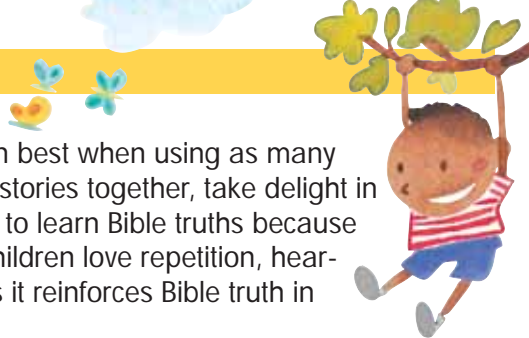


discovery learners!



We often hear that little children are discovery learners who learn best when using as many senses as possible. So to help you and your children learn Bible stories together, take delight in dramatic play! Acting out Bible story action helps young children to learn Bible truths because drama involves their bodies and their minds. And since young children love repetition, hearing and acting out the Bible story over and over delights them as it reinforces Bible truth in their minds and hearts!

- Read the story aloud from a children's Bible, a Bible storybook or this paper before you begin so that everyone will be familiar with the story.
- Expect children under three to simply make motions as you direct them, since their ability to use words is limited. As children mature, they may enjoy repeating lines after you, making motions and interacting with others in dramatic play.
- Children love to dress up when they are provided with a variety of interesting clothing items and props. There is probably plenty of costume potential in discards from your closet. Towels, sheets or lengths of fabric work well for Bible-times clothing. Old ties and scarves make great Bible-times belts and headbands. And don't forget clunky costume jewelry!

As you and your children enjoy acting out the Bible story events, help your children apply Bible truth to their lives as they play. Acknowledge and encourage their positive actions. "Stephanie, I see you are sharing the scarves with Matt. That's a way to be kind, like our Bible says! Thank you!"