



Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages infant-36 months

SPRING A
Lesson 9

Early Learning

*“The Lord . . . makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.”*

Psalms 23:1-3

Cut out pictures of plants and animals from old magazines. Slide the pictures into a large envelope. As you look take turns to remove a picture, name each one and then group the animals together. Name the plant (tree, flower, grass) and lay it on the table with other plants. Notice other sorting possibilities (group all the red flowers together or find all the dogs in the animals). This not only helps your child learn the names of things, but also helps him understand sorting and categories. As his understanding grows, he can lay the picture in the category it belongs. Keep your picture envelope to take along in the car or look at while you're waiting somewhere! **God makes plants and animals grow. God gives them food, water, and rest.**

Try This:

Play Backwards Sounds! Instead of asking, “What does a dog say?” I ask, “What makes this sound?” and then bark. Eventually, toddlers want to do the sound-making while I guess what animal sounds like that. As an alternate activity, point to pictures in books and make the animal sound, letting your child name the animal. Then I say, **God made all the animals.**