## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 1

Time to start school! No doubt your little ones are excited... and probably you are, too! Remember, you have 36 weeks to get everything done... so don't burn yourself out early on by trying to do too much at the beginning of the year. It's better to start off slow and then add in extra activities and assignments as you get into a routine.

If you are following a traditional school year calendar, the back-to-school sales are on now. (Usually late July and August in the U.S.) Make up a list for each of your children of items that you know they will need this year and take them shopping. Perhaps each child could get a special binder/organizer or a pencil box to keep their own pencils, a pencil sharpener, crayons, and other supplies in one place.

Celebrate the first day of school by printing out a sign for each child with his or her name and the date and "First Day of Kindergarten" (or "School"), and then take a picture of each one holding his sign. Talk about milestones and the importance of keeping records of special life events.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 1-16 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

A template for making felt board figures to illustrate the story of creation from the Bible is available at <a href="https://www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/mfelt-creation.htm">www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/mfelt-creation.htm</a>. Several craft ideas to go along with the story of Noah's Ark may be found at <a href="https://www.dltk-bible.com/arks.htm">www.dltk-bible.com/arks.htm</a>.

Make a shoebox diorama to illustrate *The Boxcar Children*. Visit <u>www.gardenofpraise.com/bcdio.htm</u> to see photos of dioramas made by other children. For a simpler activity, have your child draw a map of the site where the children lived.

Just for fun have a "birthday cake" one day this week to go along with the "Birthdays" poem in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

- "Old Mother Goose" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/mothergoose.shtml
- "Old Mother Goose" coloring sheet www.niteowl.org/kids/goose.html
- "The Ten O'Clock Scholar" rebus rhyme <u>www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Diller.shtml</u>
- "Mary's Canary" rebus rhyme <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/MarysCanary.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/MarysCanary.shtml</a> "She Sells Sea Shells" rebus rhyme <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Shesells.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Shesells.shtml</a>

How did your first week go? Remember, don't try to do everything listed in the Instructor's Guide. Sonlight has included many, many ideas to give you lots of flexibility, but you will quickly burn yourself out if you try to do everything listed. Read the books! Enjoy the discussions with your children! Then, if you still need something more, refer to your guide for suggestions and ideas.

Little people sometimes have a hard time sitting still for lengthy read-alouds. Giving them something to do with their hands while they listen can help with the "wiggles." There are lots of great printable coloring sheets available on the internet. You should be able to find them for just about any subject you study.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 17-23 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Coloring pages for Ancient Egypt can be found at <a href="www.coloring.ws/egypt.htm">www.coloring.ws/egypt.htm</a> and for Ancient Rome at <a href="www.coloring.ws/rome.htm">www.coloring.ws/rome.htm</a> to go along with this week's lesson in *The Children's Encyclopedia*.

Next time you see a train go by count the boxcars with your children. Talk about what it might be like to live in one like *The Boxcar Children* did.

To go along with the poems about brothers and sisters in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*, make a poster of your family tree, showing the brothers and sisters in your family as well as Mom and Dad's brothers and sisters.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Humpty Dumpty" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/Humptyrhyme.html

"Humpty Dumpty" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/humpty/index.htm

"Humpty Dumpty" audio recording - www.childclassics.com/wsp20.htm

"Humpty Dumpty" activities - www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/humpty.html

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 3

Making notes in your Instructor's Guide serves as a great record of what you cover this year in school. You may also want to keep a "portfolio" of some of your children's work. This could be a binder for each one to save their work in, or perhaps a scrapbook with special papers and drawings of things they learn. Take pictures for your portfolio of anything that is too large or bulky or temporary to fit. This might include science experiments, models, your markable map, field trips you go on, or art projects. Not only is this good for record-keeping, it also helps the children see their own progress and it's a great keepsake for the future!



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 24-30 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

If your children enjoyed *The Boxcar Children* and you have time for some extra reading, check out some of the other books in the series from the library. There are dozens of books in the series, but only the first 19 were written by the original author.

Print out coloring sheets and activities about pet care and veterinary medicine (to go along with *James Herriot's Treasury for Children*) at <a href="https://www.avma.org/careforanimals/kidscorner/default.asp">www.avma.org/careforanimals/kidscorner/default.asp</a>.

A unit study featuring several of the stories in *James Herriot's Treasury for Children* is available at <a href="https://www.homeschoolshare.com/james-herriot-mbt.htm">www.homeschoolshare.com/james-herriot-mbt.htm</a>.

Have your child start an animal scrapbook to add to throughout the year. One easy way to do it would be to use a regular spiral notebook, safety scissors and a glue stick. Make one page for each animal. Find pictures of animals in old magazines to cut out and paste in the scrapbook, or have your child draw pictures. You might also find pictures on the internet to print out. Depending on your child's ability, he could add interesting facts about the different animals. Start a dog page and a horse page this week to go with the stories in *James Herriot's Treasury for Children*.

Find a sample of the different types of fabric (satin, silk, flannel, fur) mentioned in the poem "Wishes" in *The Llama Who Had No Pajamas*. If you don't have garments or other items made with these fabrics, visit a fabric store for a "touch and feel" activity.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Miss Muffet" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Littlemiss.shtml

"Miss Muffet" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/missmuffet/index.htm

"Miss Muffet" activities - www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/muffet.html

"Miss Muffet" audio recording - www.childclassics.com/wsp24.htm

"The Lost Shoe" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Lostshoe.shtml

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 4

Are your days beginning to fall into a routine? You don't need to have every minute scheduled, if that's not your personality. An easy way to keep a routine is to make a list of things that need to be accomplished each day. Make the list in the order you would like to get things done and then move on to the next thing as you check each item off. Don't forget to schedule in some "down-time" like recess or snack time!

If any of the books that are scheduled in your Instructor's Guide this year seem too advanced for your children, or if your family just doesn't care for them for whatever reason, please feel free to set those titles aside. Your Instructor's Guide is meant to be a "guide" not a "rule book." You may find that your children will enjoy a particular book more later. Make any adjustments to the schedule to best fit the needs of your family.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 31-33, 135-141 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Have your children try building different kinds of homes with construction toys you might have (Legos, Lincoln Logs, K'Nex, etc.) to go along with the lesson about houses and homes in *The Children's Encyclopedia*.

Make "backpacks" out of paper sacks and fill them with the items that the father in My Father's Dragon carried on his journey. Make simple representations of any items you don't have on hand with construction paper or pictures cut out of magazines.

Weather activities to go along with the "Rain" poem in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* are available at <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/weather">www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/weather</a>.

Add a cat page to your animal scrapbook to go with "Tommycats" in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

- "I Saw Three Ships" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/i051.html
- "Ladybird" activities www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/ladybug.htm
- "Ladybird" coloring page www.niteowl.org/kids/ladybug.html
- "Little Boy Blue" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Littleboyblue.html
- "Little Boy Blue" activities www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/boyblue.html

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 5

Have you ever started a new job? There is so much to learn and it seems way harder than it looks. The other people doing the job are so much more competent and we wonder if we will ever get the hang of it. This is pretty much what happens when you start to homeschool. Everyone is starting a new job-you, your child(ren), your spouse, everyone. The status quo has changed, everyone has a new role, everyone has a new job. Keep your expectations realistic. Give yourself and your family time to adjust-you can't expect to start a new job and be as skilled in it as someone who has been doing it for a long time. If you start slow, you will be surprised how quickly you get a routine going and how you will get better and better at your new job.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 34-37 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Several craft ideas to go along with stories about Moses in the Bible are available at www.dltk-bible.com/exodus/moses crafts.htm.

Allow the children to play "Dress Up" after reading about the various clothes people wear in *The Children's Encyclopedia*. If you don't have a "dress-up" box, just provide a variety of scarves, pieces of fabric (towels, tablecloths, blankets), and belts. You will be amazed at what the kids can come up with. Don't forget to take pictures!

This would be a good week to look at your elective art books with your children after you discuss the pages on art in *The Children's Encyclopedia*. Try one of the Arts or Crafts mentioned in the book.

Do an internet search for "Lindesfarne Gospels" and then select "images" to see photos of the beautiful manuscripts mentioned in *I Heard Good News Today*.

There are dragon-themed activities at <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dragon.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dragon.shtml</a> to go along with My Father's Dragon.

The main character in *My Father's Dragon* encounters quite a few different animals. Add pages to your animal scrapbook for those animals, if you like.

If your children enjoyed *My Father's Dragon* and you have time for some extra reading, check out the sequels from the library. They are *Elmer and the Dragon* and *The Dragons of Blueland*.

Encourage creative outdoor play. Using the poem "Oak Leaf Plate" from *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* as an example, challenge your children to see how many pretend utensils they find using things from nature in your own backyard. If you don't have an oak tree with acorns, what else could you use for a plate and cup?

A printable cut-and-paste frog craft to go along with the "Frog" poem in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* this week.is available at <a href="https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/frog-jumper-coloring-page">www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/frog-jumper-coloring-page</a>.

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 6

Children thrive with a routine. Try to do school consistently every day, even if you don't feel like it, just to stay in the routine. It's okay to take an emergency day off now and then, and be sure to schedule days off for holidays and other special events for your family, but help the children understand that "doing school" is their "job" and they have a responsibility to do it consistently.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 38-43 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Be sure to take advantage of the public library regularly! See if you can find some fun picture books this week about various cultures to supplement *The Children's Encyclopedia*. One book that many Sonlighters have enjoyed with Core K is *Children Just Like Me* (a DK book). Your library may also have some good age-appropriate videos about other cultures that your family would enjoy.

St. Patrick's Day activities are available at <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/stpatrick">www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/stpatrick</a> to go along with Chapter 7 of *I Heard Good News Today*. You may want to do further research to discuss what aspects (if any) of our modern St. Patrick's Day celebration have to do with the real St. Patrick.

Make some paper doll dresses to go along with *The Hundred Dresses*. Your children may enjoy drawing them on their own, or you could print out paper dolls online. One good site with lots of options is <a href="https://www.makingfriends.com">www.makingfriends.com</a> or just do a search for "printable paper dolls."

Make a fish coloring book to go along with "A Catch" in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* with printouts from <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/books/fishbook">www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/books/fishbook</a>.

Add pages to your animal scrapbook for worms, fish, and ducks to go along with the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

- "Mary Had a Little Lamb" rebus rhyme: www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Mary.shtml
- "Mary Had a Little Lamb" coloring pages: <a href="https://www.niteowl.org/kids/lamb.html">www.niteowl.org/kids/lamb.html</a>
- "Betty Botter" rebus rhyme: www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Betty.shtml
- "Pease Porridge" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/PeasePorridge.shtml
- "Polly and Sukey" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Polly.shtml
- "Polly and Sukey" coloring pages www.niteowl.org/kids/polly.html

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 7

Remember that you know your children better than anyone else, so you are most qualified to make decisions about their education! Take any advice given with a grain of salt and weigh it against what you and your husband feel would be best for your family. Homeschooling can be challenging, but oh-so-rewarding!



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 44-47 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

If your children enjoy drawing, challenge them to draw 100 variations of an item of their choice as a supplement to *The Hundred Dresses*. Girls may enjoy drawing dresses, but boys would probably rather draw cars or airplanes.

There are lots of fun apple-related activities you could do to go along with *Johnny Appleseed*. Buy several different varieties of apples and cut them up on different plates and have an "apple tasting." Make applesauce or another apple dish.

More apple activities are available at:

www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/apple.shtml

www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/miscellaneous/apple.html

You might want to view Disney's *American Legends* DVD which contains a segment about Johnny Appleseed.

Have your children tasted all the different kinds of nuts mentioned in "Nuts To You" in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*? Visit the produce department of your local supermarket and see how many of the nuts mentioned you can find. See how different they all look. Choose one or two "new" ones to try.

Add pages to your animal scrapbook for rabbits and raccoons.

- "Jack" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Jackbenimble.shtml
- "Jack" activities www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/jacknimble.html
- "Jack" online game www.mothergoose.com/Games/jack be nimble.htm
- "Pussycat" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/p046.html
- "Fiddle-de-dee" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/f067.html
- "Fiddle-de-dee" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Flybee.shtml

Keep in mind that there is no such thing as a "perfect homeschool." Even the most organized mom has days when she doesn't have it "all together." We all have strengths and weaknesses so be careful to not compare your weaknesses to someone else's strengths. Choose to do what is most important to you and do your best at it.

Remember to pull out Ruth Beechick's *Three R's* books to refer to from time to time throughout the year. They offer many great tips and encouragement for teaching young children. If you don't own them, you may order them from Sonlight using item #KL01.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 48-53 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Activities about Japan to go along with this week's story in *I Heard Good News Today* may be found at: <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/japan.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/japan.shtml</a>.

Directions for making a "lighthouse in a bottle" to go along with *The Light at Tern Rock* are at <a href="http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10737">http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10737</a>.

Dog activities to go along with *Five True Dog Stories* are available at www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dog.shtml.

Add pages to your animal scrapbook for mice and skunks to go along with the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* 

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Pat-a-Cake" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Patacake.shtml

"Pat-a-Cake" online game - www.mothergoose.com/Games/pat a cake.htm

"Boys and Girls" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/b080.html

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 9

Week 9! One quarter of the way through the year! You are doing great! Take a few minutes to look back over the past weeks and observe the progress your children have made. Send a "report card" to Grandma and Grandpa so they can brag on the children!



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 54-58 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Include your children when you are preparing meals for the family. So many kitchen activities could involve learning! Talk about where different foods come from, and different methods of cooking around the world.

Activities about China to go along with this week's stories in *I Heard Good News Today* may be found at: <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/china.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/china.shtml</a>.

See the French Theme page at <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/french.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/french.shtml</a> for activities to go along with *The Family Under the Bridge*. You might also want to do a Google search for pictures of the Louvre and the Notre Dame.

Find a bridge in your area to sit under while you read *The Family Under the Bridge*. If the weather is cold, don't let that deter you! Take a blanket to wrap up in.

Print out a set of clock dominoes from <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/dominoes/clock1to6/">www.enchantedlearning.com/dominoes/clock1to6/</a> to go along with the poems related to time in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/Marycontrary.html

"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/marymary/index.htm

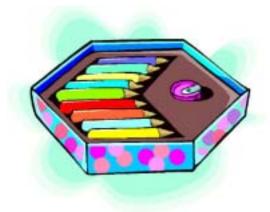
"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" online game - www.mothergoose.com/Games/maryMatching.htm

"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" activities - www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/marymary.html

"The House That Jack Built" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/Jackshouse.html

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 10

Don't get discouraged by comparing your homeschool to someone else's. Families are all different, so our homeschools will look different based on our family's preferences, seasons, and needs. That's the great thing about homeschooling; tailoring curricula, schedules, and activities to meet the goals and needs of our own family.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 59-60 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Visit a mall or large department store to talk about Clothes & Fashion. Compare how styles have changed over the years. Discuss the difference between classic styles and trendy styles.

Columbus Day activities from <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/columbus">www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/columbus</a> could be used along with the story about Bartolomeo Las Casas in *I Heard Good News Today*.

Try some French food this week as you read The Family Under the Bridge!

A wide variety of winter-themed hands-on activities and crafts are available at <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/winter">www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/winter</a> to go with the poems in *The Llama Who HadNo Pajama*.

Add pages to your animal scrapbook for shrews and foxes this week to go along with the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

The Arnold Lobel Mother Goose online activities:

"Rain" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Rain.shtml

"Rain" coloring page - http://www.niteowl.org/kids/rain.html

"Rain" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/r003.html

"It's Raining, It's Pouring" - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Raining.shtml

"For Want of a Nail" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/Nailrhyme.html

"How Much Wood" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Woodchuck.shtml

"Yankee Doodle" coloring sheets - www.niteowl.org/kids/yankee.html

"Yankee Doodle" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Yankeedoodle.shtml

Include "recess" in your daily routine. You may want to schedule it at a certain time each day, or immediately following a certain subject, or just randomly whenever you need a break. This can help when things are taking a bit longer than expected. Recess could last from 10 to 30 minutes depending on the needs of your family and the particular situation that day.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 61-63 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

The movie *Miracle at Moreaux* was based on the novel *Twenty and Ten*. Your family might enjoy watching the movie after you read the book.

See <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/french.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/french.shtml</a> for French language worksheets and activities to go along with *Twenty and Ten*.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Tommy Tittlemouse" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Tommytittlemouse.shtml

"Tommy Tittlemouse" coloring sheets - www.niteowl.org/kids/tittle.html

"Wee Willie Winkie" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Weewillie.shtml

"Roses are Red" coloring sheets - www.niteowl.org/kids/roses.html

"Ring a Ring o' Roses" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Rosie.shtml

"Lucy Locket" coloring page - www.niteowl.org/kids/locket.html

"Lucy Locket" maze - www.mothergoose.com/Crafts/lucymaze.pdf

You're already a third of the way through Core K! How are things going? Do you need to make any modifications? Remember to use your Instructor's Guide as a guide... Feel free to leave things out or add things in. It's your homeschool and you know your students better than anyone else does!

Don't forget to add in your Electives from time to time! Sonlight has deliberately not scheduled these materials to allow you to fit them in at your convenience. You might want to keep the art books out on the coffee table for the children to browse through whenever they like.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in Egermeier's Bible Story Book see Lessons 64-73 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

A craft idea to go along with the story of Ruth in the Bible is available at www.dltk-bible.com/mruth.html.

A coloring and fact sheet about David Livingstone (from I Heard Good News Today) may be printed at: http://cybersleuth-kids.com/explorers/explorers48.htm.

Notice and talk about different types of homes when you are out running errands this week. Make a "Homes" scrapbook by going through old magazines and cutting out pictures of homes. If you have a tent, and the weather allows, put up the tent in the back yard and "live" in it one day.

Visit the history page of the Frontier Nursing Service website at www.frontiernursing.org to see some photographs of Mary Breckinridge to go along with Mary on Horseback.

Get the dress-up box out again this week after reading "Let's Dress Up" in The Llama Who Had No Pajama.

- "Thirty Days Hath September" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/30days.shtml
- "Diddle Diddle Dumpling" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Diddle.shtml
- "Diddle Diddle Dumpling" coloring page www.niteowl.org/kids/sonjohn.html
- "Diddle Diddle Dumpling" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/d047.html
- "The Pumpkin-Eater" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Peterpumpkin.shtml
- "The Pumpkin-Eater" activities www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/peter.html
- "The Pumpkin-Eater" online game www.mothergoose.com/Games/gmpeter.htm
- "The Pumpkin-Eater" coloring sheets www.niteowl.org/kids/peter.html
- "If Wishes Were Horses" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/IfWishes.shtml
- "Birds of a Feather" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Birdsofafeather.shtml
- "Going to St. Ives" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Goingtostives.shtml

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 13

Remember you have plenty of time to teach your children what they need to know! You don't need to teach everything in a day. Teach them a little today and build on that tomorrow. You will come back to many of these concepts again and again through the years. Be patient and let learning happen naturally!



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Ac

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 74-75 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

See how many different kinds of houses your children can build this week using constructiontype toys such as Legos or Lincoln Logs, or small empty cardboard boxes.

Visit the Braille Bug site at <a href="https://www.afb.org/BrailleBug">www.afb.org/BrailleBug</a> to go along with the story about Louis Braille in I Heard Good News Today.

There are lots of dolphin activities at <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dolphins.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dolphins.shtml</a> to go along with *Dolphin Adventure* (and also *Dolphin Treasure* next week).

Dolphin craft ideas are listed at

http://homeschooling.about.com/od/unitssubjsci/qt/dolphincrafts.htm.

Printable teacher guides for dolphins and other marine life are available at <a href="https://www.seaworld.org/just-for-teachers/guides/index.htm">www.seaworld.org/just-for-teachers/guides/index.htm</a>.

Visit <u>www.asahi-net.or.jp/~CU4W-KWSM/chin9601/fwb806.htm</u> for photos of the Yangtze River after you read *The Story About Ping*.

Duck activities to go with *The Story About Ping* may be found at www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/duck.shtml.

Make a batch of cut-out cookies after reading "Cookie Magic" in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*. Or make pretend cookies using play dough and cookie cutters.

- "Three Blind Mice" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Threeblindmice.shtml
- "Three Blind Mice" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/t010.html
- "Doctor Foster" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/DrFoster.shtml
- "Blow, wind, blow!" coloring pages www.niteowl.org/kids/blowind.html
- "The Crooked Sixpence" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Crookedman.shtml
- "Elsie Marley" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Elsiemarley.shtml

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 14

Did you know the Sonlight Forums (<u>www.sonlight-forums.com</u>) offer teaching tips and encouragement for every aspect of homeschooling and using Sonlight curriculum, as well a fellowship community of other homeschooling parents? If you haven't yet taken advantage of your free Club membership, register today and get acquainted with other Core K users on the Intro to the World: Cultures forum.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 76-79 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Directions for a "David's Bag of Stones" craft to go along with the story of David and Goliath in the Bible may be found at <a href="https://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mbagofstones.htm">www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mbagofstones.htm</a>.

Native American activities to go along with this week's stories in *I Heard Good News Today* may be found at: <a href="https://www.altk-kids.com/world/native/index.htm">www.altk-kids.com/world/native/index.htm</a> and www.apples4theteacher.com/native-american.

See last week's Tip Sheet if you missed the websites with dolphin activity ideas to go along with *Dolphin Treasure*.

Browse the official site of the Iditirod at <a href="www.iditarod.com">www.iditarod.com</a> to go along with the chapter about Balto in Five True Dog Stories.

Talk about sizes and dimension after reading the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*. Hold your hand up to see what all it can cover. Line up the members of your family by size and then by age. Does the order change? What else can you line up that way? Dolls, stuffed animals, toy cars?

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities: "Handy-spandy" coloring page - <a href="www.niteowl.org/kids/hanspan.html">www.niteowl.org/kids/hanspan.html</a> "London Bridge" rebus rhyme - <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Londonbridge.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Londonbridge.shtml</a>

If you are feeling overwhelmed with all that you have to do each day it may be time to re-think your priorities. Consider what is most important for you to do each day and do those things first. Then add in the less important things. The little things will naturally fall into place and you will feel less stressed.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 80-82 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>. You may also want to use materials from Lessons 28-32 about the Old Testament Joseph to go along with the story about Joseph Hardy Neesima in *I Heard Good News Today*.

As a supplemental activity for *Living Long Ago* take your children with you to the grocery store. Talk about foods that are available to us now that were not readily available, if at all, "long ago". Show the children the difference in cooking "from scratch" and the many pre-packaged and convenience foods we often use.

Browse <u>www.ask-the-vet.com/kids.htm</u> for more information about veterinarians and various kinds of animals to go along with *The Story of Doctor Doolittle*.

Lots of animal activities are available at <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/animals.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/animals.shtml</a>.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"The Tarts" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/Queenoftarts.html

"The Tarts" coloring pages - www.niteowl.org/kids/gueen.html

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 16

Have you planned in a mid-year break? If you are following a traditional school year schedule, it may be about time for the Christmas holidays. Many homeschool families find that it works well to do a lighter version of school throughout the month of December, and some take the entire month off to focus on family activities and ministry opportunities.

Keep a basket or plastic tub by the couch, or wherever you do most of your schoolwork, with your Instructor's Guide and the books you are currently reading. If your children like to color or practice their handwriting while you read to them, you might also keep supplies for those activities in your basket. Now when it's time to do school you don't have to gather up your materials!



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 83-90 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Visit a pet store (or better yet, a zoo) to see different kinds of animals this week. See how many of Doctor Doolittle's animals you can find.

Add pages to your animal scrapbook as you read about different animals in *The Story of Doctor Doolittle*.

If you don't mind allowing your children to "play with" their food, serve everyone a bowl of applesauce before you read the "Applesauce" poem in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*. Allow them to follow the "directions" in the poem as you read.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Hark! Hark" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Harkhark.shtml

"Oh, Where, Oh Where" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Ohwhere.shtml

"The Flying Pig" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Flyingpig.shtml

"This Little Pig" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Piggies.shtml

"To Market" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Tomarket.shtml

The informality of teaching with literature allows for lots of flexibility during this favorite part of the school day. Besides relaxing on the couch, you might try snuggling on mom's bed, or enjoying some sunshine and fresh air out on the porch or on a blanket in the yard. Some families enjoy having Read-Aloud time during meals, or at bedtime.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 91-96 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

If your family enjoyed *The Story of Doctor Doolittle*, you may be interested in reading more books in the series. Check your local public library to see if they have others. You might also enjoy the 1967 movie version of the book (starring Rex Harrison).

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"If All the Seas Were One Sea" rebus rhyme - <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/ifalltheseas.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/ifalltheseas.shtml</a> "I Saw a Ship A-Sailing" rebus rhyme - <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/isawaship.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/isawaship.shtml</a>

Week 18! When you finish this week's schedule you will be half way through Core K! Take a look at your "Sonlight Shelf" and see all the great books you have already shared with your kids. Just for fun, ask them what their favorites have been so far.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 97-101 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

For more information about inventors and inventions related to transportation to go along with *Living Long Ago* visit <u>www.enchantedlearning.com/inventors/transportation.shtml</u>.

Send your children on a scavenger hunt through their toy box (or a stack of old magazines). Challenge them to find as many examples of transportation as they can... cars, trucks, boats, airplanes, bicycles, etc. Talk about how transportation has changed over the years.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Daffy-down-dilly" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Daffodils.shtml

"Daffy-down-dilly" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/daffydown/index.htm

"The Black Hen" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Myblackhen.shtml

"The Black Hen" coloring page - www.niteowl.org/kids/blkhen2.html

Discussion questions for the Read-Aloud books are included in your Instructor's Guide for your convenience. Even if you choose not to use our suggested questions, take the time to discuss the stories with your children. Allow them to interrupt to ask questions or comment on the story while you're reading. They will learn more if they are involved in the discussion.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 102-109 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Cut-and-paste crafts of various vehicles may be printed from <a href="www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/craft/vehicles/">www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/craft/vehicles/</a> to go along with the Travel & Transport unit of <a href="https://linear.com/free-coloring-pages/craft/vehicles/">Living Long Ago</a>.

Instructions for a "Grandma's Quilt" paper craft may be found at <a href="https://www.dltk-kids.com/pioneer/mquilt.htm">www.dltk-kids.com/pioneer/mquilt.htm</a> to go along with *In Grandma's Attic*.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"The Donkey" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/donkey.htm

"The Donkey" coloring pages - www.niteowl.org/kids/donkey.html

If you have questions about using Sonlight curriculum, or challenges with homeschooling in general, feel free to contact a Sonlight Curriculum Advisor via live chat at <a href="https://www.sonlight.com/sca">www.sonlight.com/sca</a>, or leave a voice message at 303-730-6292 option 3, or email <a href="mailto:advisor@sonlight.com">advisor@sonlight.com</a>. Your curriculum advisors are available year-round.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 110-115, 142, 162-163 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

A printable activity sheet about Gladys Alward (from *I Heard Good News Today*) is available at <a href="https://www.learningcalendar.com/this\_day">www.learningcalendar.com/this\_day</a> in history/index.cfm?target\_date=2006-10-18.

The Gladys Aylward Story is a good children's video in the Torchlighters series.

- "Solomon Grundy" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Solomon.shtml
- "Jack and Jill" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Jackandjill.html
- "Jack and Jill" activities www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/jackjill.html
- "Jack and Jill" craft www.mothergoose.com/Crafts/jack and jill.htm
- "Tweedledum and Tweedledee" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Tweedle.shtml

Take time each day to do something you enjoy... gardening, reading, needlework, music, browsing the internet... Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee as you read your Bible first thing in the morning before the children get up. Keep in touch with friends... write a quick note or send an email. This will refresh your mind and spirit to help you meet the day-to-day challenges of parenting and homeschooling!



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 116-118, 147-155 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Go out in the backyard or to a park and spread a blanket on the ground to sit on. Be very still for a few minutes and see how many of God's creatures you can see or hear, as in the "Look" poem of *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

Look for hands-on and printable activities about insects to go along with the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* at <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/insects/printouts.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/insects/printouts.shtml</a>. You may want to add insect pages to your animal scrapbook.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Banbury Cross" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Banburycross.shtml

"Banbury Cross" coloring sheets - www.niteowl.org/kids/cockhorse.html

"12 Days of Christmas" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/12daysofchristmas.shtml

Be sure to include "Life Skills" as part of your "curriculum." There are many day-to-day activities that offer learning opportunities for children. If you haven't already, assign each one specific chores to do each day. Once a child has mastered a particular skill, "promote" him up to the next thing. Appendix 3 of your Core K Instructor's Guide has a checklist of Practical Life Skills for your convenience.



### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 156-160, 119-121 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

A craft idea to go along with the story of The Fiery Furnace in the Bible may be found at <a href="https://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpapersma.htm">www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpapersma.htm</a>.

Rainforest animal printouts are available at <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/">www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/</a> to go along with the jungle unit of *Wild Places*. Add some of these animals to your animal scrapbook.

Look for hands-on and printable activities about insects to go along with the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* at <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/insects/printouts.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/insects/printouts.shtml</a>. You may want to add insect pages to your animal scrapbook.

- "There Was an Old Woman" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Oldwomanshoe.html
- "There Was an Old Woman" coloring pages www.niteowl.org/kids/oldwoman.html
- "There Was an Old Woman" activities www.alphabetsoup.net/goose/oldwoman.html
- "The North Wind Doth Blow" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Northwind.shtml
- "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Baabaa.shtml
- "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/b001.html
- "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" crafts www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/baa-baa/index.htm

It's not uncommon for the most challenging part of the school year to be right in the middle. Be sure to take some time for whatever gives you a boost. If you know other homeschooling parents, see if you can schedule a time to get together for coffee to encourage one another. Another source of encouragement are the Sonlight forums at <a href="https://www.sonlight-forums.com">www.sonlight-forums.com</a> where you can interact with other Sonlighting parents.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 127-134, 122-125 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a>.

Purim crafts, which tie in with the story of Esther from the Bible, may be found at <a href="https://www.dltk-kids.com/world/jewish/purim/index.htm">www.dltk-kids.com/world/jewish/purim/index.htm</a>.

Make a list of some of the products in your home that come from rain forests using pages 46 and 47 of your *Wild Places* book as a reference.

Coloring sheets to go along with *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* may be found at: <a href="https://www.cartooncritters.com/wizardofoz.htm">www.cartooncritters.com/wizardofoz.htm</a>.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Rock-a-Bye" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Hushabye.shtml

"Rock-a-Bye" coloring page - www.niteowl.org/kids/rockabye.html

"Rock-a-Bye" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/r009.html

"Bat, Bat" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/bat.shtml

"I See the Moon" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/i002.html

"I See the Moon" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/moon/index2.htm

If you aren't yet involved in your local homeschool support group, you may want to find out when they meet and what they offer. Often a homeschool group can offer a field trip that would not be available to just a single family. Participating in group activities also allows your children to make friends, and you can connect with other homeschool moms. It also can give everyone a break from the regular routine.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lesson 126 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm</a> and Lessons 164-172 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.n.htm</a>.

A template for making Nativity felt board figures to go along with the story of Jesus' birth from the Bible is available at <a href="https://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/felt/index.htm">www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/felt/index.htm</a>.

For dozens of silly riddles about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* see: http://www.rickwalton.com/funstuff/ridloz.htm.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Incey wincey spider" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Spider.shtml

"Incey wincey spider" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/spider/index.htm

"Incey wincey spider" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/e001.html

"Hush, Little Baby" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Hushlittlebaby.shtml

"Hush, Little Baby" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/h012.html

"One, Two, Buckle My Shoe" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Onetwo.shtml

"Little Nancy Etticoat" coloring page - www.niteowl.org/kids/nancy.html

"Great A" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/abc.shtml

## Introduction to the World: Cultures Week 25

Need more books? Some libraries offer an "educator's card" which will allow you to check out more books and for longer check-out periods. Also, many bookstores offer educator discounts to homeschoolers. Typically you will just need to show some sort of proof that you are homeschooling. Often, they will take your word for it. Other forms of acceptable "proof" might include a membership card for your local homeschool support group, a business card you have made up for yourself with your homeschool's name on it, or perhaps your Sonlight invoice showing that you have purchased homeschool curriculum.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 173-178, 184-185 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

Add some mountain animals to your animal scrapbook to go along with the unit on mountains in *Wild Places*.

Go to <u>www.quia.com/rr/32210.html</u> for a fun quiz about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in a format similiar to the *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire* game show.

Printable and online activities for some of the rhymes scheduled this week from *The Real Mother Goose* may be found at www.enchantedlearning.com/Rhymes.html.

- "Pop Goes the Weasel" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Popgoes.shtml
- "Jack Sprat" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Jacksprat.shtml
- "Jack Sprat" coloring page www.niteowl.org/kids/splat.html
- "Jack Sprat" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/j021.html
- "Sing a Song of Sixpence" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/s008.html
- "Sing a Song of Sixpence" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Blackbirdrhyme.html
- "Sing a Song of Sixpence" coloring pages www.niteowl.org/kids/6pence.html

Provide materials and opportunities for your kids to "learn on their own" when the school day is over. Keep a cupboard or large box stocked with simple craft supplies, educational games and activities. Add new things from time-to-time, even just "junk" that you would ordinarily throw away... scrap paper, paper towel rolls, milk jug lids, empty containers with removable lids, or anything that will encourage the children to explore the world around them on their own.



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 179, 181-183, 186-189 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities: "Peter Piper" rebus rhyme - <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Peterpiper.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Peterpiper.shtml</a>

You are three-quarters of the way through Core K. Just 9 more weeks to go! You are doing great... and your kids have learned so much! Take time for a "Mom's Night Out" every now and then, for a quick pick-me-up. Have your husband stay home with the children and go out by yourself for a few hours. Visit your favorite bookstore and enjoy a cup of coffee, or spend some time relaxing at the public library. Browse the homeschool section for some fresh ideas and inspiration.



### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 180, 190-197 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

If your family enjoyed *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* you may be interested in reading other stories in the series. Check to see if your local public library has them. You might also want to watch the movie based on the book.

A printable cut-and-paste alligator craft is available at <a href="www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/alligatorcoloring-page/">www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/alligatorcoloring-page/</a> to go along with the "Alligator/Crocodile" poem in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* this week.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Hot Cross Buns" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/h064.html

"Hot Cross Buns" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Hotcross.shtml.

Ask questions all the time... not just to "test" what your children know, but also to let them see that asking questions is an important step in the process of learning. If you don't know the answers to your questions, look them up! Show the children how to do this. Even if you never find the answer, they will discover that learning is fun and interesting, and a life-long adventure!



#### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 198-199, 202-203, 205 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

Desert activities to go along with *Wild Places* may be found at <u>www.abcteach.com/directory/basics/science/habitats\_biomes/desert</u>.

Print out coloring sheets and activities about pet care and veterinary medicine (to go along with *James Herriot's Treasury for Children*) at <a href="https://www.avma.org/careforanimals/kidscorner/default.asp">www.avma.org/careforanimals/kidscorner/default.asp</a>.

Ocean animal printouts may be found at <a href="www.enchantedlearning.com/coloring/oceanlife.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/coloring/oceanlife.shtml</a> to go along with the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* this week.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Monday's Child" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/m065.html

"Monday's Child" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Mondayschild.shtml

Add Physical Education to your daily subjects. The kids love this and it can help run off excess energy in the middle of your school day. It doesn't have to be elaborate or organized. Put on some music and everybody get up a wiggle! Lead the children in some jumping jacks or toetouches. Or just send the kids outside to run around for a few minutes. A helpful book is *Home School Family Fitness*, item #PE03 from Sonlight.



### Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 200-201, 204-205, 208, 212, 214 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

Lots of activities about trees, to go along with the memorization project starting this week, may be found at <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/trees.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/trees.shtml</a>.

See <u>www.pooh-corner.com</u> for fun pictures and trivia about Winnie-the-Pooh and A.A.Milne to go along with *The House at Pooh Corner.* 

Bird printouts may be found at <a href="http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/birds/">http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/birds/</a> to go along with the poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* this week.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities: "There Was an Old Woman" rebus rhyme - <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Oldwomanhill.shtml">www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Oldwomanhill.shtml</a>

When your days get chaotic remember that your children are still young. Most of what you cover this year in school will be revisited more in-depth later, so it's not necessary for your children to master every concept the first time through.



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For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 207, 210-211, 213, 216-217 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

Your children might enjoy watching some of the Disney cartoon adaptations of the Winnie-the-Pooh stories as you read *The House at Pooh Corner.* 

Add pages to your animal scrapbook as you read about different animals in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama*.

- "Little Jack Horner" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Jackhorner.html
- "Little Jack Horner" activities www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/jackhorner.html
- "Little Jack Horner" coloring sheet www.niteowl.org/kids/horner.html
- "The Little Girl with a Curl" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/girlwithacurl.shtml
- "Georgie Porgie" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Georgie.shtml
- "Georgie Porgie" coloring sheets www.niteowl.org/kids/georgie.html
- "Georgie Porgie" online game www.mothergoose.com/Games/georgie Porgy.htm
- "Gerogie Porgie" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/g056.html
- "See-Saw" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Seesaw.shtml

Instead of asking your children comprehension questions after you read to them, try more open-ended questions. "What did you think of that story? What was your favorite part?" You may be surprised at what they come up with! Another fun way to find out what they remember is to have them act out the stories. They will think it's a game, but it's a good way to reinforce what they are learning.



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For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 218-230 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

Make a rainforest vine string using print-outs from <a href="https://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/strings/rainforest/">www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/strings/rainforest/</a> to go along with the jungle unit of *Wild Places*. More rainforest activities are available at <a href="https://www.abcteach.com/directory/basics/science/habitats\_biomes/rain\_forest/">www.abcteach.com/directory/basics/science/habitats\_biomes/rain\_forest/</a>.

A printable cut-and-paste giraffe craft is available at <a href="https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/giraffe-coloring-page/">www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/giraffe-coloring-page/</a> to go along with the "Giraffes" poem in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* this week.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Little Bo-Peep" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Bopeep.shtml

"Little Bo-Peep" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/bo-peep/index.htm

"Little Bo-Peep" activities - http://www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/bopeep.html

"Little Bo-Peep" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/l005.html

"Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymesTompipersson.shtml

"Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son" coloring page - www.niteowl.org/kids/piper.html

Take pictures often of projects your children are working on or activities they are involved in. This is great for both record-keeping purposes and your own family photo albums or scrapbooks.



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For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 234-247 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

Dog activities to go along with *Five True Dog Stories* are available at <u>www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dog.shtml</u>.

A unit study on Dog Heroes is available at www.homeschoolhelperonline.com/units/dogs.htm.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Old Mother Hubbard" activities - www.alphabetsoup.net/goose/hubbard.html

"Old Mother Hubbard" rebus rhymes - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Motherhubbard.shtml

Only 4 more weeks to go until you complete this Core! It's okay if you haven't done everything. You may get to some of the skipped books or activities during your break, but if you don't, that's okay, too. With Sonlight's "real" books your children will no doubt come back to many of the stories you read this year, to re-read to themselves, for years to come.



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For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 248-252 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

Using a bag of uncooked rice, demonstrate the "math" in A Grain of Rice.

- "Rub-a-dub-dub" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Rubadub.shtml
- "Hickory Dickory Dock" song www.kididdles.com/lyrics/h046.html
- "Hickory Dickory Dock" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Hickorydickory.html
- "Hickory Dickory Dock" crafts www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/hickory/index.htm
- "Hickory Dickory Dock" activities www.alphabetsoup.net/goose/hickory.html
- "Old King Cole" audio recording www.childclassics.com/wsp26.htm
- "Old King Cole" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/Oldkingcole.html
- "Old King Cole" coloring pages www.niteowl.org/kids/kingcole.html

Have you kept up with your timeline figures and *Sonlight's Book of Time* this year? If not, don't worry! Pick a day to put in all the figures you missed, reviewing the people and events as you help your children put the figures in their timeline book.



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For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 253-259 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

A mini unit study on manners to go along with *Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book* is available at <a href="https://www.homeschoolhelperonline.com/units/manners.htm">www.homeschoolhelperonline.com/units/manners.htm</a>.

Visit www.bry-backmanor.org/mannersgame.html to for print outs to make a manners game.

Visit www.rebsig.com/capybara for great photos of capybaras to go along with Capyboppy.

Printable cut-and-paste bear and tiger crafts are available at <a href="http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/craft/animals/">http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/craft/animals/</a> to go along with the "Bear" and "Tiger" poems in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* this week.

- "Little Pussy" coloring page www.niteowl.org/kids/kitty.html
- "Three Little Kittens" rebus rhyme www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Threelittlekittens.shtml
- "Three Little Kittens" coloring pages www.niteowl.org/kids/3kittens.html

Are you starting to plan for next year yet? If you need help choosing your curriculum don't forget the helpful Sonlight users on the forums at <a href="https://www.sonlight-forums.com">www.sonlight-forums.com</a>, or feel free to contact a Sonlight Curriculum Advisor via live chat at <a href="https://www.sonlight.com/sca">www.sonlight.com/sca</a>.



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For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 260-265 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

For pictures and more information about the legend of William Tell (*The Apple and the Arrow*), visit <a href="http://history-switzerland.geschichte-schweiz.ch/william-tell-switzerland-hero.html">http://history-switzerland.geschichte-schweiz.ch/william-tell-switzerland-hero.html</a>.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"Curly-Locks" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Curlylocks.shtml

"Curly-Locks" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/c064.html

"Curly-Locks" coloring page - www.niteowl.org/kids/curly.html

Congratulations on finishing the course! Great job! Celebrate the end of the school year with a special family outing... a picnic, a camping trip, a favorite restaurant... or go for ice cream!



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For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 266-325 at <a href="http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm">http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum\_n.htm</a>.

See if you can find a hunting club or something similiar in your area where your family could watch a demonstration of archery to go along with *The Apple and the Arrow*.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose online activities:

"The Mulberry Bush" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Mulberry.shtml

"The Mulberry Bush" coloring sheets - www.niteowl.org/kids/mulberry.html

"The Mulberry Bush" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/m014.html

"Hey Diddle Diddle" song - www.kididdles.com/lyrics/h003.html

"Hey Diddle Diddle" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/Catandfi ddle.html

"Hey Diddle Diddle" crafts - www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/heydiddle/index.htm

"Hey Diddle Diddle" online game - www.mothergoose.com/Games/jump\_cow.htm