

Hands-On Fun at Home

LESSON 3



God takes care of those who follow him.



Bible Verse: "The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him" (Nahum 1:7).



Idea!

Make a secret-garden box using a shoe box and old greeting cards. Cut pictures from the greeting cards, making sure one of the pictures represents you. Leave a quarter-inch tab at the bottom of each picture.

Cut a round hole in one end of the shoe box so you can see in, and cut a square hole in the shoe-box lid to let in light. Bend back the tabs on the pictures, and glue them to the bottom of the box so the pictures stand up. Put the lid on the box, and look through the round hole at the secret garden.

Whenever you get scared or need God's help, look at the picture that represents you. Pretend that the box is God's protection surrounding you in your secret garden. Thank God for keeping you safe and taking care of you.

Way to Pray!

Collect several large rocks, and pile them up. Read Exodus 33:19-23. God protected Moses by putting him in a crack in the rocks. Make a person shape with toothpicks or craft sticks, or use a small toy person, to represent yourself. Hide the toothpick person in a crack between the rocks. Pray for God to protect you as he protected Moses. Tell God about each thing you need protection from, and ask him to cover you with his hand to keep you safe.

Check It Out

Read Psalm 121.

Tell someone about the dangers God protects you from. Write the word "God" on a sheet of paper, and tape it to the ceiling over your bed to remind you that God watches over you while you sleep.

Read Isaiah 25:4-5.

For Isaiah, God's protection was like a shelter from storms. What is God's protection like for you? Complete this sentence: "God's protection is like..."

Read 1 Peter 5:7.

What worries can you give to God? Write them on a piece of paper, and put the paper in an envelope addressed to God. Put the envelope in your Bible. In a few weeks, open the envelope, and write down what God did with each worry.