



Need to Know:

The Bible

(make book with hands)

Tells Me

(cup hands around mouth)

God Loves Me!

(hug self)

Bible Stories:

God Loves Adam and Eve;
Genesis 2:16-17 & 3

Jesus Died to Take Away Sins

Matthew 26:53; John 15:13, 17:24; Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 3:18

Materials:

- ✿ **God's Story for Me Bible**
- ✿ **Stamp**
- ✿ **Cross Picture**
- ✿ **Wikki Stix**
- ✿ **Wikki Wild Guide**
- ✿ **Hand Sanitizer**
- ✿ **Snacks**
- ✿ **Coloring Sheets**
- ✿ **Crayons**
- ✿ **Filler Activity Guide**

Get Their Attention! (5 min)

Materials: **None**

SAY the following to the group:

Today we are going to meet our friends as we pat our knees and say this together (pat knees to create rhythm):

I love lions & hippos too!

My name is (say name here).

Who are you? (point to other child)

Okay Rafikis, let's get started! (Leader will be first one to introduce themselves, and then point to child.)

CONTINUE until all group members have been introduced. Assist kids as needed by saying their name with them or for them, if they are hesitant.

TELL kids that on safari today we are going to discover who God loves so much!

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: **God's Story for Me Bible, Stamp, Cross Picture**

SHOW & READ p.26-31 from **God's Story for Me Bible** aloud to group ("God Loves Adam and Eve")

ASK & SAY the following to review. Give kids a **stamp** when they answer!

1. **Did the beautiful garden have many trees in it or just one tree?** (Many trees)
2. **What did God tell Adam and Eve about the SPECIAL tree?** (Do not eat the fruit)
3. **Who told Eve that she could eat the fruit from the special tree?** (The snake)
4. **Were Adam and Eve happy or sad when they disobeyed God?** (Sad)
5. **Did God stop loving Adam and Eve because they disobeyed?** (No) **That's right! He never stopped loving them! He promised someone would come and make things right again.**

SHOW & READ **Cross Picture** aloud to group.

SAY the following to review:

See, both of these stories tell us that God loves us. In fact, ALL the stories in the Bible tell us that God loves you and me. Say this with me:

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Application Summary:

As kids use Wikki Stix to create shapes, they will be reminded that God loves them because the Bible tells them so!

Application Activity (10 min)

Materials: Wikki Stix, Wikki Wild Guide

1. Give each child TWO **Wikki Stix**.
2. Use the **Wikki Wild Guide** to create a shape with your Wikki Stix, and allow kids to guess shape.
3. Help kids create the same shape. Ask the questions listed on **Wikki Wild Guide** as they are finishing their shapes.
4. Continue until all shapes have been created & questions discussed. Then say:

God loves you so much, and He will never stop loving you! (Make heart with Wikki Stix) **At home, you can make a heart with your Wikki Stix to remind you that:** (Allow kids to take Wikki Stix home)

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Remember Verse:

"Open my eyes (hands open wide beside eyes)

so that I can see (make binoculars with hands)

all the wonderful things (two thumbs up)

in your teachings." (make book with hands)

Psalm 119:18

Remember Verse Game (5 min)

Materials: **None**

1. Review verse, with motions. Have kids repeat it two times after you.
2. Divide group into two teams—Lions and Hippos.
3. Review the verse the following ways:
 - ✿ Hippos will repeat Lions as they say verse. Switch roles.
 - ✿ Lions say one phrase, Hippos say next phrase, repeat until entire verse is said aloud.
 - ✿ See which team, Lions or Hippos, can say the entire verse: the loudest, the quietest, with eyes closed, etc.

Wrap It Up (10 min)

Materials: Hand Sanitizer, Snacks, Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Filler Activity Guide

LARGE GROUP REVIEW:

1. **What wonderful creature were we looking for on our safari today?** (Lion)
2. **What did we use to look for his lion tracks?** (Make binoculars with hands)
3. **Can we LOOK for wonderful things in the Bible?** (Yes!)

PRAY with your group, having them repeat the following after you in short phrases.

Dear God, thank you for loving me so much! Thank you for the Bible! Thank you for my snack. I love you! In Jesus' name I pray, amen!

SANITIZE hands with **hand sanitizer** & **PASS OUT snacks**.

PASS OUT coloring sheets & crayons.

STAY in Small Group as families arrive. Use **Filler Activity Guide** as needed.