

THE STORY BASKET

Find a large basket. Each day put in one item mentioned in the Word (or a picture of it) into the basket. Tell your children story or stories with which it is associated. For example, bread is mentioned in the Lord's prayer, the miracle of the loaves and fish, the table of shewbread in the tabernacle, *etc.* Next time, you might add an angel and talk about the angels in the Christmas and Easter stories. Also review the items already in the story basket by taking them out one at a time as the children call out the associated stories. The story basket will also be a source of visual aids when reading aloud stories of the Word. Below is a starter list of stories that are associated with various items you might put in your story basket.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE STORY BASKET

cup	wash the inside of the cup (not just the outside), cup of water for these little ones, Holy Supper
bread	manna, Lord's Prayer, 5 loaves and 2 fishes, table of shewbread
flower	Solomon in his glory—not arrayed as fine
water	water to wine
rock	house on the rock, Moses hit rock
lamp	Lord is my light and my salvation, hide lamp under basket?
shoe	Moses removes shoe at burning bush, John the Baptist
baby doll	Moses, Samuel, baby Lord, Woman clothed w/ sun
sword	David, Jonathan, Swords into plowshares
basket	bakers, Sermon on the mount
rainbow	Noah
lamb	lost lamb, Christmas, Revelation
bird	quail, sparrows
cloud	pillar of cloud, small hand-sized cloud
branch	I am the vine...
fruit	by their fruits you shall know them
star	Abraham, Wise Men
sun	sun stands still, Lord is the sun of heaven
jar	Elijah and jar of oil
angel	Bethesda, Christmas, Abraham
heart	listening heart, Pharaoh's hard heart, I will give you a new heart
fire	pillar of fire, Elijah's contest, fire of tabernacle, plague
donkey	Balaam, Palm Sunday
hair lock	Sampson, woman washed Lord's feet, Absalom, very hairs of head numbered
snake	garden of Eden, fiery serpents
oil	Samaritan, Elijah, Easter,
animals	Noah, plagues, Christmas
boat	storm – Lord asleep, cast net on right side, Noah
fish	153 fish, fishers of men, 5 loaves 2 fish
trumpet	7 trumpets Rev., Gideon, Jericho
lion	lion of Judah, Samson
honey	Sampson, land flowing w/
milk	land flowing w/
bracelet	Rebekah, Tabernacle
grain	7 years of plenty
crown	Revelation—twelve stars, Saul, David etc.
tree	Garden of Eden, Holy City, Zaccus, Psalm 1
pearl	of great price
garments	Palm Sunday, Elijah & Elisha, Joseph's coat, Samson, Shem, Ham, and Japheth