Your Response to the Lesson

What was most interesting in the Bible story?
What activity was most enjoyable?
What new things did you learn?
Activity A

Long-suffering Parents

Do you remember a time when your parents were forgiving?
How did you feel knowing you were forgiven?
How would you have reacted in their place?
God’s Parental Advice

Read Proverbs 3 and look for references that give direction to family.
What is the most important principle you learned from the reading?
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How Was Your Week?

Good things?
Challenges?
Special events?
“This Is My Commandment” (He Is Our Song, no. 116)
“God Is So Good” (He Is Our Song, no. 33)
Praise God for all the “parental” qualities of God’s goodness to us.

Pray over the prayer requests.

Thank God for answering the prayers according to His will, for He knows what is best for us.
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Childhood

Talk about some of your happy childhood memories.

Talk about parents’ love for their children.
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The Story

You may listen to a podcast recording of the story:
www.juniorpowerpoints.org
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Read 2 Samuel 16:15-18:33

Why do you think that David was so preoccupied with Absalom’s safety?

Why do you think David wept over Absalom’s death?
Why are some people long-suffering toward others?

- Exodus 16:2, 17:2, 32:9-14, 31, 32
- Numbers 12:3
- Psalm 86:5, 15
- Hosea 1:2, 3, 3:1-3
- Luke 15:11-32
- Luke 23:33, 34
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Sharing God’s Love

How can we show other people the kind of love that God shows us?

How can you reflect God’s long-suffering love to those who are difficult or challenging?
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You Are Invited

• In what tangible ways will you extend to the people in your circle of influence a taste of God’s blessings?
• Think of at least three ways you can reflect God’s love in your relationships.
Coming Up Next Week

“In Pursuit of Peace”

• Resolving conflicts peacefully
• Study your Sabbath School lesson each day
• Complete the daily activities
• Memorize the Power Text
Dear Heavenly Father,
We want to let others see Your never-ending love through us. Give us the strength to continue being patient and accepting toward others.
Thank You in Jesus’ name,
Amen.