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Bigger Barns

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CRAFT Week 1

Barn Cups

SUPPLIES: Barn labels (1 per child), foam farm stickers (5 per child), red plastic cups (one per child), cheerios (1/2 cup per child),
Allergy Alert poster

PLEASE NOTE: EVERY parent must be asked if their child can have Cheerios as a snack. If anyone in the class cannot have Cheerios or if you forget to ask a parent, then you MUST skip the snack portion. Just show kids they can bring their cup home and put snacks in it.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out one barn label and one red cup per child.**

- *“Friends – Today we heard a story from the Bible that Jesus told to teach a lesson. The man in our story had a barn FULL of food. He had too much – there was no way he could eat it all himself! But, did the man in our story share the food? (Pause.) No. He didn’t. What do you think Jesus wanted him to do? That’s right – he wants us to share!*
- *“Let’s decorate our barns!*

⇒ **Help children stick the barn label onto their cup. Then pass out 4-5 foam farm stickers to decorate the rest of the cup.**

⇒ **Hold up box of cheerios**

- *“Boys and girls – you all have your own barns now and I have this huge box of cheerios! Do you think I should keep it all to myself or would you like me to share it with you? Share it? Ok!*

⇒ **Pour cheerios in each cup and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Yum! Aren’t you glad I shared? Jesus wants us to share what we have with others. When we share, we love other people like Jesus does! And do you know how we learned all of this? By reading the Bible! The Bible is so amazing – it’s better than gold!*
- **What is better than gold?**
- **The Bible is better than gold!**

While the children snack – this would be a great opportunity to read the story or to go over the Reflection page!

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“CRAFT” Week 2

Better than Gold

SUPPLIES: Black butcher paper, gold crayons, round gold stickers (5 per child), Wall tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Roll the butcher paper out on each table and have children sit around it. Pass out 5 stickers and a gold crayon to each child.**
- *“Friends, we have been learning all this month about how the Bible is better than gold.*
 - *Today we are going to work together as a class to make a beautiful piece of art. I am going to give everyone some golden coin stickers and a gold crayon. Let’s fill this paper up with gold!”*
- ⇒ **While the kids have busy hands, present the story cards to them one at a time – holding them up, taping them to the wall, or attaching to the board with magnets.**
- *I have some pictures here that I want to show you.*
 - *Bible – What is this, friends? That’s right! The Bible! And what do we know about the Bible? It’s always...True! Yes! It is God’s true word written for us.*
 - *Treasure Box – How about this? A treasure chest filled with gold! Gold is pretty amazing, but but do you know what is better than gold? The Bible is better than gold!*
 - *Heart – What is this? A heart! This reminds me of one of the most important things in the Bible. It tells us that God loves us SO much!*
 - *Jesus – Who is this man? Jesus – that’s right! The Bible tells us that Jesus wants to be our friend forever!!!*
 - *Barn – And what is this that we learned about today? A barn! The man in the story didn’t share, but God wants us to share!*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
- *“Wow! You did a great job drawing your treasure. **I am going to hang this up on the wall near the door show we can show your parents your masterpiece.** And let’s remember the most important thing we want to share with them – that the Bible is better than gold!*
 - ***What is better than gold? The Bible is better than gold!***

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ACTIVITY #1 for 2s/3s

Big or Little?

SUPPLIES:

Big/Little cardstock pages, Bin of Big and Small items:
*a small rock, a Little People® figure, a small toy car,
a baby spoon, a regular- sized plastic spoon,
a medium-sized doll, a large toy car, a medium-sized rock*

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around you on the floor.**

- *“Today in our story we talked about the farmer who built bigger and bigger barn. Do you know the difference between BIG and LITTLE? Let’s play a game and see!”*

⇒ **Ask children to help you place the big items on the page that says BIG and the little items on the page that says little. Show the children that the BIG page has large letters and the little page has little letters.**

- *There are big and little items in the bin. This page with the BIG letters (point) says ‘BIG’ and this page with the little letters (point) says ‘little.’ Place the little items on the little page and the BIG items on the BIG page.”*

⇒ **Separate all the items.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice job, friends! You did a good job finding all the big and little things! In our story today the farmer wanted to build bigger barns to keep all his stuff, but Jesus tells us to share our things! Isn’t it amazing that the Bible teaches us how to live more like Jesus? The Bible is better than gold!*
- ***What is better than gold?***
- ***The Bible is better than gold!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Fill the Barns Relay

SUPPLIES: 4 Buckets (2 with Red Barn taped to front, 2 with play food)

SET-UP: Place 2 buckets filled with equal amounts of food about 5 feet apart on one side of the room. Place 2 empty barn buckets across from them on the other side of the room.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around the two buckets with food. Divide them into two teams.**

- *“Hey, friends! Come over here with me. Take a look at these buckets. These are going to be our barns. Look! They are filled with food! Do you remember the farmer in our story? Did he share his food? No! But what does Jesus want us to do? He wants us to share, right?”*
- *Today we are going to play a fun game and share our food. First, I am going to divide you into two teams. Now let’s stand in line behind the two buckets.”*

⇒ **Demonstrate taking one piece out of the bucket, walking it to the other end, dropping it in the barn bucket, and walking back to the team.**

- *“Here’s how our game will work! The first person in line from each team will pick up one piece of food from the bucket. Then, you will walk across the room to the barn bucket and drop the food in it. Then, walk back to the other side of the room and give the next person in line a high five.*
- *Then the next person will pick up a piece of food and do the same thing. We will play until we have shared all of the food with the other barns. Which team can share the quickest?”*

⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested.**

⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Friends! You did a great job sharing the food. When we share, we are loving others like Jesus. We know that Jesus wants us to share because it says so in the Bible. The Bible is better than gold!”*

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ACTIVITY #1 for 4s/5s

Treasure Hunt

SUPPLIES: Bin of water beads filled with gold pieces and jewels, shovels/scoopers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children around the tub. (For larger classes you will want to do this in very small groups.)**
 - *“Let’s find treasure!”*

- ⇒ **Demonstrate how to use the shovel or scooper to dip into the water beads and search for treasure.**
 - *“There is buried treasure hidden in the water. (Point.) We are going to use this (hold up shovel/scooper) to find the treasure. Let me show you how!”*

- ⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested. Continue conversation while they play.**
 - *“What did you find? How many gold pieces did you get? Did you know what’s better than all of this treasure? The Bible!”*
 - *Remember! The Bible is the best treasure of all! The bible is better than gold!*

- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *It is so much fun to look for buried treasure, but remember – the Bible is the greatest treasure of all!*
 - *What is better than gold? The Bible is better than gold!*

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ACTIVITY #3

Parachute Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Parachute, “Gold” items (Yellow bean bags, pom poms, foam balls)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you and stand in a circle in the center of the room.**

- *“You sounded amazing doing your memory verse today! Let’s all practice it together!”*
- *Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. Psalm 119:72.”*

⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**

- *“Great job! Everybody grab a section of the parachute.*
- *Look at all this treasure that I have!*

⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast.**

- *“Let’s shake our arms and pop this treasure up into the air! Go!*

⇒ **When all the items have popped out of the parachute...**

- *Let’s say our memory verse again!*
- *Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. Psalm 119:72.”*

⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Awesome job, everyone! It is so much fun to play with pretend treasure, but remember – the Bible is the greatest treasure of all!*
- *What is better than gold? The Bible is better than gold!*

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

⇒ *Too Many Carrots by Katy Hudson*

- Read the story and say: This reminds me of our Bible story today! Rabbit had too many carrots to keep for himself! He needed to share! God teaches us in the Bible that it's good to share our stuff with others!

REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **What is better than gold?**
- **The Bible is better than gold.**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver, Psalm 119:72**

⇒ Basic Truth

- **God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

⇒ Connect it!

- **“Today we learned that the Bible tells us we can share our belongings. I want you to think of something of your own that you could share with others. When I say your name, I want you to tell me what you are going to share and we will make a list. Then we can pray to God to ask Him to help us to share our things with others!”**

PRAY

Dear God, thank You for all of the good things You have given us. We have so much. Please help us to share what we have instead of keeping it for ourselves. Help us share our (read the list the children made). We want to love people the way Jesus loves us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.”