interpretation of the thing: Mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. 27 Tekel; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. 28 Peres; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. Now, Belshazzar couldn't interpret the saying. He was so scared that the bible said that his knees started knocking together. Have you ever been scared like that? I have. Well, Belshazzar told everyone within hearing distance that whomever could interpret the saying he would greatly reward that person. His wife reminded Belshazzar of the Israeli prophet who had interpreted dreams and visions and so Belshazzar sent for Daniel. The verses we read earlier are Daniel's interpretation of the writing on the wall. Did you know that Daniel's interpretation came true? It did! That very night Belshazzar was killed in his bed and Darius the King of the Medes took his place.



**Object Lesson:** (Set up a table and put the building blocks or Lincoln Logs.)

(Have two children come to the front and build a church with the blocks and logs. Give them 5 minutes to complete whatever they are going to build. In the meantime, sing some praise songs with the other children. Make sure to set a timer that way the songs don't carry you over too long.)

Wow! Look what (volunteer) and (volunteer) have done for the Lord! This is a nice church! In our story, the church was robbed of all its pretty things and then used unwisely. Can you think of something in our church that people could use and destroy unwisely? What about songbooks? Have you seen someone tearing the pages or coloring in them? Do you know that God is watching and considers the song books as His own? Our church has nice restrooms. In the mall we see in the restrooms where people have written on the walls in there. Do we want to do that here in our church? NO! Even though that may seem like such a little thing, God doesn't think like we do. He provides for the needs of the church but if we are unwise and make bad choices with the things in His house- it makes Him sad. How about this little church that was just built. If I take a few blocks from here and carelessly just knock down a wall. How is that going to make the builders feel? God is the builder and the master of this church and when we treat His things without respect and honor, well, He cares about it. He understands when things are an accident. If you damage something, please let someone know. If you accidentally rip the song book page, tell someone and let them know what happened. That is called taking responsibility for your actions. God definitely approves of that.

When we respect the Word of God, we will also respect the things of God. In God's Word, He says in John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. Peter let us know in Acts 2:38 (when the people asked Peter and the other disciples what they were to do to be saved) that we needed to Repent, be baptized in Jesus Name and receive the Holy Ghost. Was that a suggestion? No. The bible also says in Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: It is a commandment. If you love God, join me in prayer.



### **Recipe of the Day: Popcorn Hands**

1/4 cup coconut oil (or canola)  
2/3 cup popcorn kernels  
3 Tablespoons butter, melted  
2 Tablespoons honey  
1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt  
Clear food service plastic gloves

1. Add the coconut oil and 3 popcorn kernels to a large pot. (I use my Dutch oven.)
2. Cover and cook over medium-high heat until all 3 kernels pop.
3. Take the three kernels out of the pot.
4. Add the rest of the popcorn kernels.

5. Cover and take the pot off of the heat.
6. Wait 30 seconds.
7. Put the pot back on the heat. Cook, shaking the pot occasionally until the popping slows down.
8. After about 2 minutes, and the popping has slowed down, take the lid off of the pot. This lets the steam out and keeps the popcorn crisp.
9. While the popcorn is popping, melt the butter and add the honey.
10. Pour over the popcorn and sprinkle with salt. Toss until completely coated.  
You could also do this in a large paper bag.



**Extended Time Game:** Compliment Web: Have the children stand in a circle. Hold on to one end of the yarn and toss the ball of yarn to a child across the circle. Say, “This is “Sam” and I like the way he smiles really big when he’s happy.” “Sam” holds onto the yarn but tosses the ball to “Susie” and says, “This is Susie and I like her shoes.” This will create a web across the circle. Don’t drop your end of the web.

\*(For next week’s object lesson place an egg out of the refrigerator for a few days prior to the lesson. You want it be rotten!)



# Great Recipes from God's Kitchen Party

Obviously the party and review for this series will be food oriented.

Have a nice table set for the children (cute paper plate, plastic table cloth, cute cups, etc...). Slider sandwiches work well, a special dessert and chips. You could copy the dessert recipe to send home!

Play a game or two that have been played and review memory verses. The children will take home their recipe books today.

Do the following object lesson with the children:



## **Object Lesson:** Egg Attitudes

Supplies needed: 1 egg (left out the week before-should be rotten), 1 fresh egg, 2 clear bowls, and permanent marker

These two eggs are representative of a little boy named Joe. Joe just moved into a new town but didn't have a lot of new friends yet. He missed his old house, neighborhood kids and his church. He had a lot of church friends in his old church. To tell the truth, Joe was a bit mad at his dad for having to move. Sure, God gave his dad a better job and his dad was able to spend more time with him. There was plenty of kids his age at his new church but Joe was grumpy. *(Draw a frowny face on the rotten egg.)* As time went by, Joe was not able to make friends like he used to, his mom and dad were constantly having to get onto him, and even his pastor had tried to talk to him about his attitude. Attitude means the way you think and feel about someone or something: a feeling or way of thinking that affects a person's behavior. Joe was not happy about the move. He was not able to make friends and was getting into trouble because he allowed himself to constantly think about how unhappy he was. *(Crack open the rotten egg. It should be dark and yucky and smell bad.)* Joe's attitude looked just like this. *(Take around to all the children and let them look and smell the rotten egg.)* No wonder Joe was unable to make friends...his attitude mattered. His attitude smelled bad. His attitude was ugly.

Joe's new pastor sat down with Joe and shared a scripture with him. Philippians 4:11- Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in



whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content. “Joe, God gives us what is best for us. No matter what WE want, it is what God wants for us. We need to be happy or find joy wherever God takes us.” Joe thought about that. He asked his dad to help him pray about it. Pretty soon, Joe had a new friend from church. He started being invited to birthday parties. Pastor even took him into the office to let him know that Pastor was proud at how hard Joe was working on practicing Philippians 4:11. (*Crack open the good egg.*) Joe’s attitude had cleared up. Jesus lives within. While Joe was praying with his dad, he decided that he needed to practice not only being content wherever you are but he decided to act on another scripture that we have been learning. Acts 2:38. (*Have the children quote Acts 2:38.*) Let’s pray that God will come in this room and touch each one of us today. Pray with the children.

Give a small introduction of what the next series will be about. (We use the next week of Sunday School to do puppets, skits and a lesson about the next series. This allows the teachers an additional week to complete room décor.)



# RESOURCES

