

REFERENCES: LUKE 4:16-22; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 236, 237.

Jesus Goes to Church

Memory Verse:

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” PSALM 122:1, NIV.

The Message:

We come to church because we love Jesus.

Parents:

By the end of the month you can help your child

Know that Jesus wants them to go to church.

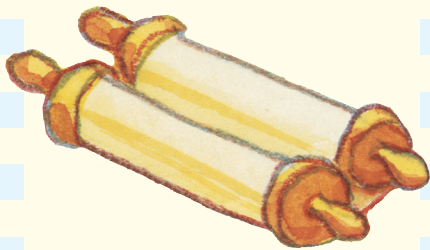
Feel happy to be with Jesus in church.

Respond by worshipping with their families each week.

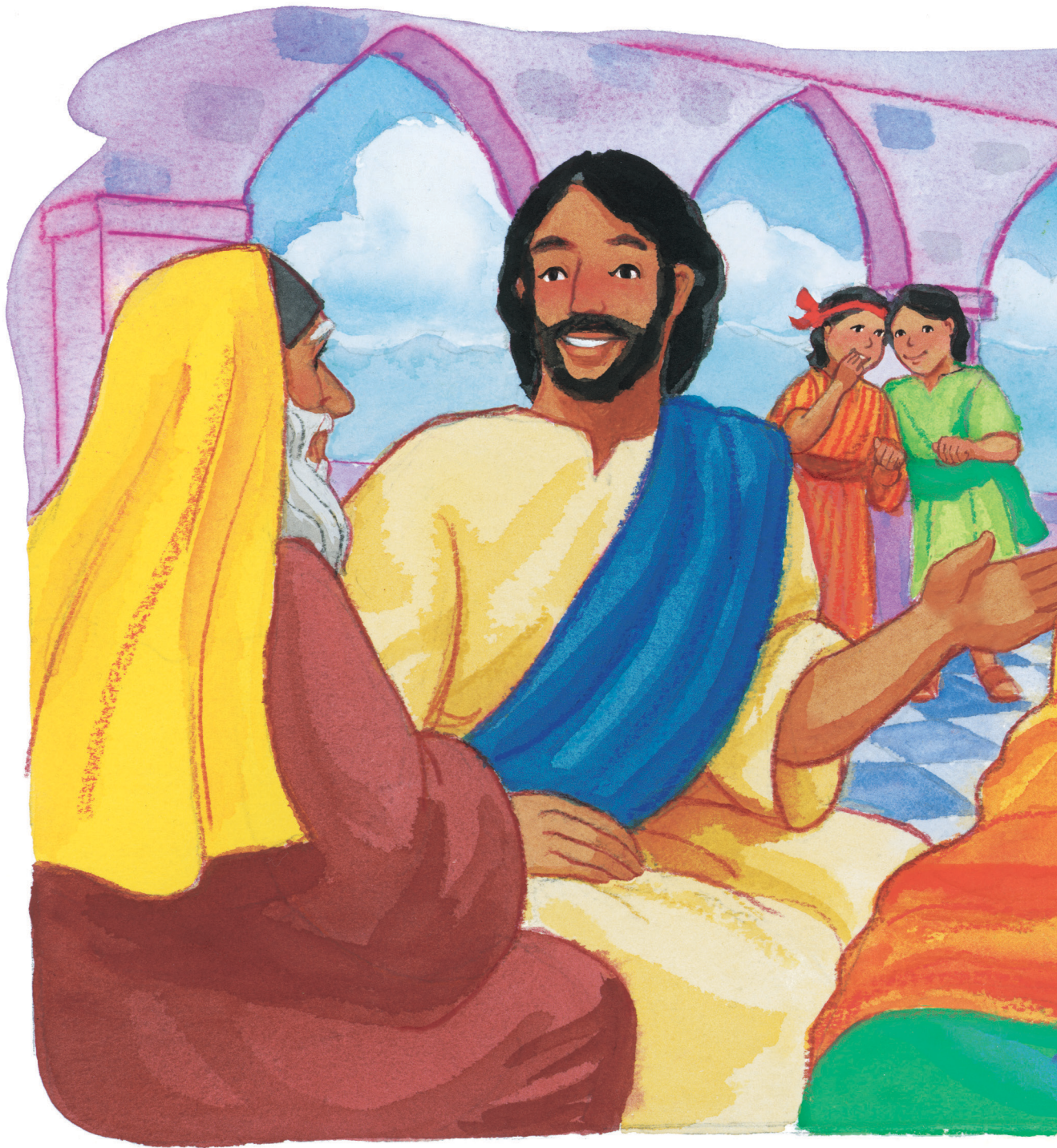


Chandra is going to church. Chandra sings and prays to Jesus. Jesus liked to go to church too. We read about Jesus' church in the Bible.

Little Jesus likes going to church. (*Point to Jesus.*) Little Jesus sings at church. (*Sing a song together.*) At church the rabbi reads the Bible scroll. (*Make a scroll, rolling up some paper.*) Little Jesus likes to hear the rabbi read the Bible scroll.









Jesus comes to the synagogue church. “How big Jesus has g-r-o-w-n!” the men whisper. (*Show me how you’ve grown.*) Jesus likes to be at His church. He likes to sing and pray with friends. (*Sing a song together and pray.*)



Jesus takes
the Bible scroll.
(Pretend to open a
Bible scroll.) Shh!
(Hold a finger to your
mouth and whisper.)

Listening, listen-
ing. The big people
listen. The children
listen. (Put a finger
across your lips.)
Shh! Nobody talks.
Everyone smiles.
(Smile at your child.)
Jesus will read the
Bible scroll.









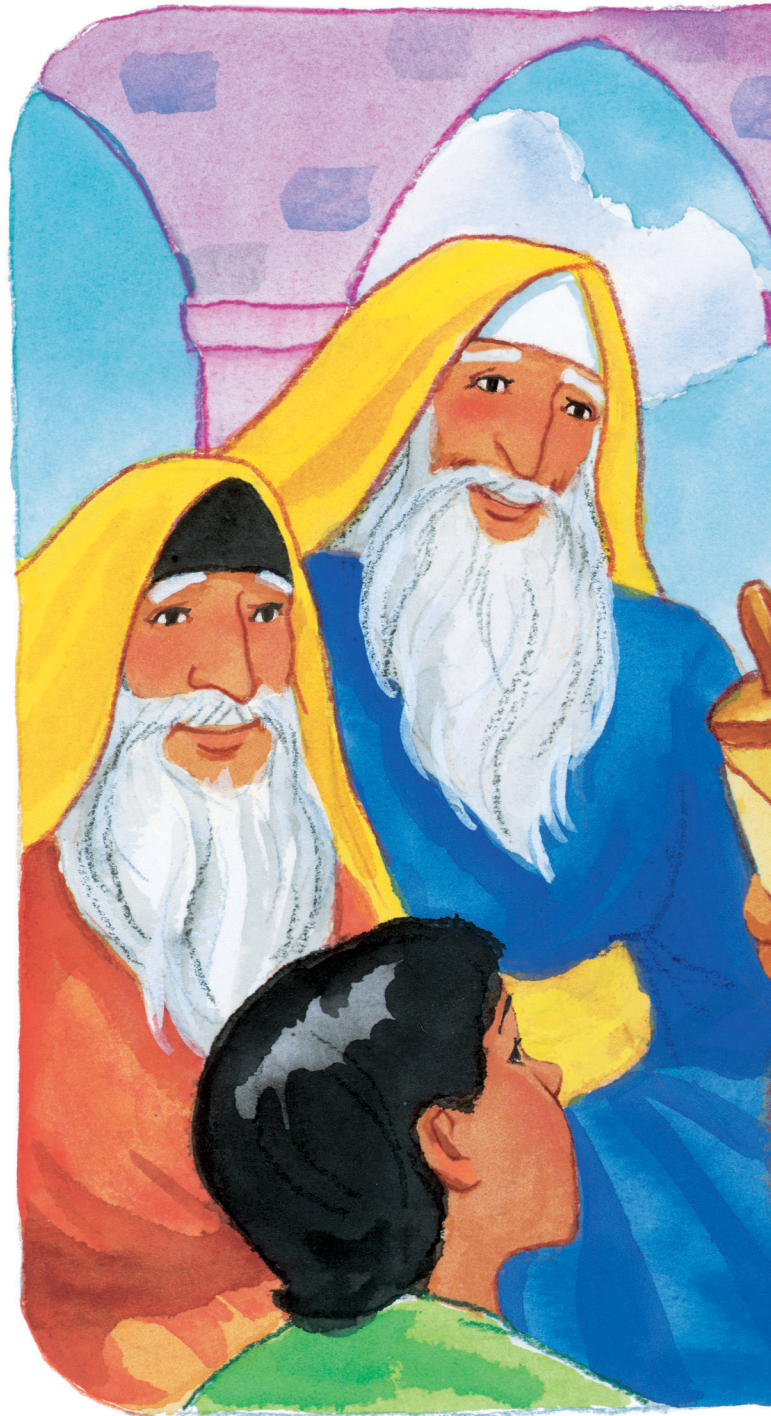
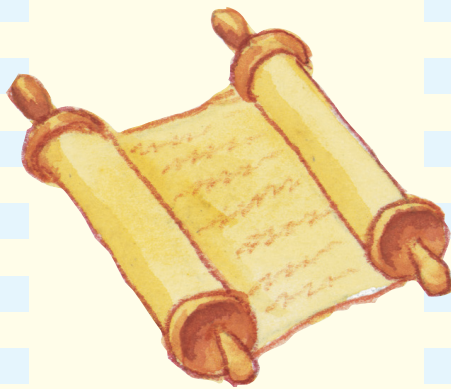
Jesus opens the Bible scroll. He finds the place to read. Jesus looks at the people. He smiles at them. (*Smile at your child.*) “Hear the Word of the Lord,” He says. (*Hold a finger to your mouth and whisper.*) Shh! Listen to Jesus read.



Jesus is reading the Bible scroll. “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,” He reads (Luke 4:18, NIV).

The big people listen. (*Point to the big people.*) The children listen. (*Point to the child.*)

The Bible scroll is telling about Jesus. “This is about Me,” Jesus says.









The Bible reading
is all finished.
Jesus sits down. All
the people think
about Jesus' words.

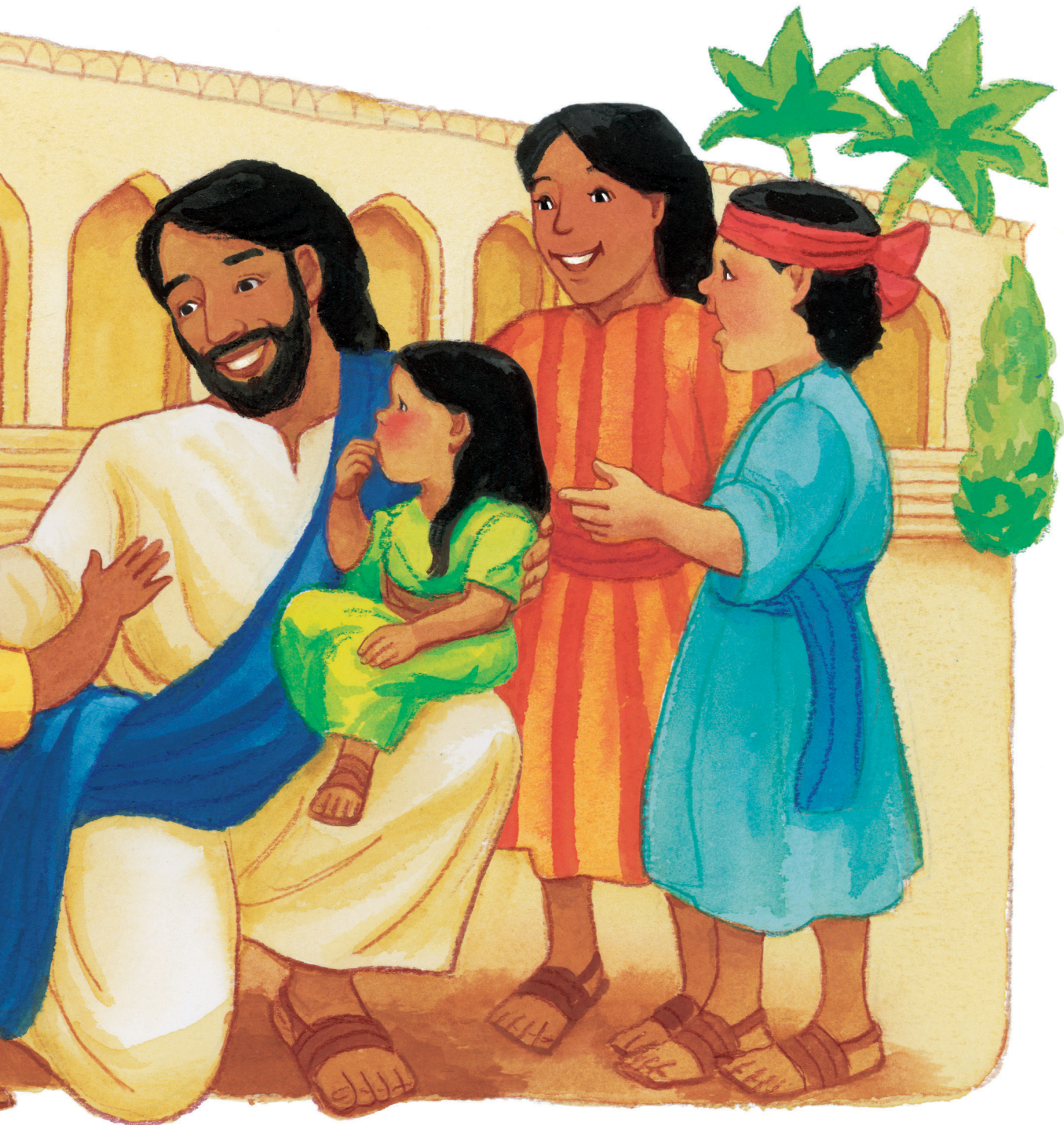


Jesus likes us to
hear His story.
He is glad we go
to church each Sabbath.

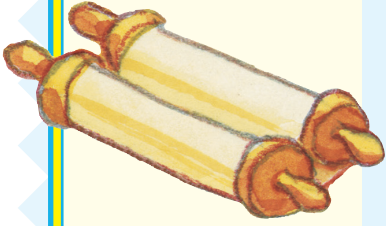
Jesus likes to hear us
sing and pray. (*Sing a
familiar song and pray.*)

The Bible says, "Let
us go to the house
of the Lord" (Psalm
122:1, NIV).





Compare the scroll made in Sabbath School to a Bible.

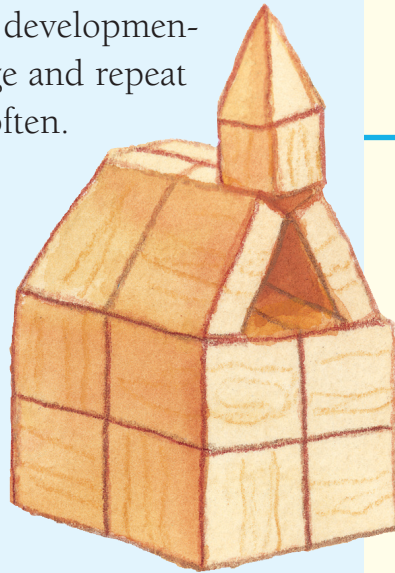


Read the Bible story with your child. Make it interactive.

Review the memory verse. “Let us go” (*point to self and then out*) “to the house” (*make triangle roof shape with hands*) “of the Lord” (*point upward*). Discuss the meaning of “the house of the Lord.”

Do & Say

Study these suggestions for something to do each day with your child. Select those that are appropriate for your child’s developmental stage and repeat them often.

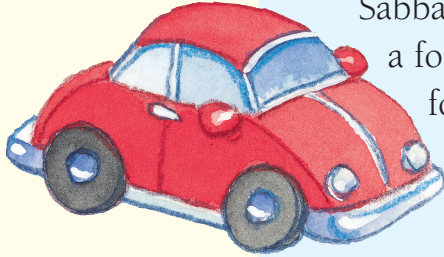


Look at pictures of churches in books. Point out stained-glass windows. If your child made one in Sabbath School, compare it to the pictures.

Use a paper plate “steering wheel” and pretend you are driving to church. Sing “Here Is the Way We Drive to Church.”

Use toy blocks or other building materials to make a church. Do the finger play “I Love God’s House.” (See p. 42.)

Use toy cars on the floor and pretend you are driving to church.



Involve your child in planning or preparing a special Sabbath meal. Start a food tradition for Friday supper.

Allow your child to look at and touch a Bible. Talk about how it is God's special words to us. Show where the memory verse is found and read it aloud. Let them mark that place with the bookmark made in Sabbath School.

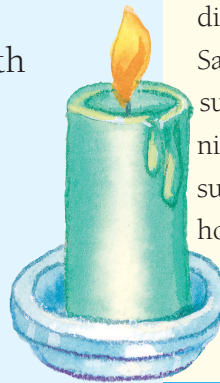
Play church or Sabbath School at home with dolls, toy stuffed animals, etc. Let your child be the teacher.

Count and name the seven days of the week, on your fingers. Make a simple seven-day calendar. For one week, mark off the days until Sabbath.

Talk about your pastor. What is his or her name? What does he or she do all week? Be sure your child recognizes your pastor on Sabbath. Invite the pastor and his or her family to have a meal at your house.

Take a walk outside and sing "Shall We Go for a Walk Today?" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 82). Ask your child to point out things that God made for people to enjoy.

Do the finger play "On Sabbath Morning." (See page 64.) Sing "Sabbath Is a Happy Day."



Start a Sabbath tradition. Light special Sabbath candles at sundown Friday night or at Friday supper. Talk about how Jesus' family did this.