

**What On Earth Am I Here For?
Birth - Age 3
Lesson 5 - Serve**

Toddler Tid-Bit (Activity at home for parents and children- can be included in weekly handout)

Verse: *We are God's workmanship.* Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) paraphrased

Message: After Paul became a believer, he was changed by God and given Spiritual Gifts. Yes, we are given gifts as believers! Not actual wrapped presents, but gifts we can use to serve God and others. Paul had the gift of evangelism and teaching. He served God in great ways by traveling to places near and far spreading God's love. Paul became a missionary for God to persuade Jews and Gentiles to follow Christ. Paul served in love, love for the Lord. Even though he had poor health, God still used him to serve. It was not easy all the time, but Paul never used excuses. He gave God his best. The fourth purpose of your life here on earth is to **SERVE**.

Baby Bible Signs:

Word: God

Motion: Hold your right hand, palm open, bent upward at a right angle, toward your wrist. Place your hand and arm, thumb toward you, at forehead level and move downward, drawing your hand along the middle of your face and down to your chest, stopping at your heart.

In action: *God loves me.*

Try this activity with your child to teach that God has made them to serve:

Nothing is a better teacher than living by example. When our children watch us do things, they learn from us. You can help your child learn to serve by serving someone as a family. You can bake cookies for your local police, teachers or firemen or you could do something nice for a neighbor. Whatever you decide to do, talk about how God gives us special talents to help and show love to others and when we do, it is called serving.

Pray this prayer with your child:

Dear God, Thank you for giving me gifts and talents. Help me to use them to help others love you. Amen.