Let the Little Children Come

Lesson 20. I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

<u>Purpose</u>: a) To review the "fourth day" of Creation.

- b) To review the lesson on "faith," entitled "The Lilies of the Field."
- c) To teach the children that God is always with them, even if they can't see Him.
- d) That God hears them and takes care of them.
- e) That even in the night there is light.

Materials: A spring bulb, as in the previous lesson.

Bulletin board with the 6 days of Creation.

Black paper with an earth on it (one for each child)

Star stickers

Paste

Presentation:

- Show the children the bulb and remind them that God dressed it in a beautiful flower
- 2) Ask them if this plant has awakened a bit early.
- 3) Tell them that it is a <u>very</u> early riser! In fact, it's a bit confused! It thinks it's morning...even though it's not quite time for it to be waking up yet. After all, it's still winter.
- 4) Remind the children that winter is "night time" to a plant.
- 5) Ask them if <u>they</u> have ever awakened in the night and thought it was time to get up.
- 6) Ask them what they did when this happened. (Did they cry...or go find a parent? Did they get up or go back to sleep? Did anyone turn on a Light???)
- 7) Allow them to discover that even though, at first, they couldn't see anyone, there <u>was</u> someone there taking care of them.
- 8) Tell them that a plant, if it wakes up in the winter, will go back to sleep. Tell them that if this plant were living outside, it would have gone back to sleep, too.

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- 9) But, since it is living in a place that is strange to it...inside...that God has decided to let it stay up. He even started to dress it.
- 10) Ask them how God knew that the plant was awake. (If they don't know, tell them that God knows everything.)
- 11) Tell them that the plant didn't have to go find God...plants can't do that. That plant didn't have to cry...plants don't do that either. But still God knew.
- 12) And God knows when we need Him, too...without us having to do or say a thing.
- 13) Tell them that even at night there is light. There are stars in the sky.
- 14) God planned it that way so that we would know that <u>He is always with us...in</u> the day time or the night time.

"People time" or "plant time"...any time at all.

God keeps His Light shining...and we can do the same.

Activity: Have the children paste a moon and stars on the black paper so that the earth is lit up in the night time.