

January Week 2

Story Time

Jan 9

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES: Lost Sheep page, cotton balls, glue sticks

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out Lost sheep page.**
 - *"Friends, today in our Bible story Jesus told a story about a shepherd and his sheep. He was counting his sheep and realized he had lost one. Let's make a picture of that lost sheep."*

- ⇒ **Give each child a glue stick and 8 cotton balls.**
 - *"Here is a glue stick and your cotton balls. Watch me while I show you how to put the glue on the page. Then gently push the cotton ball into the glue spot."*

- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *"Jesus said that the shepherd loved all of his sheep; each one mattered to him. So he went out to find the one missing sheep. Jesus told us this story to teach us something very important: we are important to God. He tells us that if we were lost, God would find us then celebrate. You are important to God. I'm glad we have Jesus to teach us important things."*
 - ***Who teaches you important things?***
 - ***Jesus teaches me important things!"***

January Week 3

Story Time

Jan 16

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES: Grain in the Barn page, yellow ink pads, crayons

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

Fingerprint Grain in the Barn - What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out Grain in the Barn page and crayons.**

- *“Jesus told the story we heard today to teach us something very important. The farmer in our story grew a lot of food for his family. He grew so much food that it filled his barn with a lot left over. So, he decided that he would build a bigger barn to keep all the food to himself.*
- *Let's make a craft to help us remember the story! What do you see on your paper? That's right – it's a barn! This is like the Barn in our Bible story today. Let's color the barn!”*

⇒ **Show children how to press their finger into the stamp pad and press it onto the paper in the barn.**

- *“We heard how the farmer had so much food that it filled his barn. Let's fill your barn with grain. Press your finger on the inkpad and then press it down on your barn. (Pause.) Keep adding the grain until it's all filled up. (Pause.) Good job, friends.”*

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

- *“God gave the farmer way more food than he needed. The farmer could have shared and helped a lot of people, but he didn't. Sometimes God gives us more than we need, too, so we can share with others. That's the important thing Jesus taught us in this story. God wants us to share. I'm so glad we have Jesus to teach us important things.*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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STEP 2 - Week 2 Activity

Find the lost sheep

SUPPLIES: White puff balls/ball pit balls/ping pong balls, one plush sheep

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“In our Bible story today, Jesus told a story about a shepherd and his sheep. He was counting his sheep and noticed one was missing.*
- *Today we are going to play a game and help the shepherd find his lost sheep!*

⇒ **Show children the white balls and the one plush sheep.**

- *“These are going to be our sheep. When you close your eyes I am going to scatter them around the room.*
- *Then I am going to hide this one lost sheep somewhere and we are going to try to find him!*
- *Are you ready? Close your eyes!*

⇒ **Have children close their eyes. Scatter the white balls and carefully hide the plush sheep.**

- *“Ready! Gather up the sheep and search for the lost one!*

⇒ **Once the lost sheep has been found gather children around you and say:**

- *“Jesus taught us that we are all important to God – just like the lost sheep!*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

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

- *“You did a great job searching for the lost sheep. Jesus teaches us that in the same way that the lost sheep was important to the shepherd, we are all important to God. Wow, I am so thankful for the important things Jesus teaches us!*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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STEP 2 – Week 3 Activity

Fill the barns

SUPPLIES: Basket with barn picture attached, balls/play food

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Today Jesus told a story about a man who built bigger barns to hold all of his food.*

⇒ **Show children the basket with the barn picture.**

- *“Here is my barn and we are going to pretend this is all of our food. I am going to scatter the food around the floor and I want you to help me gather it into the barn.*
- *Close your eyes while I scatter the food!*

⇒ **Scatter the food around the room. Have children collect it and return it to the “barn.”**

- *“Open your eyes and go gather the food! Bring it back to the barn!*
- *Nice job, friends! Jesus wanted us to know that it wasn’t good to keep everything to ourselves. Jesus teaches us that we can share with others!*

⇒ **Continue as long as children are interested.**

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

- *“Jesus teaches us that we can share our things. Jesus teaches us SO many important things. Tell me...*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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Step 2 - Activities

Hula Hoop Bottom Line

SUPPLIES: 5 Hula Hoops

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Lay the 5 Hula hoops out in a row so that kids can easily jump from one to the next. Have kids join you near the hula hoops.**
 - *“Friends, we are going to use these hula hoops to answer our big question for this month. Do you remember what it was?”*
 - *Who teaches you amazing things?*
 - *Jesus teaches me amazing things!*
 - *Nice job!*

- ⇒ **Demonstrate hopping from hula hoop to hula hoop.**
 - *“Here is what you are going to do. I will ask you ‘Who teaches you amazing things?’ and then you are going to hop and answer...”*
 - *(Hop) Jesus (Hop) teaches (Hop) me (Hop) amazing (Hop) things!*

- ⇒ **Let each child take a turn hopping from hoop to hoop and answering the question.**

- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice job, friends! All month long we are learning so many amazing things that Jesus teaches us, like today we learned that...”*
 - *Week 2: Jesus teaches us that we are important to God!*
 - *Week 3: Jesus teaches us to share our things.*
 - *I am so thankful that we have Jesus to teach us important things!*
 - ***Who teaches you important things?***
 - ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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STEP 3

Read-Ask-Practice-Pray

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- Week 2: The Beginner's Bible, *The Lost Sheep*, p. 391
- Week 3: Too Many Carrots, by Katy Hudson

ASK A QUESTION

Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"The crowds were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.