

REFERENCES: LUKE 2:21, 39, 40, 51; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 68-83.

Little Jesus, the Happy Helper

Memory Verse:

"[Jesus] was obedient." LUKE 2:51, NIV.

The Message:

I obey and help others.

Parents:

By the end of this month you can help your child

Know that they can obey as Jesus did.

Feel loving toward family members and pets.

Respond by being obedient to parents and kind to family members and pets.



*Jaime is a helper. He can give Mommy a glass of water.
Can you help? Little Jesus was a helper, just as you are.*

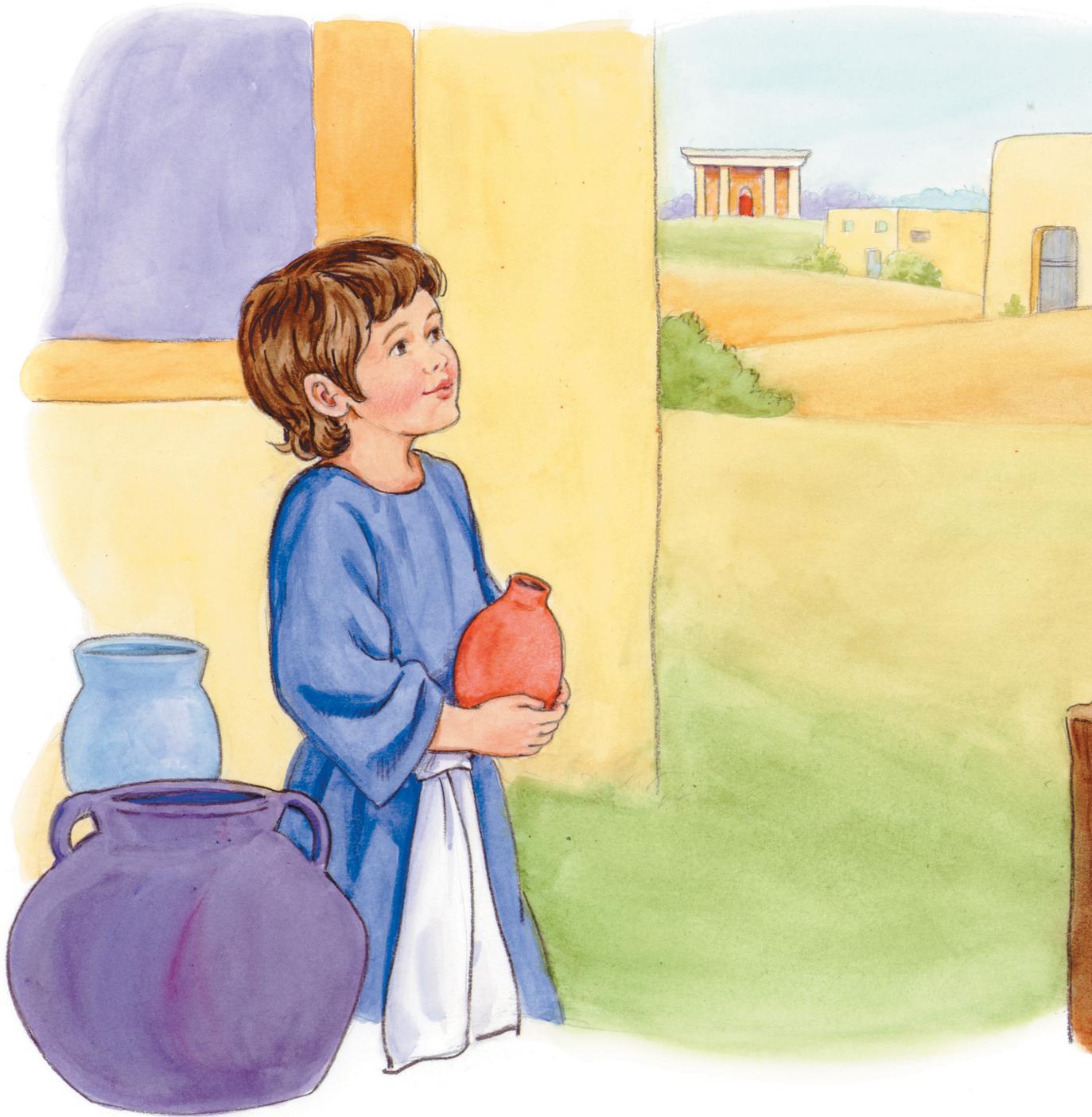
Little Jesus
wakes up
happy. [*Yawn, stretch,
smile.*]

He rolls up His
bed. [*Roll up a towel.*]

He kneels to talk
to God. [*Clasp hands
together.*] “Dear God,
thank You for a good
sleep. Please help me
listen today, so that
I may be a happy
helper. Amen.”









This is the town
of Nazareth.

[Point to the town.]

Little Jesus lives in a
little house here. He
is a happy helper at
home.

Little Jesus says kind
words to everyone. He
makes people smile
when they are feeling
sad.

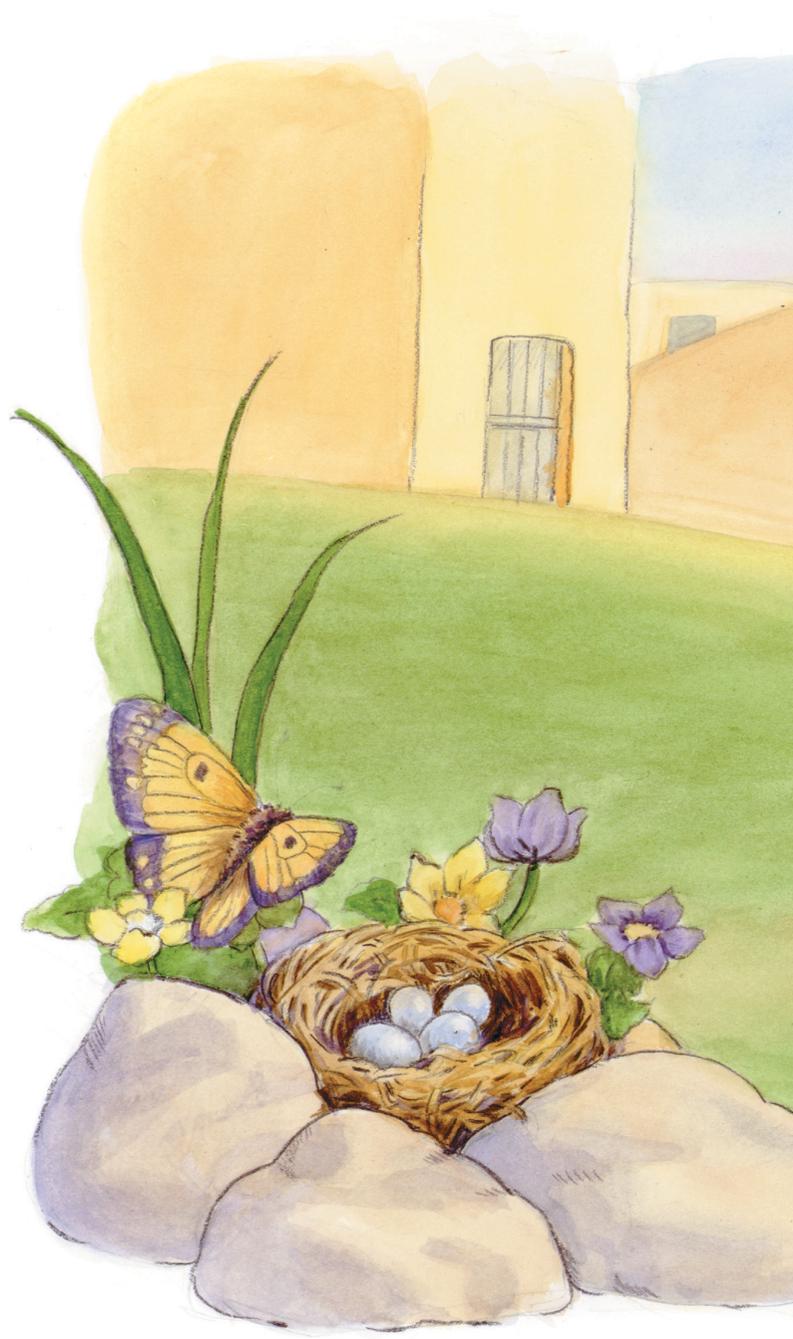


Little Jesus learns outdoors. He learns about God out here.

He moves the caterpillar from the path to keep it safe. *[Point to the caterpillar.]*

See the bird's nest? *[Point to the nest.]* Little Jesus does not touch the eggs. Mother birds don't want us to touch their eggs.

Little Jesus is a happy helper for all God's creatures.



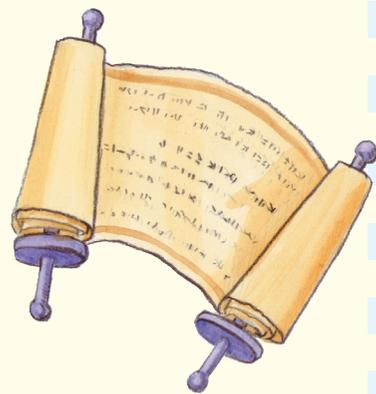






Little Jesus learns at home. His mother is His teacher. He learns about God. *[Point up.]* He can say Bible words. Can you say Bible words?

Little Jesus is God's happy helper. He listens to what God says. Can you listen and help today? *[Pray that God will make your child His happy helper.]*



Come out to play!" the children say.

"Not yet!" Jesus calls. *[Point to Jesus, then to Mary.]* "I am helping Mother." Little Jesus will play when His work is done.









Father Joseph works hard.
Little Jesus works hard beside him.
Bang! Bang! Bang!
See Jesus' hammer.
[Point to Jesus, then to the hammer.] Little Jesus pounds a nail with his father's help.

Scrape, scrape, scrape. See father Joseph's plane. *[Point to Joseph, then to the plane.]* The plane smooths the wood.
[Point to the wood.] See the wood curl.



Listen! Listen!
[Hold your

hand next to one ear.]

The rabbi is blowing
on the horn to call
the people to worship
on the Sabbath day.

*[Point to the rabbi,
then the ram's horn.]*

Listen! Listen! *[Hold
your hand next to one
ear.]* Jesus hears. His
mother hears. Father
Joseph hears. *[Point to
each one.]*

Jesus likes to be at
church. "Come!" He
says. Little Jesus and
His family sing and
pray in church.

Little Jesus was a
happy helper, kind
and obedient.



You can be a
happy helper,
kind and
obedient, just
like Jesus.





Sing “I’m a Happy Helper” or make up your own song about helping.

With your child make a card or hand print for a family or church member. Together with your child, deliver it in person. Pray for that person today.

Encourage your child to feed the family pet. Thank Jesus for pets.

Do & Say

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



Pick some wildflowers or garden flowers and with your child offer them to someone else.

Use fingers and a bright lamp or the sun to make shadow figures. Talk about helping hands.

Trace your child’s helping hands and feet. Write “_____ is a happy helper” on the tracing and put it where your family will see it.

Let your child help you pull weeds or do other work in the yard or garden. Thank your child for being a happy helper.



Praise your child for picking up his or her toys. Have a special place for them.

Help your child practice using his or her lips to say kind words, such as please, thank you, and you're welcome.

Sing the memory verse song while you pick up toys and clothes with your child.

Encourage your child to hold and rock a baby doll. Talk about being helpers when we comfort others.

Scatter some toys or articles. Count and see how quickly your child can place them in a basket. Do it again!

With your child make smiling faces and frowning faces into a mirror. Smiling faces are helping faces. What are frowning faces? What face does your child have?

Offer your child a small dusting rag and something to dust. Thank him or her for helping.

Let your child help identify and fold his or her freshly laundered clothes.

