

January Week 2

Story Time

Jan 9

CRAFT WEEK 2

Lost Sheep

SUPPLIES: Lost Sheep page, cotton balls (8 per child), glue sticks

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

CRAFT WEEK 3

Fill the Barn

SUPPLIES: Barn page, glue sticks, craft sticks (6 per child), dot sticker strip

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out barn page, glue sticks, and 6 popsicle sticks each.**

- *"In our Bible story today, Jesus told a story about a farmer who grew a lot of food and stored it all in a big barn. Let's make a big barn and fill it with food.*
- *I want you to take your glue stick and trace along the lines of the barn. Then we are going to lay the sticks down on those lines and build our barns."*

NOTE: If you have an exceptionally large class and too few volunteers, you can skip the glue and popsicle sticks and just go directly to the next step.

⇒ **Pass out sticker strips.**

The farmer in our story filled his barn with food. Let's pretend these stickers are food and fill up our barn!"

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

- *"The farmer in our story grew so much food that it filled his barn. Instead of sharing the extra, he built a bigger barn and kept all the food for himself. This was way more food than he needed, but he wanted to keep it all. God gave the farmer more than he needed. He could have shared and helped a lot of people. Sometimes, God gives us more than we need, and we can share with others. That's the important thing Jesus wanted to teach us in this story. God wants us to share. I'm so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things*
- **Who teaches you important things?**
- **Jesus teaches me important things!"**

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ACTIVITY #1 Wk 2

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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ACTIVITY #1 Wk 3

Fill the barns

SUPPLIES: Basket with barn picture attached, balls or 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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ACTIVITY #2

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 1: Jesus teaches us that God loves us, no matter what!*
 - *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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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. ‘The crowds were amazed at his teaching.’ Matthew 7:28*
 - *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 teaches you important things?*
 - *Jesus teaches me important things!”*

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

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible: The Lost Sheep, p. 391*

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

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

⇒ Memory Verse

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

CONNECT IT QUESTION: What is one thing that's important to you?

⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of things that are important to us. Maybe it's your favorite blanket or toy, a special book or someone you live with. It can be anything or anyone that is important to you. So, when I say your name, I want you to **tell me one thing that is important to you**, and I will write it down.

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

⇒ Wow! What a special list! Let's pray and thank God for these friends!

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

- Dear God, we have things and people that are important to us, like (read the list the children made). All of these things and people are very important. That's why it's so special that we're important to You! (Name each child) . . . and I are all important to You. Thank You for loving us and thinking we are important. Help us treat everyone like they are important, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JANUARY WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ Too Many Carrots, by Katy Hudson

- *“This reminds me of Jesus’ story today! Just like the man who kept building bigger barns, the rabbit couldn’t fit all his carrots. He eventually realized he needed to share, too!”*

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

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

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“The crowds were amazed at his teaching.”
Matthew 7:28**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

CONNECT IT QUESTION: What is one thing you can share?

⇒ “Since Jesus teaches us that it’s important to share, I think we should make a list of things we can share. The man in our story could have shared his food. So, what can we share? When I say your name, **tell me one thing you can share**, and I will write it down.

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

⇒ Wow! What a special list! Let’s pray.

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

- “Dear God, we don’t want to be like the man in Jesus’ story who didn’t share his food. We want to be kind and share with others. Help us share things like (read the list the children made). And God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and teach us important things about You. You are the best, and we love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”