

# Family Faith Steps

## Unit Overview

This unit teaches preschoolers how people in the Bible showed their love to God and how they can show love to God, too. Your child will learn the following stories:

- The people listen as Moses tells them about God (Deuteronomy 5:1-3; 7:12-13; 10:12-14).
- God commands Noah to make and enter the ark (Genesis 6:14-22; 7:11-17, 24).
- Noah thanks God for protecting him and his family (Genesis 8:13-22; 9:13-15).
- Joash and the people bring offerings (2 Chronicles 24:1-14).
- Nehemiah and the people build a wall (Nehemiah 2:4-6, 11-20; 4:6; 6:15).

**UNIT THEME:** We Love God

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart.” Matthew 22:37





## Family Time

**T**hink of ways to put words into action as your child learns short verses from the Bible. For instance, “Love God with all your heart” could be put into practice by helping your child show love to God by listening to God’s Word, thanking God for what He does for them, and helping at home and church.

**H**elp your child be a part of the giving experience by providing a container in which to collect coins for the Sunday school offering. Almost anything will do: a piggy bank, a pretty jar with a lid, and so on. It might be fun to decorate a shoe box for offerings. You can cut slots in the lid and label the box with pictures that show ways offering money is used.

**A**ssign your child specific chores to do at home. On a picture chart you can check off each day’s chores such as putting away toys, picking up clothes, and so on, to encourage obedience in a fun way. Explain that we show love to God when we obey.

## Learning God’s Word

**U**se this rhyme to help your child learn the unit memory verse, which is the first and last lines of the poem.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.**

*(Clap, clap.)*

Listen and obey.

*(Cup hands around ears.)*

Thank Him every day.

*(Fold hands in prayer.)*

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.**

*(Clap, clap.)*

## Bible Time

**L**et your child see that daily Bible reading is an important part of your family routine even though he or she cannot yet understand some Scripture passages. Schedule a time, perhaps before bedtime, when you can read Bible stories to your child directly from the Bible. Talk about what the stories mean and what you can learn from them.