



Sammy Experiences God

An Experiencing God at Home Storybook
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FIND THE MESSAGE

You'll notice that some of the story's text is in different colors. Go through all of the pages from beginning to end, and help your children find and write down all of the red words in the same order as they appear in the book. Do the same thing for both the green and the purple words. Each set of colored words written in order holds a different secret message: the red words reveal God's Word, the green words contain a blessing, and the purple words are a fun food prayer!

LOOKING FOR GOD

You'll find this feature in the book on almost every spread. It will help you engage your child in conversation about the story and help them learn how to recognize God at work in their own lives as well. After you've been through the story, you may also want to look up the Bible references supplied to read and discuss those with your child.

BIBLE STORIES AND CONVERSATION STARTERS

Keep a Bible or Bible storybook handy and use your child's curiosity about Sammy's sketches to jump into a Bible story and conversation. Each sketch pictures a Bible story that correlates with the storyline on that spread and what Sammy is learning. Bouncing off into these stories when your child is curious will help your kids learn alongside Sammy. When reading from a full text Bible, you may want to use your own words to tell the story or have your child retell it in his or her own words.

Pages 4 and 5: Bible Story: Joshua Loves God, Exodus 33:7–11

Conversation: As a young man Joshua loved God and spent time seeking Him. When we love someone we should want to be with them.

Pages 6 and 7: Bible Story: Loaves and Fishes Miracle, John 6:1–15

Conversation: God doesn't just have adventures with adults. He uses kids and young people as well. Can you imagine how wonderful this boy felt being part of Jesus' great miracle?

Pages 8 and 9: Bible Story: Twelve-Year-Old Jesus, Luke 2:41–52

Conversation: God used Mary and Joseph in Jesus' life. That's why even Jesus had to listen to, learn from, and obey His parents.

Pages 10 and 11: Bible Story: Jacob's Dream, Genesis 28:10–21

Conversation: God used his angels to show Jacob that God was with him. Sometimes He sends us messengers to guide us or to remind us that He's always at work around us.