

BEACH PARTY

Jan 4/5
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CRAFT Week 1

Memory Verse Craft

SUPPLIES:

“Jesus Can Do Anything” cardstock page,
Your chosen assortment of... crayons, markers, dot markers, star
and heart stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out Memory Verse page and your chosen assortment of crayons, markers, dot markers, etc.**
 - *“Friends – Today in our true Bible story we learned about Jesus feeding 5,000 people with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish! It was a miracle. Only Jesus could do that. Jesus can do anything!”*
 - *Our memory verse tells us it’s true: ‘With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26’*
 - *Let’s say it together!*
 - *Take a look at this picture. That’s our memory verse right there! I want you to color the picture and make it look beautiful!*

- ⇒ **While kids are coloring, this would be a great time to read the Bible story from the Beginner’s Bible – p. 357**

- ⇒ **If using, pass out 4 stickers per child. Help them add them to their picture.**
 - *“Now let’s add some stickers!! Wow these look beautiful!”*

- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *These look great, everybody! Hang this in a special spot so you can look at it all month long and practice your memory verse! Let’s say it again together*
 - *With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26*
 - ***Who can do anything?***
 - ***Jesus can do anything!***

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CRAFT Week 2

Fish and Loaves

- SUPPLIES:** “Basket” cardstock page, 5 loaves/2 fish per child, crayons or markers, glue sticks
- SET UP:** To help the craft go more smoothly, you may want to sort out the 5 loaves and 2 fish into piles to hand directly to the children.
- TIP for 3s:** If you have a very large class and are short on helping hands, you might consider pre-gluing the loaves and fish to the page before Large Group!

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out Basket page, piles of 5 loaves/2 fish, and crayons or markers.**
- *“Friends – Today in our true Bible story we learned about Jesus feeding 5,000 people with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish! It was a miracle. Only Jesus could do that. Jesus can do anything!”*
 - *We are making our own baskets today! Let’s count the food we have. Will you count the bread with me? 1-2-3-4-5! 5 loaves of bread! Now let’s count the fish 1-2. 2 fish! Do you think this is enough to feed our whole class? No? What about 5,000 people? No way!*
 - *But Jesus did it! It was a miracle! Jesus can do anything.*
 - *I want to see you color your basket and your bread and fish.*
- ⇒ **While kids are coloring, this would be a great time to read the Bible story from the Beginner’s Bible – p. 357**
- ⇒ **Pass out glue sticks and instruct children to glue their loaves and fish to the basket. (**3 year old classes – see TIP above.)**
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
- *Nice work everybody! Jesus fed 5,000 people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish. Jesus is amazing! He can do anything!*
 - ***Who can do anything?***
 - ***Jesus can do anything!***

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ACTIVITY #1

Beach Ball Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: Beach Ball, CD player, Worship Music CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in a seated circle on the floor.**
 - *“Boys and girls, today we heard a true story from the Bible about Jesus and his friends. Jesus had been teaching for a long time and everybody was really hungry, but they had no food! But, remember...Who can do anything? Jesus can do anything!”*
 - *So Jesus took 5 loaves and 2 fish and multiplied them to feed thousands of people!*

- ⇒ **Hold up the beach ball.**
 - *“Today we are going to play a fun game that is like Hot potato, but instead of a potato we are going to use this beach ball! Remember, we are having a beach party all month long! We are going to pass the beach ball around while the music is playing. When the music stops, whoever is holding the beach ball will answer an important question for me.*
 - ***Who can do anything? Jesus can do anything!***

- ⇒ **Repeat until every child has had a turn.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *Nice job, everybody! Jesus can feed 5,000 people. Jesus can do miracles. Jesus can do anything!*
 - ***Who can do anything?***
 - ***Jesus can do anything!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: None Needed

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in a circle.**

- *“Friends, we have a new memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!*

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**

- *“First, let’s say it once together.*
 - *“With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26”*
- *Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
 - *Etc....*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

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

- *Nice work, my friends! What an amazing true memory verse from the Bible. With God all things ARE possible! And remember...*
- ***Who can do anything?***
- ***Jesus can do anything!***

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ACTIVITY #3

Fish Basket Toss

SUPPLIES: Laundry Basket (2 for larger classes), fish, white floor tape

SET UP: Place the basket on one end of the room. Tape a line off a few feet away from the basket for children to stand behind.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Guide children to stand in a single file line.**

- *"We have a big basket here. Let's see if we can toss all of the fish in the basket?"*

⇒ **Have the first child toss fish into the basket.**

- *"Great job! This is a lot of fish here! But Jesus only had 2 fish to begin with – and he still was able to feed 5,000 people. It was a miracle!"*
- **Who can do anything?**
- **Jesus can do anything!**

⇒ **Let each child take a turn and follow each turn answering the bottom line question.**

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

- *"Nice work everybody! We sure filled that basket up with a lot of fish! We used toy fish, but Jesus multiplied real fish and bread to feed the people – 5,000 people! Isn't Jesus AMAZING?!"*
- **Who can do anything?**
- **Jesus can do anything!**

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

- ⇒ The Bible
 - *The Beginner's Bible: Jesus Feeds Thousands*, p. 357
- ⇒ *I Know Jesus Loves Me* by P.K. Hallinan
 - Read the story and then say: Jesus loves us so much. Jesus is always there with us. Jesus wants to be our friend forever!

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - **Who can do anything?**
 - **Jesus can do anything?**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26**
- ⇒ Basic Truth
 - **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**
- ⇒ Connect it!
 - **“Today we learned about how Jesus fed 5,000 hungry people with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Today we are going to make a list of our favorite foods. God gives us so many good foods to eat! When I say your name I will write down your favorite food and then we will pray and thank God for giving us food and that nothing is too hard for Jesus.”**
- ⇒ PlayDoh
 - *“Can you make fish with your playdoh? What about bread? Let's see if we can make enough to feed everyone!”*

PRAY

“Dear God, thank You for all of the yummy food you give us to eat. Thank You for (read the list the children made). I pray that when we eat food we will remember the time Jesus fed all of those people with just a little fish and bread because Jesus can do anything! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.”