




# Abraham Has Three Visitors

Genesis 18:1–19:29

In the world of young children, almost everything they encounter is an amazing discovery to them. The ability to move their fingers and toes, the sight of primary colors, and the warmth of a parent’s smile are all miracles to the little ones. As infants and toddlers encounter these everyday amazements, we can remind them that God is responsible for all the wonderful discoveries they’re making!

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Wow!</b> Pull figures out of a box while talking about how amazing God is.	scissors, craft sticks, glue, shoe box <b>Teacher Pack:</b> Abraham, Sarah, and the three guests figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture 	Cut out the figures of Sarah and the three guests, and glue them onto craft sticks. Also glue the Abraham figure from last week’s lesson onto a craft stick.  Cut slits in the lid of a shoe box so you can stand the figures upright.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Stacking Surprises</b> Do something amazing.	several empty food containers	
	<b>Amazing Peekaboo</b> Play Peekaboo and hear that God does amazing things.	small blanket	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 11 My Bible Snuggles pages from each student book.

**Bold text** within the lesson is spoken text.



### ► Bible Point

God does amazing things.

### Key Verse



“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9).

### Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will thank God for the amazing things he does.



## TODDLER



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Surprise Guests</b> Learn about Abraham and Sarah's visitors.	Bible, cubes of bread, shoe box, scissors, craft sticks, glue, wet wipes (optional) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> Abraham, Sarah, and the three guests figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture 	Cut out the figures of Sarah and the three guests, and glue them onto craft sticks. Also glue the Abraham figure from last week's lesson onto a craft stick.  Cut slits in the lid of a shoe box, and slide the Abraham and Sarah figures into the slits so they stand up. Put bread cubes in the box.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Guests Are Special</b> Decorate the place mats on their handouts.	snacks, crayons or washable markers, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Let's Eat" page (at the end of this lesson), wet wipes (optional) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> food stickers 	Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Amazing Surprises</b> Discover their own surprises while talking about Abraham's.	a variety of small containers, 1 small toy for each container	Place favorite toys or small stickers inside the containers.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>God's Amazing Love</b> Learn about Abraham and Sarah's visitors, and talk about God's love.	Bible, scissors, craft sticks, glue, shoe box <b>Teacher Pack:</b> Abraham, Sarah, and the three guests figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture; plush heart 	Cut out the figures of Sarah and the three guests, and glue them onto craft sticks. Also glue the Abraham figure from last week's lesson onto a craft stick. Cut slits in the lid of a shoe box so you can stand the figures upright.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Special Guests</b> Talk about Abraham and Sarah's guests and guests who come to their homes.	1 paper plate and cup for each child, crayons or washable markers, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Let's Eat" page (at the end of this lesson), snacks, wet wipes (optional)  <b>Teacher Pack:</b> food stickers	Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Special Snacks</b> Prepare for their own guests while talking about God doing amazing things.	snacks, place settings from "Special Guests" activity, wet wipes (optional)	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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# Abraham Has Three Visitors

Genesis 18:1–19:29



BIBLE BACKGROUND  
FOR LEADERS

**A note about this lesson:** You might be surprised that you’ve been asked to teach this Bible passage to children this age. For this age level, we cover only Genesis 18:1-15, the passage where the three visitors tell Abraham and Sarah that their long wait would soon be over—God’s promise to them of a son would be fulfilled within the year.

## Abraham: Father of Many

God changed Abram’s name, which means “exalted father,” to Abraham, “father of many.” Abraham and all the males of his household then went through the covenant of circumcision. God also renamed Sarai. Her new name, Sarah, likely stressed that she was to be the mother of nations and kings.

## Abraham Shows Hospitality

In Abraham’s desert-dwelling culture, visitors were rare. A warm welcome and hospitality were requirements in the culture of that day, and Abraham knew what it was like to travel in the desert. Thus, he was ready to warmly welcome the travelers.

Many scholars believe that these travelers were angels (see Genesis 19:1). The fact that they knew Sarah’s name may support this, and in Genesis 18:10, it is clear that at least one of them was speaking for God.

For many years, God had been promising Abraham a son. Now God predicted the time of the birth to 99-year-old Abraham and 89-year-old Sarah: Within one year, their son would be born. Sarah’s laughter is understandable. Who would have thought that a 90-year-old woman could have a baby! God does truly amazing things!

## Abraham Pleads With God

When God made it clear that his intent was to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham was horrified.

He’d likely done business with people there, and his nephew, Lot, lived there with his family. So Abraham pleaded with God to spare the few who were still faithful. God said the whole city would be saved if only 50 righteous people lived there. It’s helpful to remember here God’s definition of *righteous*. Abraham was declared righteous because of his faith, not because of a righteous lifestyle. As Abraham voiced his pleas ever more carefully, God promised to spare the city if just 10 righteous people were living there. But not even so small a number of faithful people could be found.

God did an amazing thing in sparing the lives of Lot and his family. Lot didn’t appear to deserve it, just as we don’t deserve the grace God gives to us. But we can be thankful that God is wonderfully merciful and still does amazing things for us.

## The Jesus Connection

Jesus is God’s most amazing miracle. He gave us eternal life when we were dead in sin. You can thank God for his precious Son and his greatest miracle.

Look for miracles all around you, not just in big, dramatic situations but also in “smaller” things: the beauty of the sunrise, the happy gleam in a baby’s eyes, couples addressing their problems with forgiveness and love. Ask God to help individuals in your ministry to do the same. You can write your prayer here.

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**INFANT**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate


**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Sing "Amazing Things" (track 15 on the CD) to the tune of "Looby Loo" to the babies anytime during the lesson. Hold a baby up and carefully "fly" him or her around the room as you sing.

 **God does amazing things.**  
**God does amazing things.**  
**God does amazing things.**  
**Our God can do anything.**  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

As you sing "Is God Listening?" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Frère Jacques," gently touch infants' faces as described:

 **Is God listening? Is God listening?** *(touch baby's ears)*  
**Yes, he is. Yes, he is.** *(touch baby's nose)*  
**God can hear me singing.** *(touch baby's mouth)*  
**God can hear me crying.** *(run fingers from baby's eyes to cheeks)*  
**Yes, he can. Yes, he can.** *(touch baby's nose)*

Afterward, say: ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

**2** BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

## Wow!

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the Abraham, Sarah, and three guests figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture.

Say: **Look. See the people. They're talking about the amazing things God is going to do. The Bible tells us that** ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**



### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

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CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "Amazing Things"  
(track 15)

### Wow! Supplies

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scissors  
craft sticks  
glue  
shoe box  
**Teacher Pack**  
Abraham, Sarah, and  
the three guests  
figures from the "Baby  
Isaac" teaching picture

### Wow! Easy Prep

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Cut out the figures of Sarah and the three guests, and glue them onto craft sticks. You'll also need to glue the Abraham figure from last week's lesson onto a craft stick.

Cut slits in the lid of a shoe box so you can stand the figures upright.



### Stacking Surprises Supplies

several empty food  
containers

### Amazing Peekaboo Supplies

small blanket

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“Growing With Jesus”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 11  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book.

Slide the figures back into the slits in the shoebox, and let babies pull them out.

Say: ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Stacking Surprises

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Bring in several clean, empty food containers, such as margarine tubs, juice cans, cereal boxes, or egg cartons. Help a baby stack up and then knock down the containers. Laugh with the baby when the tower topples over.

Say: **We made a tower. We knocked down the tower. God made our bodies to do amazing things.** ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

### Amazing Peekaboo

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Play Peekaboo with a baby. Cover your face with a small blanket.

Ask: **Where's teacher?** Uncover your face.

Say: **Look at your amazing face!** Point to your face. **Look at your amazing eyes.** Point to your eyes. **God made your body amazing.** ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**  
Place the blanket to block your face from baby's face.

Ask: **Where's baby?** Then raise the blanket to reveal the baby's face.

Say: **God made you amazing!** ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

### Weaving Faith at Home

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**TODDLER**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

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- 🎵 **God does amazing things.** (*stand up*)
  - God does amazing things.** (*sit down*)
  - God does amazing things.** (*stand up*)
  - Our God can do anything.** (*twirl around*)
- (Repeat.)

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**2** BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Surprise Guests

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Have a group of toddlers clean their hands and then gather together. Open your Bible to Genesis 18:1–19:29. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God’s special book. Show the Abraham and Sarah figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture.

Say: **God promised Abram he’d have more grandchildren than the stars. Show me your twinkle stars.** Let children wiggle their fingers to make “twinkle stars.” Say:



**Sing and Celebrate  
Supplies**

- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: “Amazing Things” (track 15)

**Surprise Guests  
Supplies**

- Bible
- cubes of bread
- shoe box
- scissors
- craft sticks
- glue
- wet wipes (optional)
- Teacher Pack**
- Abraham, Sarah, and the three guests figures from the “Baby Isaac” teaching picture

**! ALLERGY  
ALERT**

**Surprise Guests  
Easy Prep**

- Cut out the figures of Sarah and the three guests, and glue them onto craft sticks. Also glue the Abraham figure from last week’s lesson onto a craft stick.
- Cut slits in the lid of a shoe box, and slide the Abraham and Sarah figures into the slits so they stand up. Put bread cubes in the box.





### Guests Are Special Supplies

snacks  
crayons or washable markers  
My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Let’s Eat” page (at the end of this lesson)  
wet wipes (optional)  
**Teacher Pack**  
food stickers

### ! ALLERGY ALERT

### Guests Are Special Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Amazing Surprises Supplies

a variety of small containers  
1 small toy for each container

### Amazing Surprises Easy Prep

Place favorite small toys or stickers inside the containers.

**Because Abram believed in God’s promise, God changed his name to Abraham.** Slide the three guests figure into the slits in the box.

Say: **Well, one day some guests came to Abraham and Sarah’s home. The guests were hungry, so Sarah fixed them some meat and bread to eat. Let’s pretend we’re making bread. First we have to stir, stir, stir.** Pretend to stir a big bowl of dough. **Then we have to cook the bread. Yum. It smells delicious!** Breathe in deeply as if you’re smelling the bread.

**It tasted good, too!** Open the shoebox, and let children each take a few bread cubes. **The three guests ate the bread and meat. Then they told Abraham and Sarah that Sarah was going to have a baby. Abraham and Sarah were so surprised, but they soon learned that ► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Guests Are Special

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set out large crayons or washable markers and copies of the “Let’s Eat” page.

Remind toddlers that Abraham and Sarah had special guests come to their home.

Say: **When special guests come, we make our table look pretty. Let’s make pretty place mats for our snack table.** Encourage children to color their pages. **Abraham and Sarah had special guests who told them that ► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.** Show children the food stickers, and let them choose several to put on the plate on their pages.

Have children clean their hands. Distribute snacks for them to enjoy.

### Amazing Surprises

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Abraham and Sarah learned that ► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS. Let’s see if there are any amazing surprises inside these containers.**

Help children open the containers to discover the surprises inside.

Provide an opportunity for each child to discover a surprise.

Say: **► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS!** Older toddlers may be able to help you “hide” the surprises again for other children to find.





# Weaving Faith at Home

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## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

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  - God does amazing things.** (*sit down*)
  - God does amazing things.** (*stand up*)
  - Our God can do anything.** (*twirl around*)
- (Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

As you sing “Is God Listening?” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Frère Jacques,” have children use their hands to do the following motions:

- 🎵 **Is God listening? Is God listening?** (*cup hands around ears*)
- Yes, he is. Yes, he is.** (*nod head*)
- God can hear me singing.** (*put hands to mouth*)
- God can hear me crying.** (*put hands over eyes*)
- Yes, he can. Yes, he can.** (*nod head*)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Amazing Things” (track 15)





### God's Amazing Love Supplies

Bible  
scissors  
craft sticks  
glue  
shoe box

#### Teacher Pack

Abraham, Sarah, and the three guests figures from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture  
plush heart

### God's Amazing Love Easy Prep

Cut out the figures of Sarah and the three guests, and glue them onto craft sticks. Also glue the Abraham figure from last week's lesson onto a craft stick. Cut slits in the lid of a shoe box so you can stand the figures upright.

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

# God's Amazing Love

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather children together. Open your Bible to Genesis 18:1–19:29, and tell children this is God's special book. Hold up the Abraham figure from the "Baby Isaac" teaching picture.

Say: **God told Abram that he would have many children. Abram believed, and God changed his name to Abraham. Soon after that, Abraham and Sarah had some special visitors. Who comes to your house for a visit? What do you do to get ready for guests at your house?**

Hold up the Abraham and Sarah figures.

Say: **Abraham and Sarah lived in a tent. They didn't have neighbors close by. But one day some special guests came to their home. Hold up the three guests figure. The guests had a special message for Abraham and Sarah. Carry the three guests figure with you as you go around to each child and whisper: ► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

Let's all shout the message ► **"GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS!"**

**Abraham and Sarah were very old, and they didn't have any children. The special guests told Abraham and Sarah that Sarah was going to have a baby. Abraham and Sarah were so surprised and happy. They believed that ► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**

Squeeze the plush heart tightly in your fists so children can't see it. Show your fists to the children.

Ask: **What is this?** Let children guess.

Say: **When I open my hands, an amazing thing happens. Reveal the plush heart. Now can you tell what this is? Isn't that amazing? It turned into a heart. The heart reminds us that ► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS for us, too, because he loves us.**



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**WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE**

# Special Guests

## What You'll Do

Set out large crayons or washable markers, paper plates and cups, and copies of the "Let's Eat" page.

Say: **Abraham and Sarah had special guests come to their home. The guests told them God was going to do amazing things. Abraham and Sarah fixed food for the guests and made them feel welcome.**

Talk with the children about guests who have visited their homes. Encourage them to suggest favorite meals they'd serve to guests. Let each child choose one or two food stickers to put on his or her handout and then color the page.

After children finish their pages, distribute the paper plates and cups, and have children place them on their "place mats." If you've invited guests to join you for the "Special Snacks" activity, have children clean their hands and help you with that snack preparation now. If not, serve a simple snack, such as crackers and apple juice. Thank God for the snack and for doing amazing things.

# Special Snacks

## What You'll Do

Two-year-olds love to have guests visit. If possible, invite another class (or the children's parents) to join the class as your special guests. Have children clean their hands, and then let them help you prepare a simple snack for the guests. For example, children could use plastic knives to slice bananas into chunks or frost graham crackers. As you help them prepare the snacks, remind children that ► **GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.** Have children set out the finished snacks on the place settings you prepared during the "Special Guests" activity.

Invite the children and their guests to enjoy the snacks.

Ask: **What did you do for your special guests today?**

Ask the guests: **How did it feel to be special guests?**

Say: **It's always fun to have a party with friends. Abraham and Sarah were surprised and excited when their special guests told them they were going to have a baby. They were happy that ► GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS.**



## Special Guests Supplies

- 1 paper plate and cup for each child
- crayons or washable markers
- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Let's Eat" page (at the end of this lesson)
- snacks
- wet wipes (optional)
- Teacher Pack**
- food stickers



## Special Guests Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

## Special Snacks Supplies

- snacks
- place settings from "Special Guests" activity
- wet wipes (optional)





### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“Growing With Jesus”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that God does amazing things (from Genesis 18:1–19:29). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Stacking Surprises

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You'll need several clean, empty food containers, such as margarine tubs, juice cans, cereal boxes, or egg cartons. Help your baby stack up and then knock down the containers. Laugh with your baby when the tower topples over. Inside one of the plastic containers, place a graham cracker or other age-appropriate treat.

Say: **We made a tower. We knocked down the tower. God made our bodies to do amazing things.**

Point out the cracker in the container, and help your baby get the cracker. Laugh with your baby about the special surprise.

Say: **God does amazing things!**



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Take your child to a zoo or pet store to see God's amazing creatures.
- Take a walk outside to see God's amazing creation. Let your child gather items from nature to keep at home and look at over and over.

## TODDLER

### Amazing Surprises

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You'll need a variety of clean, small containers, such as empty wet-wipes containers, margarine tubs, or plastic food-storage containers. Place favorite small toys or stickers inside the containers.

Say: **Abraham and Sarah learned that God does amazing things. Let's see if there are any amazing surprises inside these containers.**

Help your child open the containers to discover the surprises inside.

Say: **God does amazing things!**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Special Guests

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Say: **Abraham and Sarah had special guests come to their home. The guests told them God was going to do amazing things. Abraham and Sarah fixed food for the guests and made them feel welcome. What do we do at our house when guests are coming?**

Talk with your child about guests who have visited your home. Encourage your child to suggest favorite meals to serve to guests. Let your child use markers and stickers on a piece of paper to make a special place mat for a guest.

Invite a special guest, such as a neighbor or family member, to come over sometime this week. Use the special place mat for the guest. Thank God for the guest and for doing amazing things.



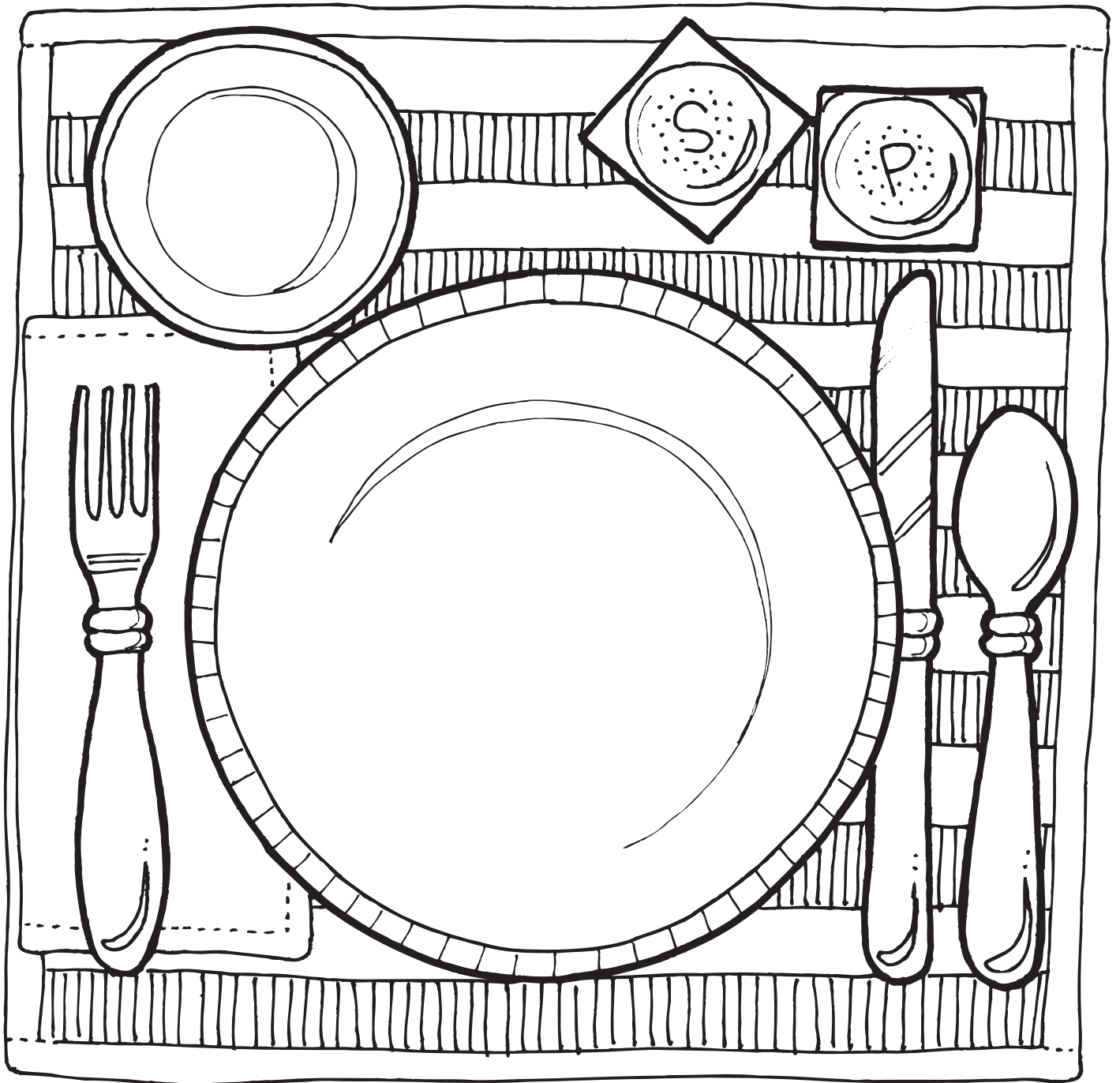
### A Wonderful World

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Young children are constantly discovering new things—and with each discovery comes a sense of awe and amazement. How fun it is to watch your child explore and experience wonder! Encourage your child's natural sense of discovery by providing age-appropriate toys with movable doors or hidden surprises. Reinforce that God does amazing things by praising his creation.



# Let's Eat



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