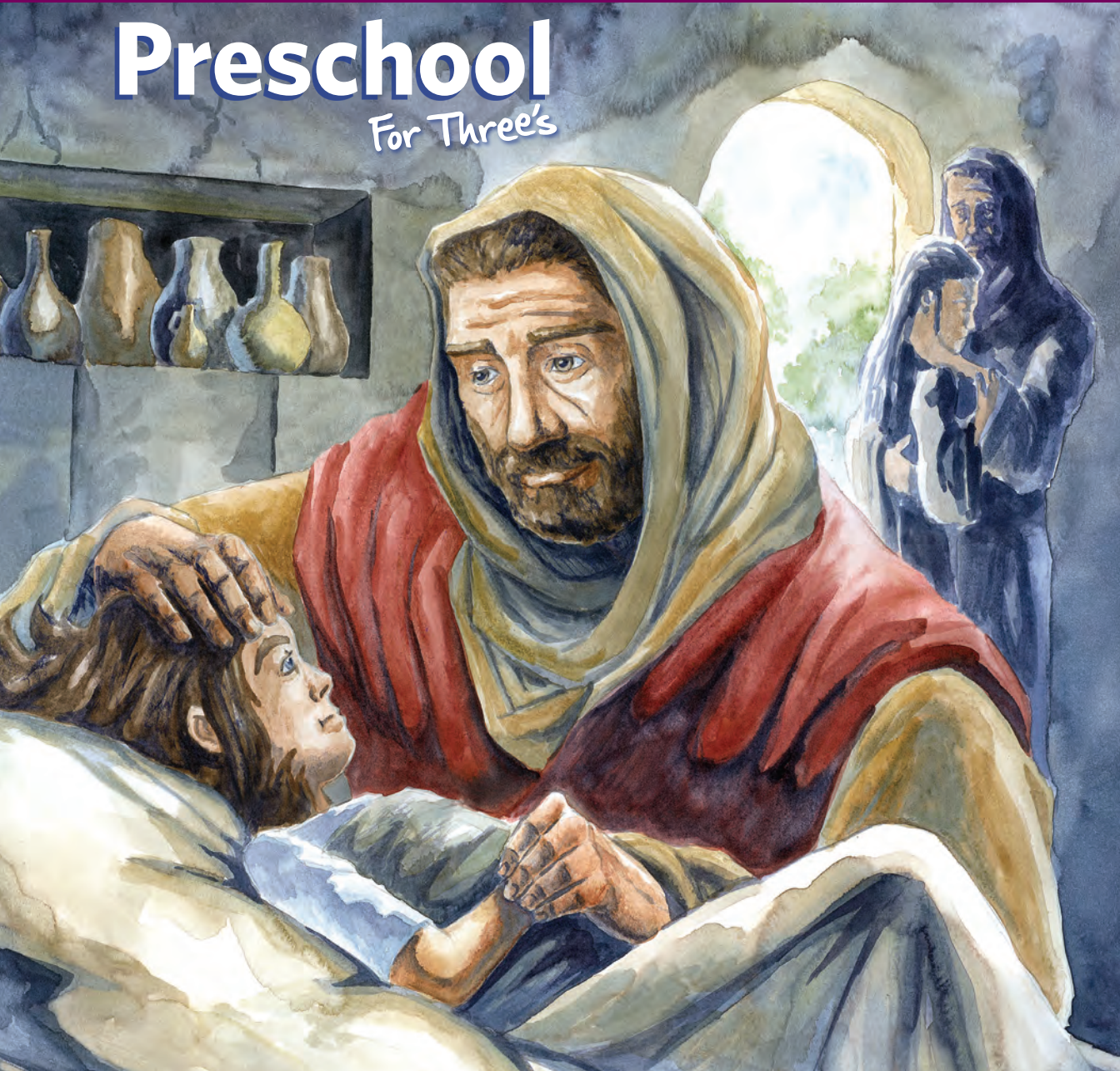


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PREFACE

The Bible Story Reader is composed of 40 Bible stories. The selections include 20 Old Testament and 20 New Testament selections. Each selection includes a simple retelling of the Bible story suitable for a three-year-old. However, if you have older children, they may enjoy the reading as well. A work of art depicts each selection. These rich illustrations bring the story to life for the young student. Included with the story and picture are a number of thought questions to help you further engage the student in the story. At times these questions can extend the lessons learned into the student's life. Each Bible story concludes with a simple prayer. The student workbook includes at least one activity for each Bible story.

A new Bible story is also presented each week. You may want to read and discuss the Bible story each day you have class. Students at this age enjoy having stories read and reread to them. Eventually the student may want to look at the picture and tell you the story.

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A New Home

God's people finally arrived at their new home. God had promised that one day they would live in Canaan. The people were excited to see this Promised Land. There were wonderful fruits and vegetables growing in the land. No longer would they live in the desert. However, there were other people living in the land. These people did not love or worship God. The Israelites would have to fight in order to take the land. God would be with His people as they fought their enemies.

Thought Questions:

Moving to a new home can be an exciting and scary experience. Have you ever moved to a new home? Have you ever moved to a different bedroom in your home? What things do you think you would miss if you moved to a new home? The Israelites were worried about moving to a new home. They would have to get used to different types of food. They would have different neighbors. They were also excited. This was the home God had promised them. They would no longer have to live in tents.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for bringing the Israelites to their new home. Thank You for caring for them in the desert. Thank You for giving me a home. Help me to take care of the home You have given me. Amen.



Jesus Feeds 5,000

Great crowds would walk for many miles to hear Jesus speak. Jesus saw that the people were getting hungry. Jesus asked the disciples what food there was to feed the crowd. The disciples said there was very little food and they didn't have enough money to buy any more. One disciple found a boy with five small loaves of bread and two fish. The disciples knew there was not enough food for the 5,000 people in the crowd. Jesus told the disciples to have all the people sit down. He gave thanks and told the people to eat as much as they wanted. Much to the crowd's surprise, there was enough food for everyone. In fact, the disciples collected twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus used five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 people and He still had leftovers.

Thought Questions:

Do you see all the people in the picture? They came to hear Jesus. In their excitement, most of them forgot to pack food to eat. Do you see the boy in the picture? He was willing to share his food with others. But how could five loaves and two fish feed all those people? What miracle did Jesus perform? Was there enough food for everyone? There was more than enough food! The disciples collected twelve baskets of leftovers.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Bless the food I eat today. Help it to strengthen my body. Thank You for the people who prepare the food for me. Amen.



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