

June 21, 2026

Theme:

We are precious in God's sight..

Object:

Printed pictures of different kinds of birds; a pair of binoculars.

Children's Sermon: Matthew 10:31, Genesis 21:8-21

What are some hobbies that people enjoy? (Allow time for children to respond.)

Reading, knitting, and photography are popular hobbies. Some people like to build things like model cars or airplanes. Others may enjoy outdoor activities like fishing or hiking. Do you have a hobby? What's your hobby? (Allow time for children to respond.)

Do you think God has a hobby? OK, I know the Bible doesn't tell us that God has a hobby, but if He did, do you know what I think it might be? Bird watching! If I use my imagination, I can see God sitting in heaven with a pair of binoculars. (Look through the binoculars.) Perhaps He has a book with pictures of all the beautiful birds that He has created and He is trying to see how many of them he can find with His binoculars. If I really stretch my imagination, I can even hear Him saying, "There's a Bluebird, and a Cardinal. Oh look, there's an Eagle, a Meadowlark, and a Sparrow." A Sparrow? Of course He would see a Sparrow, there are millions of them. You've seen them -- common, ordinary, brown Sparrows -- but God must have loved them, because He made so many of them.

What birds do you see around the room? (Allow kids to find the birds and say what's unique about each bird.)

One day Jesus was teaching His disciples that they should not be afraid. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid when people threaten you. Two sparrows are sold for a penny, but not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing it. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows."

A sparrow seems like a common bird. It has been said, "God must have loved the common people, because He made so many of them." I don't think that God

sees us as common or ordinary. If He did, He would not love us in such an uncommon and extraordinary way! The Bible says, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." We are more precious to Him than a whole flock of sparrows -- and we know how much He loves the sparrow.

Dear God, we know that we are precious in Your sight. Thank You for loving us with such an uncommon and extraordinary love. In Jesus' name, amen.



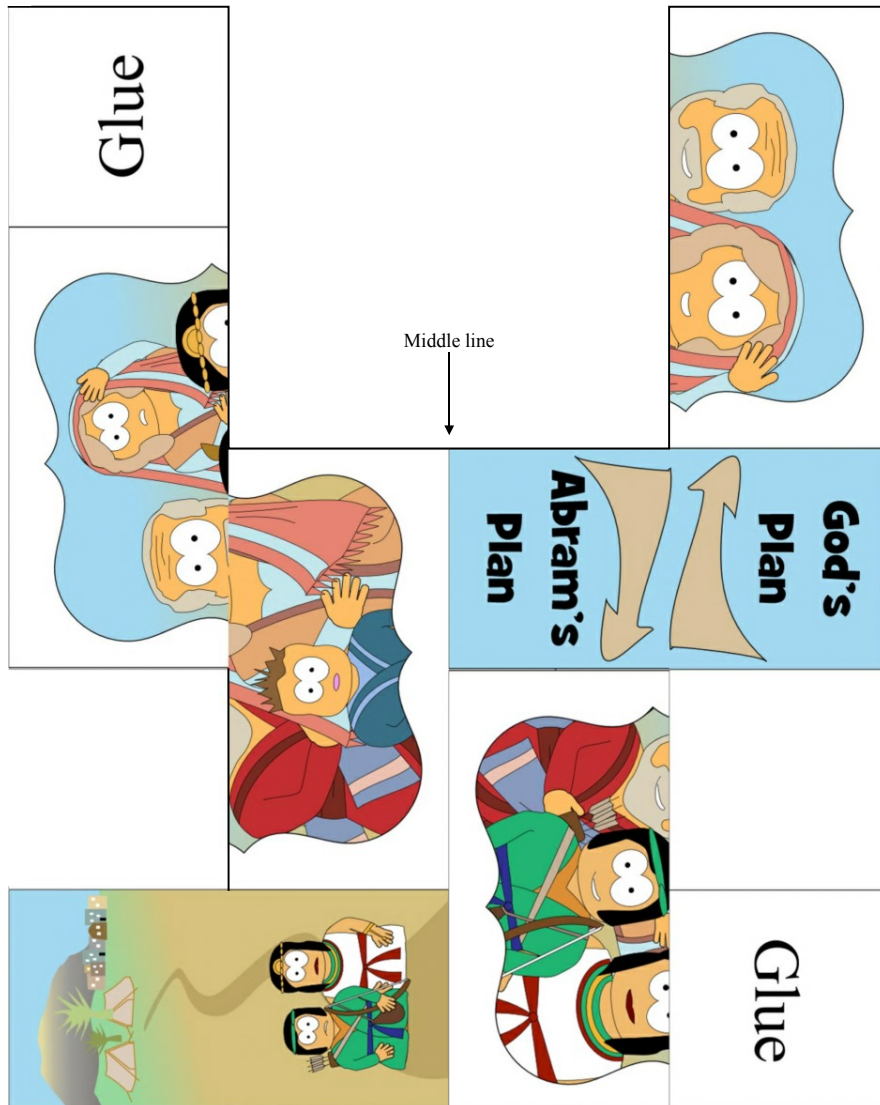
Cut the whole shape out. Be careful with your cutting as it will help get better composite images and help you fold later on. To make this 2 sided we are going to stick the 2 parts together, the middle line is marked with an arrow and it's the only place the two shapes line up perfectly too! If you can leave the glue a minute to set before continuing to fold. Now comes the tricky bit, we need every square to be

separated with a fold. These fold need to go both ways! luckily in most cases you can line up the edges to make this easier.

To combine you need to first fold the piece so you can see the picture of God's idea for Abraham and Sarah's family. Then turn over the whole thing. Add glue to one of the 2 squares that say 'glue' and fold the picture over to stick them together. You'll know this is right if the second family portrait appears.

Instructions

Print the template onto paper, cut out the one big shape. glue the 2 sides together folding along the middle line.
 Fold every square so that the fold goes both ways.
 wrap the images around and add glue onto the 2 squares that say 'glue'.
 Fold the paper to reveal the four different images, repeat a few times so make the mechanism smooth.





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Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. To be fearful or anxious about something
A. sleepy B. happy C. afraid D. angry
- ___ 2. The physical part of a person
A. mind B. body C. soul D. personality
- ___ 3. The spiritual part of a person
A. soul B. body C. hair D. head
- ___ 4. A common, small, gray-brown bird
A. eagle B. crow C. sparrow D. robin
- ___ 5. A small copper coin
A. dime B. quarter C. dollar D. penny
- ___ 6. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person
A. body B. hair C. worth D. soul
- ___ 7. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain
A. head B. hair C. penny D. soul
- ___ 8. The value of something
A. hair B. worth C. body D. head

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Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



God Cares for You

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 A Q M N W O T N S C P T W R H
 B T A P U A R U I E N J Q O U
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STUDENT	GROUND	FOLLOW	PENNY	HAIRS
SPARROWS	FALL	TEACHER	WORTHY	SOUL
WORTH	LIFE	HEAD	MASTER	CROSS
NUMBERED	ABOVE	SERVANT	BODY	AFRAID