

I Can Be Kind to Animals

Teach your child how to show respect for all different kind of
animals!

Purpose

To help each child understand the importance of being kind to animals.

“The animals, the fishes of the sea, the fowls of the air, as well as man, are to be recreated, or renewed, through the resurrection, for they too are living souls.” ~ Joseph Fielding Smith

Preparation

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson - look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark Scriptures ~ Doctrine and Covenants 49:19, 21

Find Pictures of ~ Adam and Eve in the Garden or Pictures of Animals

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

Things you will need ~ anything else you might need for extra activities

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat - Animal Crackers and Dip

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Opening Song ~ Kindness Begins with Me (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 145)

Opening Prayer

Attention Activity ~ Animal Puzzles! If you have some of your own use those or print and cut some! Start off with doing puzzles and talking about what animals they like best or make sounds of different animals.

Scripture ~ Doctrine and Covenants 49:19,21

Have the child repeat, word for word the scripture. Explain how Heavenly Father told us that animal are ordained for the use of man, but he also told us that we need to be nice to animals and not hurt them.

Scripture Story ~ Adam Names the Animals

Summarize the story of the creation with an emphasis on the creation of animals. Tell them how Adam, the man created in the story got to name all the animals! (See Genesis 2:19-20)

Story ~ “Chicks and Hens” ~ From April 2009 Friend (Link on Family Night Website)

Read the stories of Chicks and Hens from the friend with your child. You can talk about the main idea of the story, how Hens can protect their chicks. You can also discuss the last part of the story of how when Arron seeing animals reminds him of Jesus and how he loves us.

Activity ~ Animal Sounds / Charades

Make a list of animals on little pieces of papers and put them in a bowl. Everyone in the family can take turns picking out an animal name and acting out what that animal does! You cannot say any words, but you can use animal sounds if you want to. Modification for younger kids draw or print pictures of animals so they can draw the animal out and know what it is without asking for help!

Testimony ~ Bear your testimony to your child about how we are blessed to have animals in our lives, and how Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ want us to be nice to animals. It doesn't need to be eloquent and long, just keep it simple and heartfelt!

Closing Song ~ The World Is So Big (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 235)

Closing Prayer

Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Animal crackers with a yummy cake batter mix! See a link to the recipe on the family night website!

Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

1 ~ Talk about Noah and the Ark

You can watch the movie about Noah, and discuss it with your child.

2 ~ Play Duck, Duck, Goose!

3 ~ Go on an “animal hunt” around the house!

Set up pictures of animals or stuffed animals around the house. Turn the lights off and use a flashlight to find them!

4 ~ Go to the Zoo!

Other Materials ~

Basically all the ideas from this lesson is from The Primary 1 Manual, lds.org, and Sugardoodle.net

If you are looking for other materials to help with your lesson you can look in any of these places ~ There are links to them on the Family Night Website!

For Younger Siblings ~

If your child has a younger sibling, look at the lesson we have for infants and toddlers, you can find the link on our website.