



# Meeting 2

## God's Message to Me



Here are three fun ways that you can teach Sunbeams about Jesus' love for them. Adapt them to meet the needs of your Sunbeams or create your own activities.





The following activities fulfill the requirements for My God II: God's Message to Me. See the Sunbeam Activity Book for accompanying worksheet(s).

## ACTIVITY

# 1

# Memory Verse Puzzles

15  
MINUTES

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Cardboard or heavy paper
- Printouts of two or more of the following Bible verses:
  - Matthew 22:37-39
  - I John 1:9
  - Isaiah 1:18
  - Romans 6:23
- Glue
- Scissors
- Ziploc bags

## WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: For the Bible verse printouts, you can use a large font and simplify the verses for your Sunbeams' easy reading. After printing them out, glue each verse onto cardboard. Cut each verse into puzzle pieces, then place individual puzzles in Ziploc bags.

Begin by reading one of the stories from *Forever Stories: Jesus Takes Us Home* by Carolyn Byers (Review and Herald, 1989) available at [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com). Spend a few minutes letting the children talk about the story. Then tell the children that the Bible is full of stories of Jesus' love for them. Next, name the four gospels and ask the children to repeat after you.

Give each child two memory verse puzzles to piece together. (Some children might struggle with this; give them a sheet of paper with the verse written out to use as a guide.) After a child has finished a puzzle, have him or her discuss what the verse means with an adult. Let the children take the puzzles home and encourage them to put the puzzles together several times to help them memorize the verses.





# Memory Verse Egg Scramble

15  
MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Cut up the Bible verses so that each word is on a separate piece of paper. Place the slips of paper into plastic eggs, one word per egg.

Begin by writing the Bible verses on a dry erase board or a large sheet of paper. Discuss what the verse means with the children. Give each child a set of plastic eggs that contain all the words to two Bible verses. Have the children open the eggs and put the words in the correct order. Next, have the children glue the words in order onto a piece of construction paper that they can decorate. Have the children memorize their two verses and explain them to a parent/guardian.

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## ACTIVITY

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Plastic Easter eggs
- Printout of the following Bible verses (or a verse of your choice):
  - I John 1:9
  - Isaiah 1:18
  - Romans 6:23
- Construction paper, 9 × 12 in (23 × 30.5 cm)
- Crayons, markers, glitter glue, stickers, buttons, etc.



## ACTIVITY

# 3

# Books of the Bible Bean Bag Toss

10  
MINUTES

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bean bags with the names of the books of the Bible safety-pinned to them
- 6 containers (boxes or buckets)
- Paper and markers

## WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Label two containers “Old Testament” and two “New Testament.” Put half of the bean bags into each of the last two unlabeled containers.

Begin by explaining that the Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. Then place the children in two lines. Each child at the front of the line takes a bean bag from the unlabeled container and, with the help of an adult (if needed), reads aloud the Bible book attached to the bean bag. With the help of the team, the child decides if the bean bag’s book is from the Old Testament or the New Testament. Then he or she tosses the bean bag into the correct container. That child then goes to the back of the line. Keep going until all of the bean bags have been tossed into the correct containers. Repeat the game as many times as you have time for.



**Requirement:** My God II, A and B