

Dear Parents,

This year, we will be teaching your child simple truth statements and simple Bible stories using the curriculum *A Sure Foundation: His Praiseworthy Deeds*. These truth statements will be repeated over and over to your child. Just as a child does not understand the word *chair* when he first hears it, he may not at first understand these truth statements. But through repetition and experience, your child will learn to understand them.

The following is a list of simple truth statements that we will be repeating to your child. These can be reinforced by you at home through your daily routine.

God is good.
 God is big.
 God is strong.
 Jesus loves you.
 We love Jesus.
 Thank you, Jesus.
 God made everything (the trees, birds, your nose, etc.).
 God is with us.
 God knows everything.
 Jesus is my friend.
 Jesus loves _____ (babies, children, boys, girls).
 We need God.

In addition, we will be telling your child the following stories:

Story

Creation
 Sin in the Garden
 God Gives Abraham and Sarah a Baby
 God Frees His People from Pharoah
 God Feeds Elijah
 God Heals Namaan
 God is with Jonah
 The Birth of Jesus

Theme

God Made Everything
 Only God is Big
 God is Good
 God Always Wins
 God Knows Everything
 Only One God
 God is Everywhere
 Jesus is Here!

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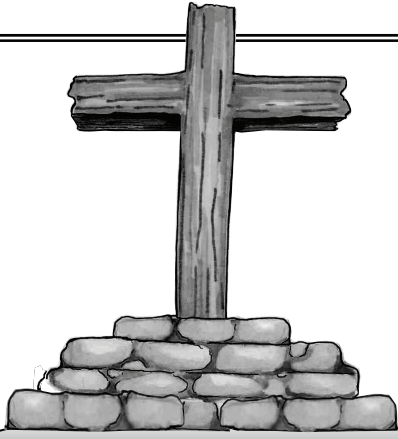
Story

The Wise Men Love Jesus
The Wind and the Water Obey Jesus
Jesus Loves the Children
Jesus is a Friend to Zaccheus
Jesus Died and is Alive Again

Theme

We Love Jesus
Jesus is the Boss
Jesus Loves Me
Jesus is a Friend
Jesus is Alive!

Thank you for the privilege of partnering with you to nurture the faith of your child.



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Lesson 1 **God Made Everything**

STORY:

Creation (Genesis 1; Psalm 139:13-16)

THEME:

God Made Everything

AT HOME:

Talk about the different things God made.

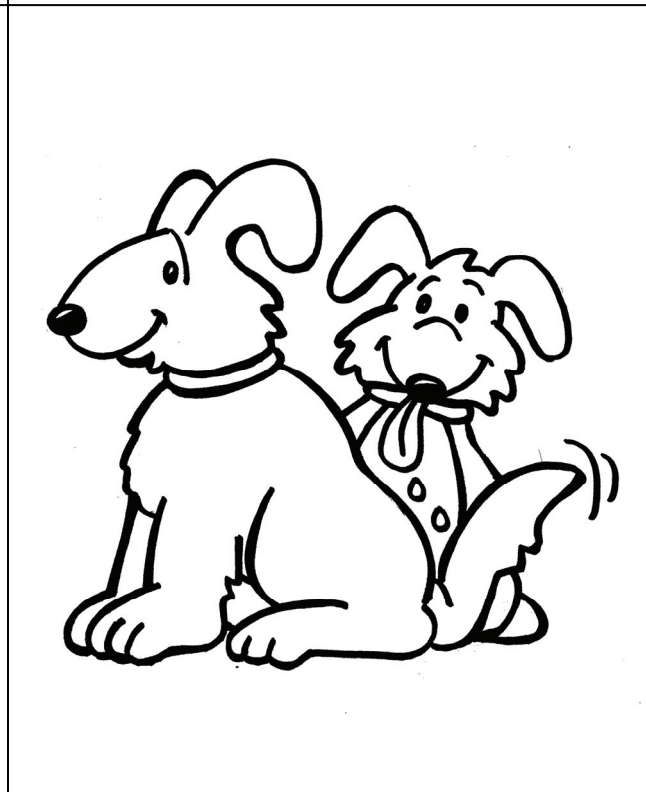
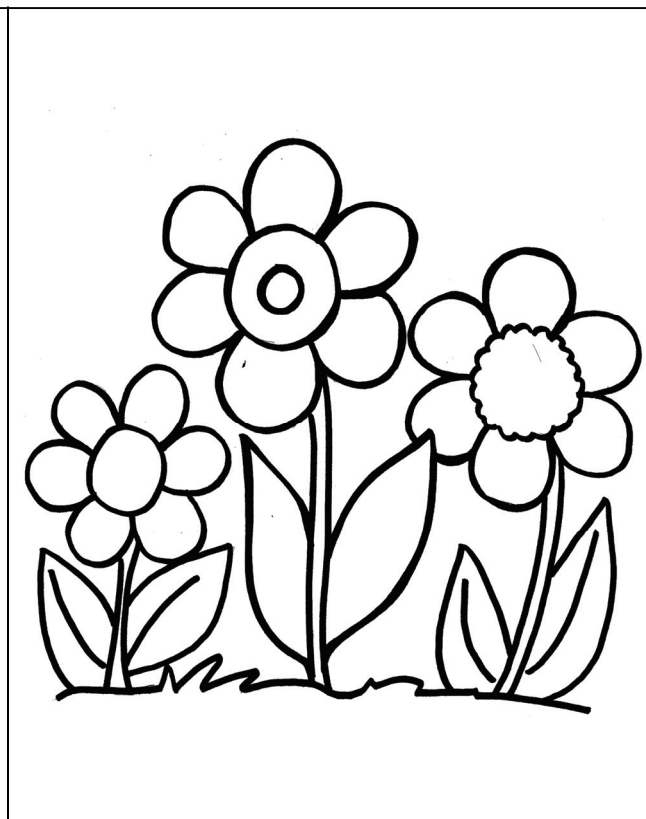
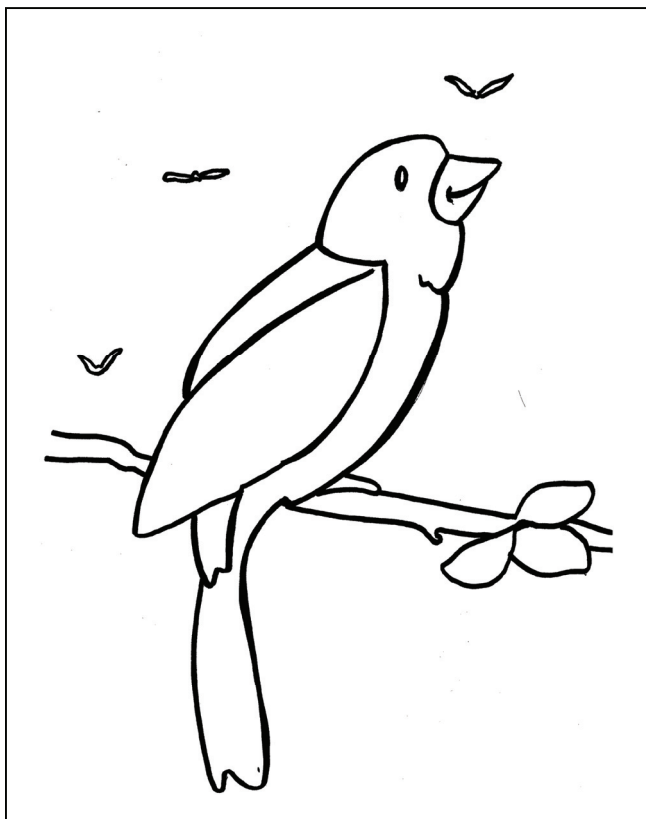
When you talk about trees, birds, dogs, people, and so on tell your child that God made these things.

Tell your child that God made these things because God is so big.

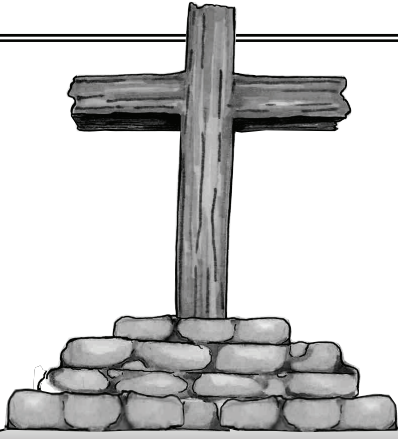
PRAY:

Thank God for all the things He made.

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God Made Everything



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Lesson 2 **Only God is Big**

STORY:

Sin in the Garden (Genesis 3)

THEME:

Only God is Big

AT HOME:

Remind your child that God said, "No. Do not eat this fruit."
But the man and woman ate the fruit. They did not obey God.

When you tell your child "no" and your child disobeys, make sure your child understands that this is wrong.

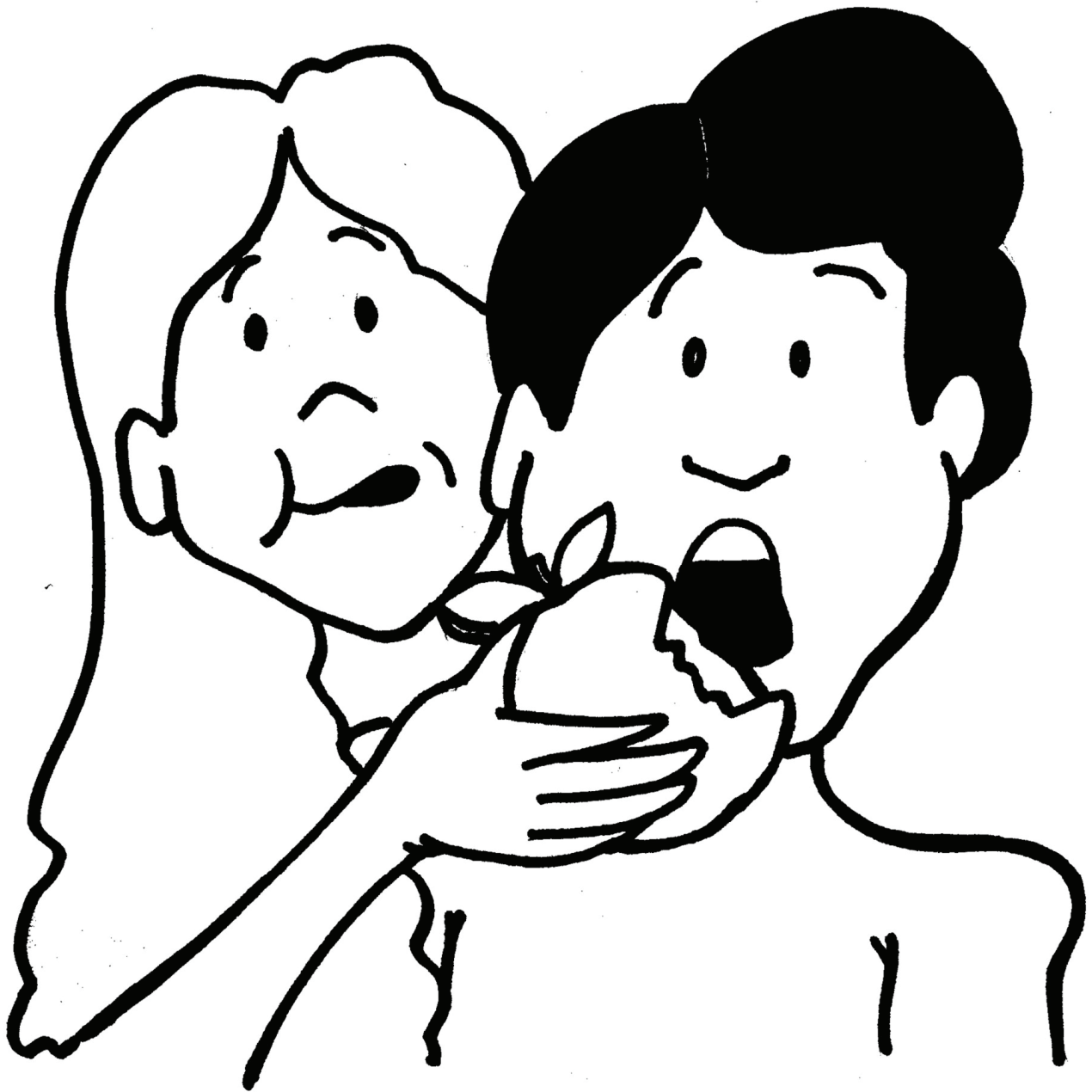
Ask your child, "Can you make a tree?" Then say, "No. Only God can make a tree."

Throughout the week, make statements like "Only God is soooo big" or "Only God is soooo strong."

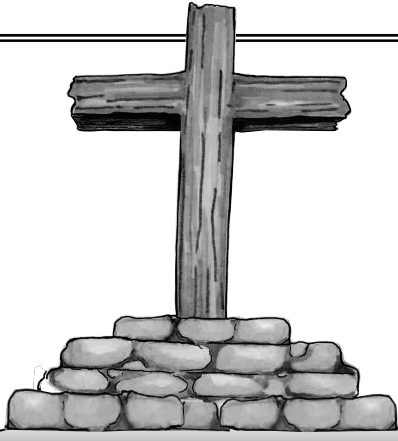
PRAY:

Thank God that He is so big.

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Only God is Big



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Lesson 3 **God is Good**

STORY:

God Gives Abraham and Sarah a Baby (Genesis 21:1-7)

THEME:

God is Good

AT HOME:

When something good happens, remind your child that God is good.

Make statements such as “Thank you, God, for the sun.” or “Thank you God, for my jumping feet.”

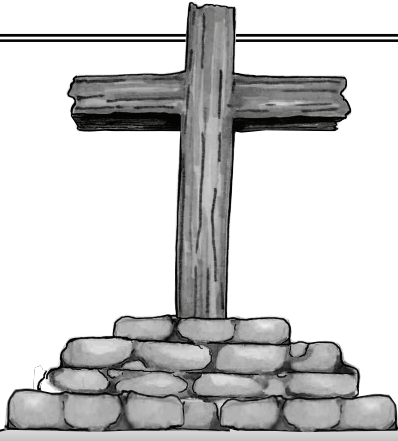
PRAY:

Thank God for being good. Thank God for the good things He gives you.

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God is Good



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Lesson 4 **God Always Wins**

STORY:

God Frees His People from Pharoah (Exodus 5-12)

THEME:

God Always Wins

AT HOME:

When things are hard for you or your child, make statements like “God, please help us.” For example, if you are having a hard time lifting something heavy, say, “God, please help me.”

Remind your child that God is strong; God is big.

Help your child understand the meaning of the word “wins.” Use it frequently in conversation. Remind your child that the bad man said, “No.” God said, “Yes.” Make the statement, “God always wins.”

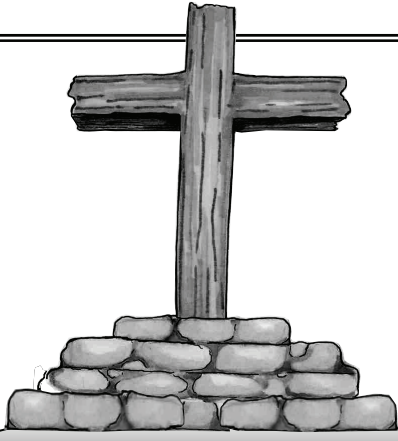
PRAY:

Praise God because He always wins.

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God Always Wins



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Lesson 5 **God Knows Everything**

STORY:

God Feeds Elijah (1 Kings 17:1-6)

THEME:

God Knows Everything

AT HOME:

Make statements comparing your knowledge to God's knowledge. For example, "I don't know how to make rain. God knows! God knows everything!"

Ask your child questions about things he does not know. Then tell him that God knows everything. For example, "Do you know that man's name? God knows. God knows everything."

Talk about Elijah. Remind your child that Elijah didn't know how to find water. Elijah didn't know how to find food. God knew how to provide food and water.

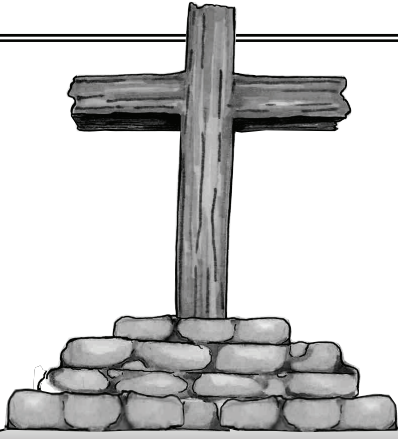
PRAY:

Praise God that He knows everything.

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God Knows Everything



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Lesson 6 **Only One God**

STORY:

God Heals Namaan (II Kings 5:1-15)

THEME:

There is Only One God

AT HOME:

Talk about owies. Remind your child that Namaan had owies. Remind your child that only God could help Namaan.

When observing nature or acts of God, tell your child that God is strong. God is good. There is only one God.

Count different things. Then say, "But there is only one God."

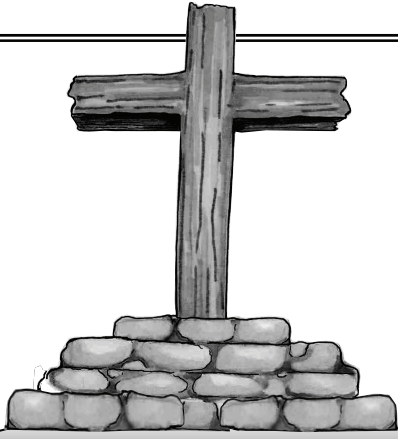
PRAY:

Praise God that He is the only God. ("You are the only God.")

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Only One God



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Lesson 7

God is Everywhere

STORY:

God is with Jonah (Jonah 1-3)

THEME:

God is Everywhere

AT HOME:

Talk about Jonah trying to run away from God. Remind your child that no one can run away from God.

Throughout the day, ask your child if God is with him. Then remind him that God is everywhere. For example, "Is God with us in the car? Yes! God is everywhere" or "Is God at Grandma's house?"

Make sure that your child understands that although we cannot see God, He is with us. For example, "Can you see God? But God is here."

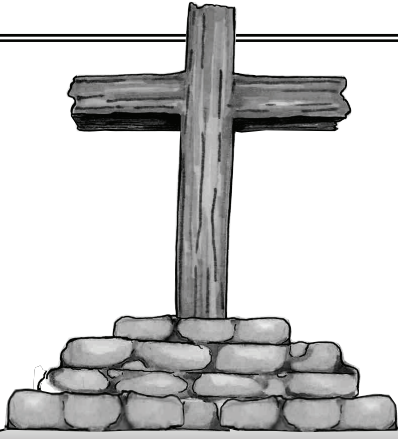
PRAY:

Thank God that He is everywhere.

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God is Everywhere



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Lesson 8 **Jesus is Here!**

STORY:

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-2:20)

THEME:

Jesus is Here

AT HOME:

Show your child nativity pictures. Talk to him about the birth of Jesus. You may even want to encourage your child to express affection for baby Jesus. For example, show your child a picture of baby Jesus and say, "I love you, baby Jesus."

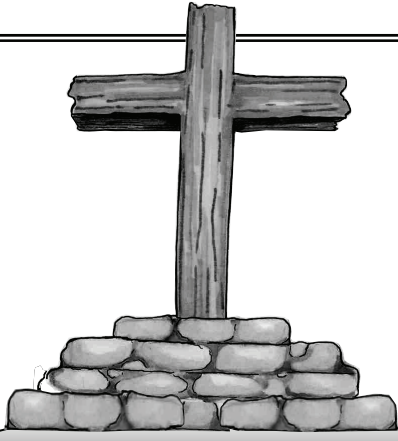
PRAY:

Thank God for sending Jesus.

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Jesus is Here!



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Lesson 9 **We Love Jesus**

STORY:

The Wise Men Love Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

THEME:

We Love Jesus

AT HOME:

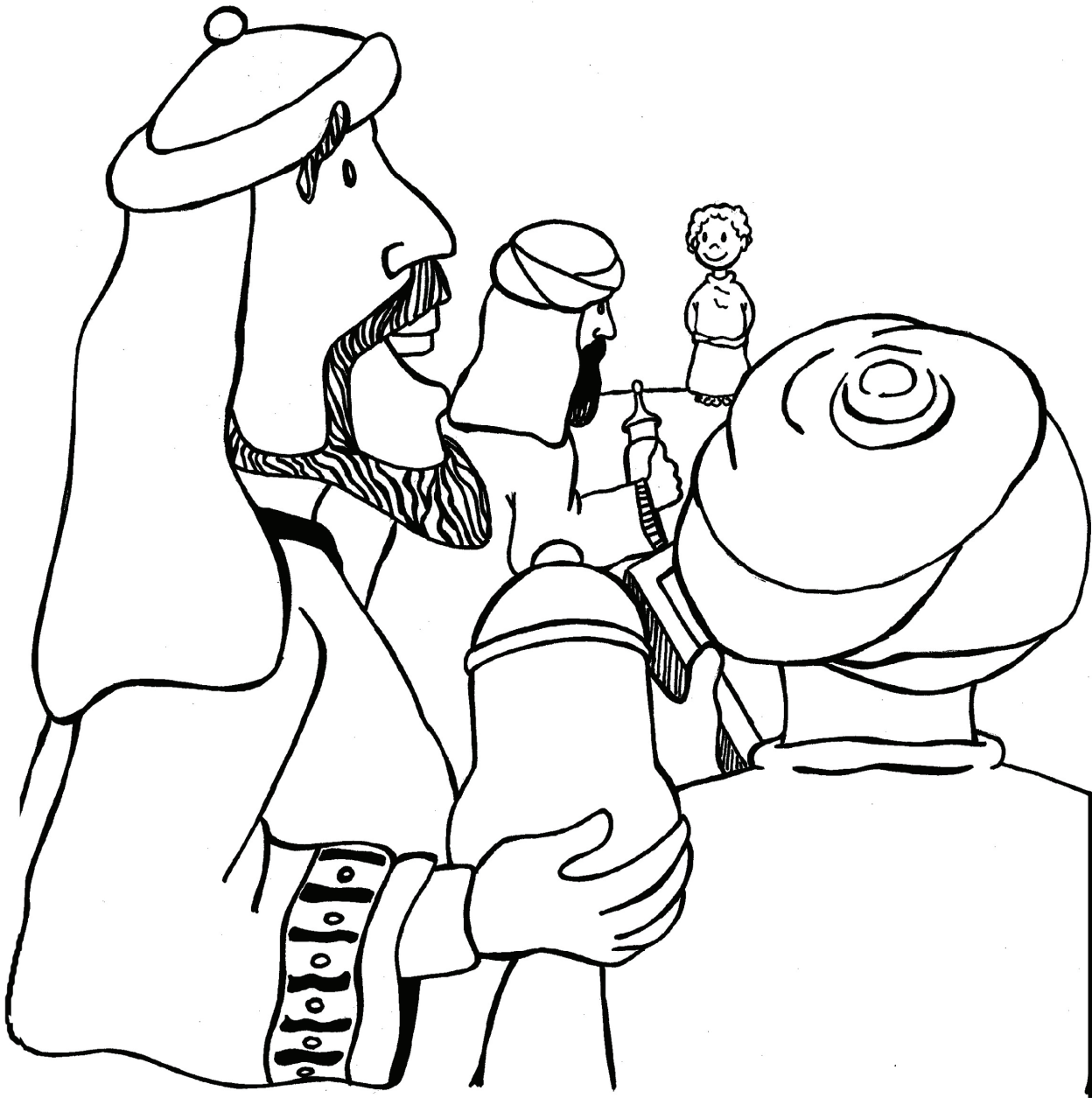
Show pictures of the wise men and baby Jesus. Talk to your child how happy the men were to see Jesus.

Make statements professing love for Jesus throughout the day. For example, "I love daddy. I love sister. And I love Jesus!" or "We love grandma. We love grandpa. We love Jesus most!"

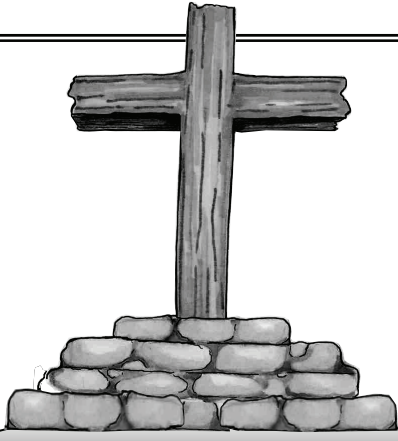
PRAY:

Tell Jesus that you love Him.

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We Love Jesus



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Lesson 10 **Jesus is the Boss**

STORY:

The Wind and Water Obey Jesus (Matthew 8:23-27)

THEME:

Jesus is the Boss

AT HOME:

If you have pictures of Jesus in a Bible storybook, show them to your child. Make sure your child understands that Jesus grew up.

Help your child to understand the word “obey.” For example, “Mommy says, ‘No.’ Obey Mommy. Do what Mommy says.”

Talk to your child about bosses. Then remind him that Jesus is the boss of everything. For example, “Who is the boss of the house? Who is the boss at Daddy’s work? Jesus is the boss of everything!”

PRAY:

Praise Jesus for being the boss of everything.

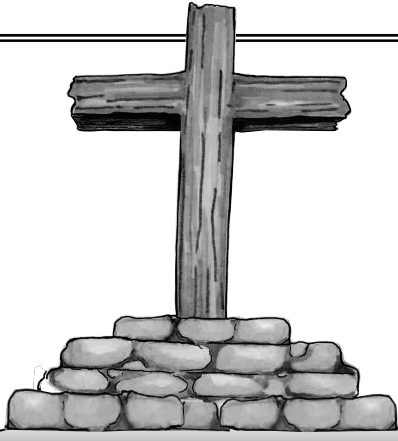
Note:

The aim of this lesson is to lay a foundation for understanding the sovereignty of God. As your child is able to understand them, begin to use terms such as “in charge” or “in control” of everything to explain the sovereignty of God.

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Jesus is the Boss



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Lesson 11 **Jesus Loves Me**

STORY:

Jesus Loves the Children (Matthew 19:13-15)

THEME:

Jesus Loves Me

AT HOME:

Show your child a picture of Jesus and the children from a picture book. Talk about Jesus' love. For example, "Jesus loves this girl. Jesus loves this girl. Jesus loves this boy. And Jesus loves you."

Play a "Who loves you?" game with your child. Help your child list the people who love him. Make sure your child understands that Jesus loves him most. For example, "Who loves you?" [Daddy] "Yes!" End with, "Jesus loves you most." In time, you should be able to ask the question, "Who loves you most?"

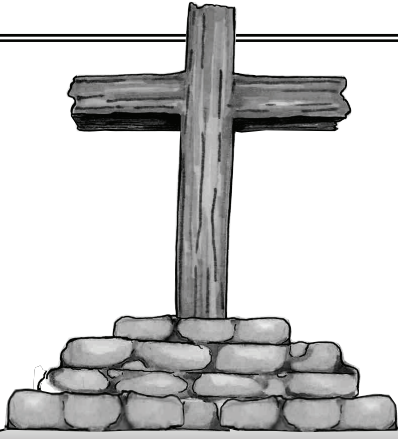
PRAY:

Thank Jesus for loving you. Tell Jesus that you love Him.

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Jesus Loves Me



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Lesson 12 **Jesus is a Friend**

STORY:

Jesus is a Friend to Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-9)

THEME:

Jesus is a Friend

AT HOME:

Talk about friends. Help your child list some of his friends. Remind your child that Jesus is your best friend.

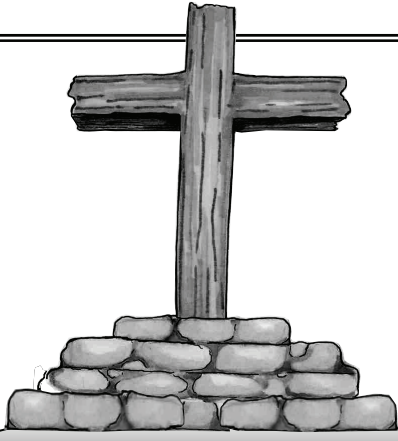
PRAY:

Praise Jesus that He is a friend.

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Jesus is a Friend



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Lesson 13

Jesus is Alive!

STORY:

Jesus Died and is Alive Again (John 19:16b-20:31)

THEME:

Jesus is Alive!

AT HOME:

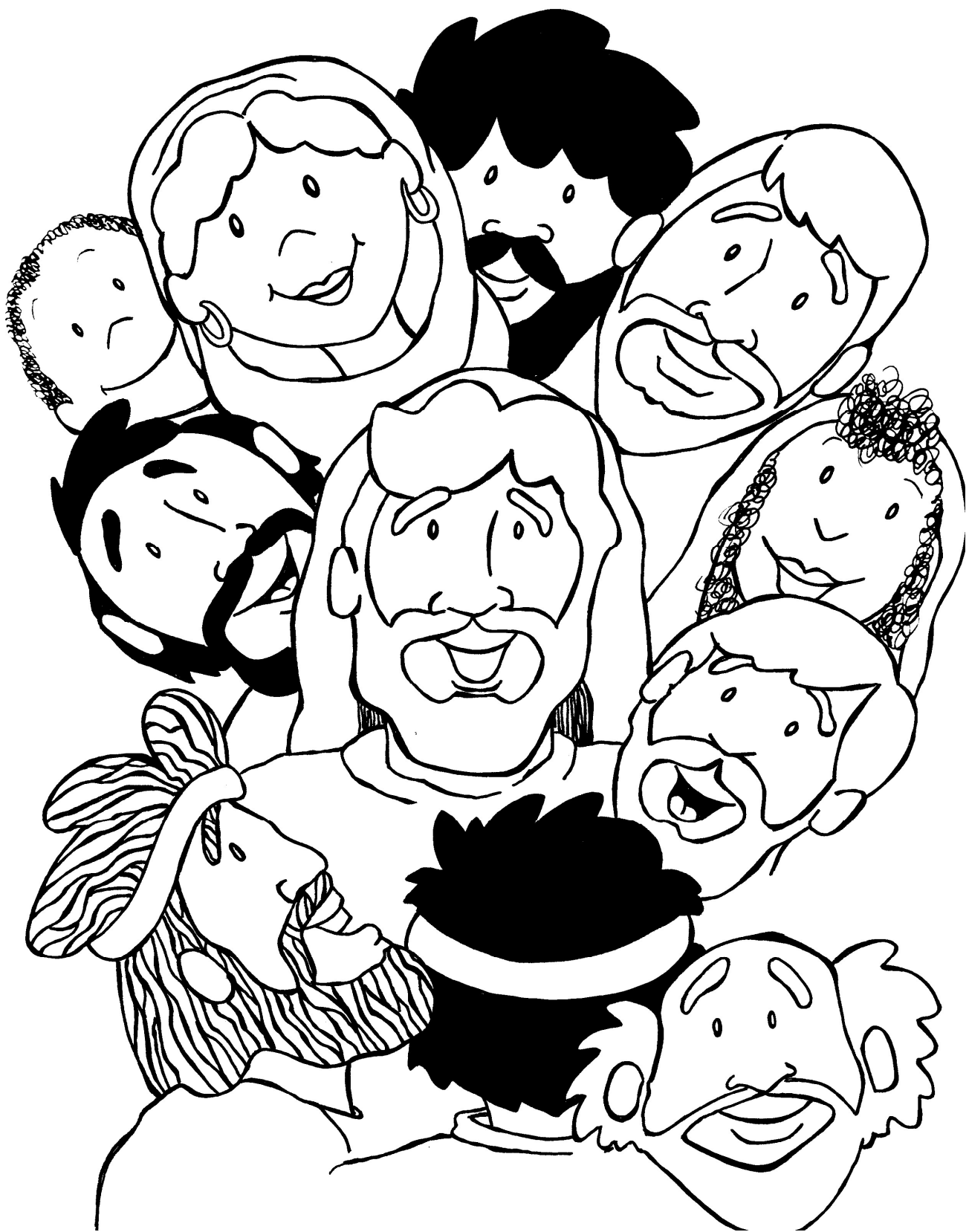
Show pictures of Jesus on the cross. Talk about Him, being sad because Jesus is on the cross. Tell your child that Jesus had many owies and then Jesus didn't move or talk. Then tell your child that Jesus came back! Jesus could move and talk. Jesus is alive.

Throughout the day, point out to your child things that are alive and things that are not alive. (You may want to stay with the simplest meaning possible. For example, "The dog can walk. The dog can lick my face. The dog is alive. The table can't walk. The table is not alive.")

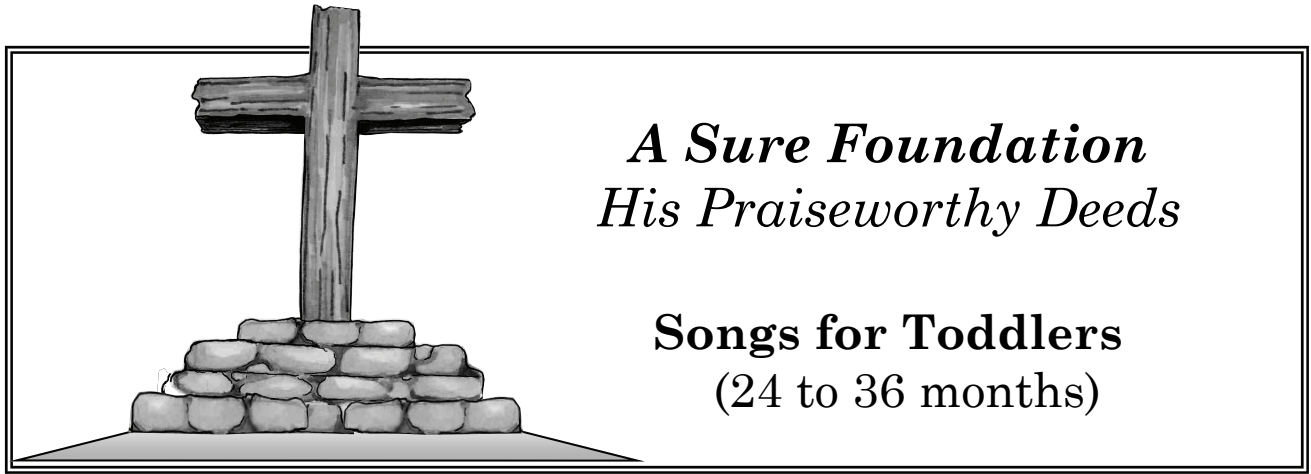
PRAY:

Thank Jesus for coming back. Praise Jesus that He is alive.

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Jesus is Alive!



My God is So Great

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
 There's nothing my God cannot do!
 My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
 There's nothing my God cannot do!
 The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
 The stars in the sky are His too!
 My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
 There's nothing my God cannot do!

God Made Me

God made me, God made me.
 In my Bible Book it says that God made me.
 God loves me, God loves me.
 In my Bible book it says that God loves me.
 God helps me, God helps me.
 In my Bible book it says that God helps me.

Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children.
 God is love, God is love.
 Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children.
 God is love, God is love.

Praise the Lord Together

Praise the Lord together singing, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."
 Praise the Lord together singing, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

God is So Good

God is so good, God is so good,
 God is so good, He's so good to me.
 God loves me so, God loves me so,
 God loves me so, He loves me so.
 God answers prayer, God answers prayer,
 God answers prayer, He answers prayer.

(Over)

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

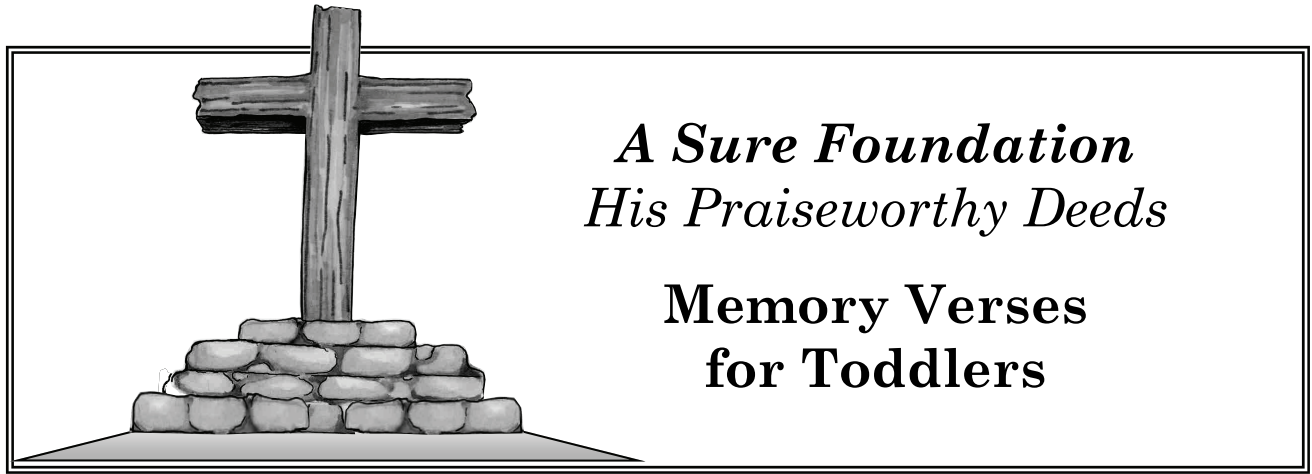
Oh, How I Love Jesus

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me

Jesus Loves Even Me

I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me.
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me.

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**Memory Verses
for Toddlers**

When teaching verses to your child, first say the reference, then the verse, and then repeat the reference.

September: "Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1."

October: "Romans 3:23. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23."

November: "Psalm 1:6. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1:6."

December: "James 1:17. Every good and perfect gift is from above. James 1:17."

January: "Matthew 6:24. No one can serve two masters. Matthew 6:24."

February: "Philippians 2:14. Do everything without complaining or arguing. Philippians 2:14."

March: "Psalm 56:3. When I am afraid I will trust in you. [God] Psalm 56:3."

April: "Psalm 118:24. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24."

May: "Ephesians 6:1. Children, obey your parents in the LORD, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1."

June: "Proverbs 18:10. The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10."

July: "Proverbs 3:5. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5."

August: "Proverbs 17:17. A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17."

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