

July Week 1

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July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

# CRAFT WEEK 1

## *Fiery Furnace Slide Show*

### **SUPPLIES:**

Slide show strip, paper plate with slits, red/yellow/orange tissue paper strips, glue sticks, marker or pencil to write names

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Pass out one paper plate per child.**

- *“Today we heard an amazing true Bible story and I have a craft to help us remember it.”*

⇒ **Pass out the fiery furnace picture.**

- *“Our craft is like a slide show. Put your picture strip through the two slits on your plate like this. (Demonstrate.) See how the pictures change when you move the strip up and down? (Demonstrate.)*
- *We can see each part of the story in here!*

⇒ **Pass out glue sticks and place piles of tissue paper on the table.**

- *“Now we are going to add the fire! First, you need to put some glue on your paper plate. Then, press a piece of tissue paper on it! We can fill up the whole plate with the fire, but make sure you don’t put any on the pictures!”*

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

- *“In our Bible story, we heard about a king named Nebuchadnezzar who built a statue of himself. He wanted everyone to bow down to it. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were friends of God and wouldn’t bow to the statue. Can you find their picture at the start of the slideshow? Good!*
- *Well, this made the king mad, and he threw them into the furnace. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego weren’t afraid because they trusted that God was with them. Can you find the next picture of the 3 men in the fiery furnace?*
- *Then something happened! Someone else was in the fire with them. God had sent an angel to be in the fire with them. They were all safe from the fire! Let’s find the picture of all 4 people!*
- *The king was so surprised that he called them out of the fire. They weren’t hurt! The fire didn’t touch them at all! God is amazing! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted that God was with them, and we can trust that God is with us, too! I can trust God, and you can trust God!*
- ***Who can trust God? I can trust God.”***

July Week 2

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July 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

# CRAFT WEEK 2

## *Watercolor Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** Memory verse page, crayons, paint brushes, blue watercolor tablets in bowls, paint brushes, water, smocks

**TIP:** Bowls of water get messy! Instead of filling bowls for the kids to dip their paint brushes in, simply wet the watercolor tablet. That will help not make their pages a soggy mess 😊

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table and review Memory Verse**

- *“We have been learning an awesome memory verse this month. Can we practice it together? ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart,’ Proverbs 3:5. Nice job, friends!*

⇒ **Pass Memory Verse page and crayons.**

- *“What do you see on the page? (Pause.) A boat! Peter got out of the boat and walked, right on the water toward Jesus. Jesus showed Peter that he can trust God.*
- *Can we use our crayons to color the boat? But don’t color the water yet because we are going to use something special for that!*

⇒ **Pass out paint brushes and put watercolor tablet bowls (with water already added to the table) on the tables.**

- *“Look what I have here! We are going to use watercolors to paint the water! Isn’t that cool?*
- *You only need a little paint on your brush at a time to make it look beautiful. Just give it a little dip, and let’s paint the ocean!”*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“These paintings are beautiful. I’m so glad that Jesus showed us how to trust God. God loves me, and God loves you. We can always trust Him.*
- ***Who can trust God?***
- ***I can trust God!”***

## Week 1 Fiery Furnace Slideshow Sample



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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Walk the Line*

**SUPPLIES:** Floor tape

**SET-UP:** Tape 3 different lines on the floor about a foot apart. They should each have a different design (ex: straight, wavy, zig-zap)

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Guide children to line up behind the tape lines.**

- *“Friends, come over here and look at the floor. What do you see? That’s right! Lines on the floor! Today we are going to have fun seeing if we can walk on these lines.*
- *Watch me walk on the lines like it’s a balance beam or a tight rope!*

⇒ **Instruct one child to go at a time. When they complete the lines ask them the question.**

- *“Now it’s your turn to walk! We are each going to take a turn walking the lines. Try not to fall off! When you finish, I am going to ask you an important question!*
- ***Who can trust God?***
- ***I can trust God!”***

⇒ **Continue the game with each child. If they are wiggly, encourage them to be seated until their turn.**

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

- ***Week 1:*** *“Nice walking, friends! Did you know wherever you walk in life, God is there with you? You can always trust God!!!*
  - ***Who can trust God? I can trust God!***
- ***Week 2:*** *Nice walking, friends! Today in our true Bible story Jesus walked on the water and Peter did, too! Even when he slipped, Jesus was there to catch him. Peter could trust God and so can we!*
  - ***Who can trust God? I can trust God!***

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# ACTIVITY #2

## *Limbo*

**SUPPLIES:** Pool noodle, CD player, Worship music CD

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room. Have two volunteers stand facing each other and holding up the pool noodle.**
  - *“Today we are going to play a super fun game called limbo! Have you ever played before?”*
  - *This pool noodle is going to be our limbo stick. You have to try to go under. Each time everyone goes under it is going to get lower and lower!*
  
- ⇒ **Turn the music on.**
  - *“Let’s form a line and all take a turn going under! When I stop the music I am going to have a very important question to ask you!”*
  
- ⇒ **Pause music.**
  - ***Who can trust God? I can trust God!***
  
- ⇒ **Turn the music back on, lower the limbo stick, and keep playing as long as children are interested!**
  
- ⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *Friends, you have some great moves! You did a great job walking under the stick, no matter how low it got. Yay!*
  - *No matter how you walk, God is always going to be with you. You can always trust God!*
  - ***Who can trust God?***
  - ***I can trust God!***

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# **ACTIVITY #3**

## *Memory Verse Practice*

**SUPPLIES:**      None

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
  - *“Friends, we have an awesome 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. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5*
    - *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*
  
- ⇒ **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! Who can trust in God?”*
  - ***I can trust in God!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY  
JULY WEEK 1

## SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

### READ

- ⇒ The Bible
  - *Beginner's Bible: Fiery Furnace, p. 247*

### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - **Who can trust God?**
  - **I can trust God!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5**

## CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of places we go. It can be your grandparents' house, your favorite place to eat, dance lessons, preschool, the store . . . anywhere in the world. So think about it, and when I say your name, **tell me your place**, and I will write it down. (***At the top, Write: "Where is a place you like to go?"***),
  - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*
- ⇒ We have our list! These are all great places to go and did you know that God is with you at every single one of these places?!
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
  - *"Dear God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for being with us when we go to . . . (read the list the children made.) We know we can trust You with all our hearts because You love us so much. In Jesus' name, amen."*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY  
JULY WEEK 2

**SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

**READ**

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible: Jesus Walks on Water, p. 364*

**REVIEW** *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can trust God?**
- **I can trust God!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5**

**CONNECT IT AND PRAY**

⇒ “Today, we’ll make a list of our favorite shoes. It can be running shoes, ballet shoes, rainboots, flip flops, or sparkly shoes—whatever shoes you want. You can even say barefoot or ‘no shoes’ are your favorite! When I say your name, **tell me your favorite shoes**, and I will write it down. **At the top, Write: “What are your favorite shoes?”**),

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ “I wonder what kind of shoes Peter had on when he walked on water to Jesus. Hmmm. It doesn’t matter what shoes you wear, as long as you trust God with all your heart! Right? (Pause.) Right!

⇒ Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us that we can trust You. Jesus did so many amazing things that only He can do to show us that You sent Him and You have the power to do anything. Help us remember that no matter where we walk in our (name the shoes listed) shoes, we can trust You with all our hearts. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*