

CHILD
CARE



BADGE

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Attention Parents!

We're glad your child is coming to Seekers! Our Seekers leaders encourage a positive, loving atmosphere in which spiritual learning can occur. You can play a very important role in your child's progress through each badge as some projects will require your participation.

There are a couple of things to note. Your child will need you to sign at the end of some of the sections. Please sign these sections when your child has completed them. Also, all scripture in these badge materials are quoted from the New International Version.

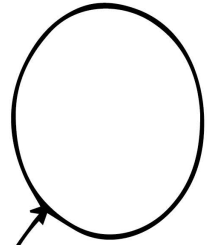
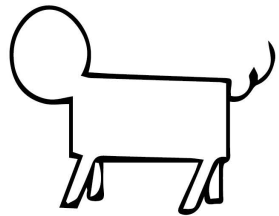
We hope your child has a great year learning in Seekers!

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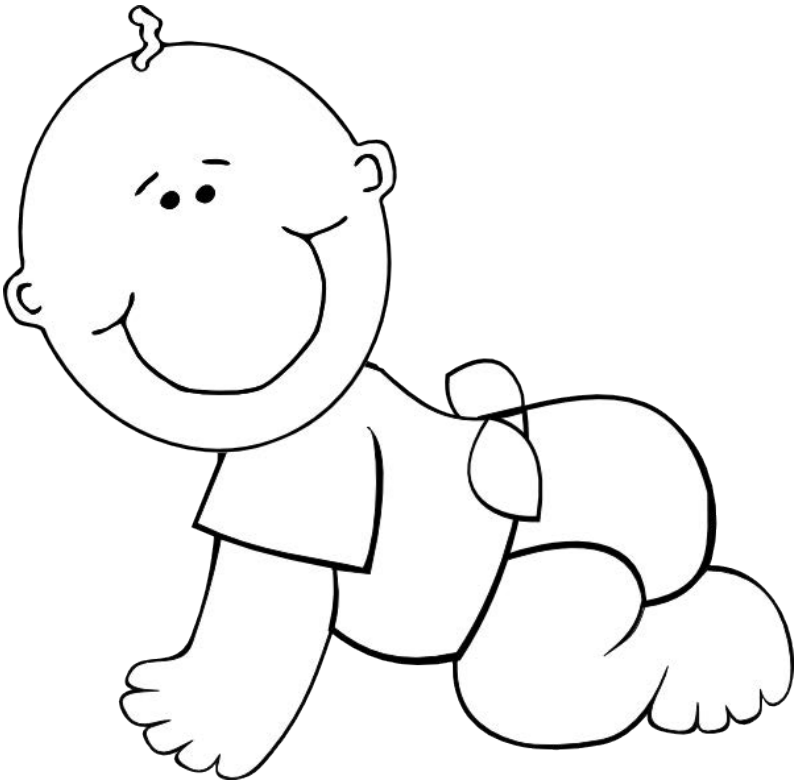
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A child is such
a special thing;
He can laugh
and love
and even sing.

It's a special job
to learn to care,
For these
little ones,
God's gift
so rare.

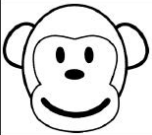






A baby or small child needs love to grow just as much as he needs food or milk. Children are the world's best copycats and we must remember to be good examples. They watch us and then they do what we do and say what we say! Being a parent's helper can be lots of fun!



SECTION 1

Find the name of a well-known baby in scripture by writing the first letter of each object in the square below its picture.

Read the story about this baby in Exodus 2:1-10. Write the story using your own words on the following lines.

SECTION 2

These are things you may need when you are caring for a baby. Fill in the spaces with the words given here.

bassinet bib bottle changing pad
crib diaper formula infant seat
pacifier playpen powder or lotion
rattle receiving blanket teether

1. Cloth or paper material used for pants on babies.

2. Hard rubber or plastic ring (or other shapes) babies use when new teeth are coming in.

3. Small toys that make noise.

4. Rubber or plastic nipple with a handle that babies can suck when they are fussy or sleepy.

5. Special milk mixture for babies.

6. Thin blanket used to wrap young babies in.

7. Special plastic chair with a pad and straps for babies to sit or be carried in.

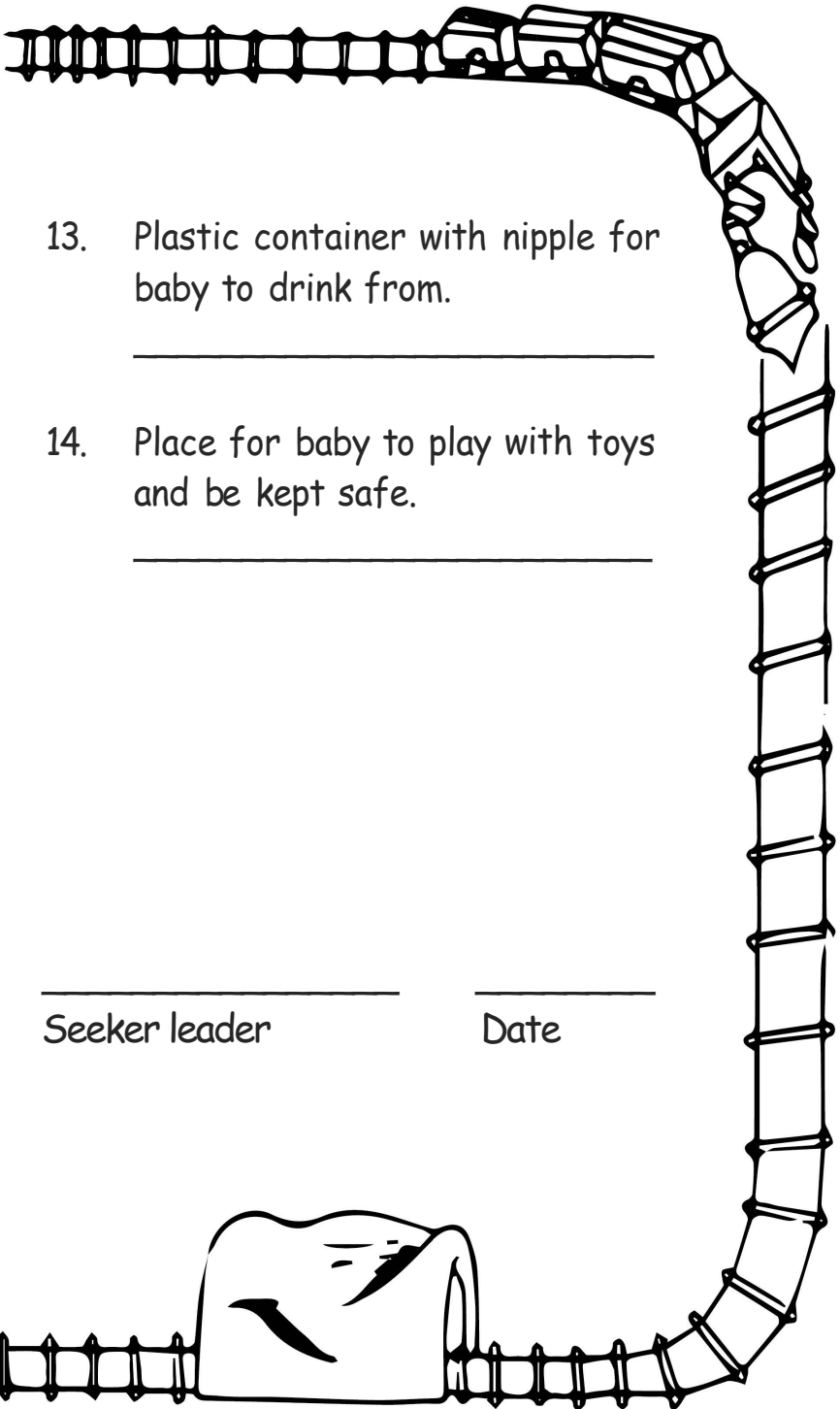
8. A basket-like bed for a newborn baby.

9. A piece of waterproof material to use under baby's bottom when changing diapers.

10. Helps to keep baby's bottom dry and soft.

11. Cloth or plastic that ties around baby's neck to catch drips and spills.

12. Bed for babies with sides that go up and down.

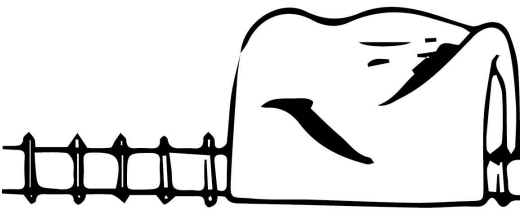


13. Plastic container with nipple for baby to drink from.

14. Place for baby to play with toys and be kept safe.

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SECTION 3

Answer yes or no in front of each sentence below. If you're not sure of the answer, get help from a parent.

- _____ Young babies need to be burped after drinking a bottle.
- _____ Children age 3 and younger should have toys with lots of little pieces.
- _____ Children may have a special toy or blanket to sleep with or hold when they are tired or frightened.
- _____ "Baby talk" is a good idea when you're with small children.
- _____ Young babies always need their heads and necks supported (held up with your hand) when you hold them.
- _____ Children know if you really like them or if you are only pretending to like them.
- _____ The best way to play with children is to tease them.
- _____ Babies like soft, cuddly toys in bright colors.

_____ It is better to do everything for a child because he takes so long when he tries to do it himself.

_____ Becoming angry with a child when his mother leaves will cause him to stop crying.

_____ You always need to keep the child you are caring for in your sight unless he is in bed asleep.

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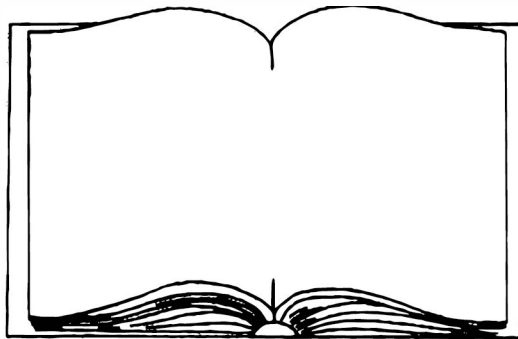
SECTION 4

Go to your local library and check out one book to read about child care. Make sure it is not too hard for you to understand. List the book below.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Write something you learned from the book.



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SECTION 5

This section is for the younger Seeker.
(ages 9 and 10)

A. Read or tell a story to a child. Write down what story you told and the age of the child.

B. Get permission to watch a child while the parent is nearby. This could be at a church picnic, in your neighborhood, or for a younger sibling at home. The time spent caring for the child needs to be one hour. (It can be all at one time or several times added together.) Write down what you did and where you were.

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SECTION 6

This section is for the older Seeker.
(ages 11 and 12)

Now is the time to prepare yourself for the jobs you will soon be able to handle alone.

A. Make a kit to take with you when you will be old enough to have a babysitting job. Have a sturdy container to keep these things in. Put in toys for different ages. Make sure they are safe. Include several storybooks. Even some craft supplies would be fun! The children you will be sitting will love playing with "your toys" because they will be new to them. Decorate your kit. Write down what you have put in your kit.



B. On sturdy paper write out the following information to ask parents before going on a babysitting job:

Father's and mother's name

Home phone number and address

Cell number, if applicable

Where parents can be reached while away

Whom to contact if they can't be reached (in case of an emergency)

When parents expect to be home

*Remember to agree on the pay you will receive before you go on your job.

C. Arrange to go on a real babysitting job with an older friend or relative. Remember, you are there to learn; don't try to take over!

With whom did you go?

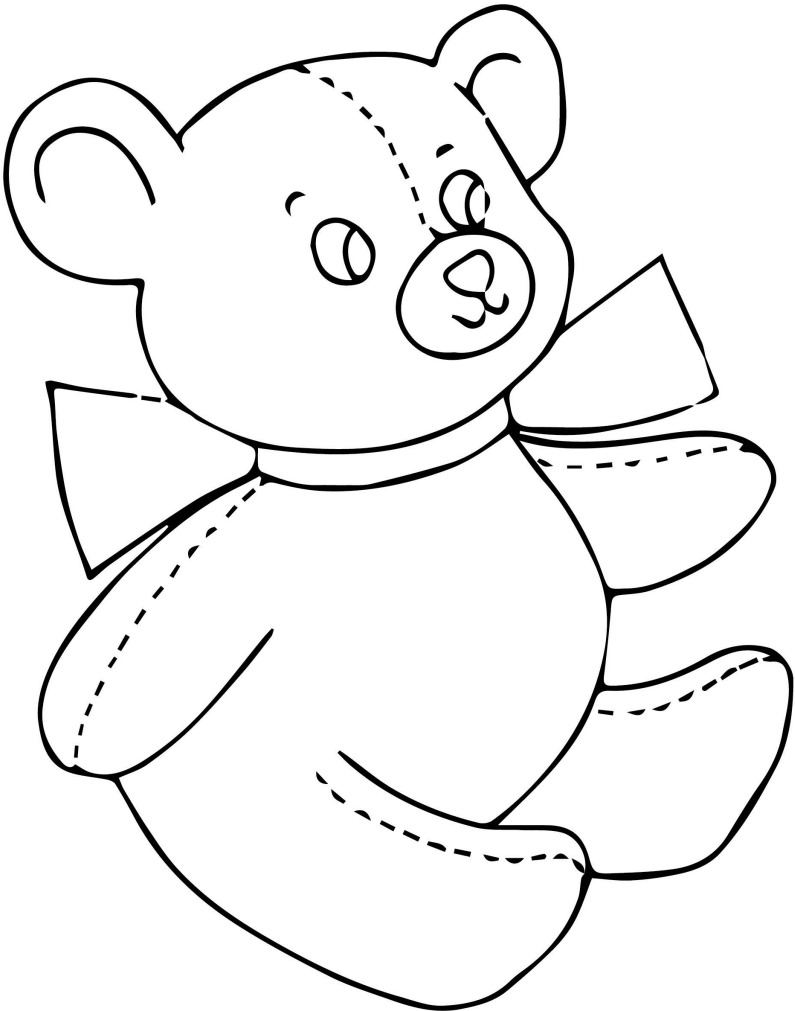
What new thing did you learn?

If you definitely cannot go on a babysitting job with an older friend or relative, then replace this activity with Section 5, part 2.

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CONGRATULATIONS!



You have completed the requirements for
the Child Care Badge.

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