

January Week 4

Story Time

Jan 23

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES:

Helpful Bag Parent Note, band-aids, facial tissues, wrapped suckers, heart stickers, crayons, craft take home bags

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the white bags to each child.**

- *"Today in our Bible story Jesus taught us that we can help others, just like the Good Samaritan. Today we are going to make helpful bags so that we can help others.*

⇒ **Pass out each item and discuss how it can be used to help others.**

- *Band-aid: How could I use this to help? Yes! It can go on an owie to help someone feel better.*
- *Sucker: Yummy! How could a sucker help? (Pause.) Yes, it would definitely help me feel better if I was sad!*
- *Sticker: How could a heart sticker help someone? (Pause.) Yes! Hearts say 'I love you!' When someone is upset or angry, we can help them by telling them 'I love you.'*
- *Tissues: How can a tissue help someone? (Pause.) Yes! When someone has a sniffle or is crying you can give them a tissue to help them.*
- *Parent Note: Let's put one of each of these things in our bags. Here is a note for your parents so they can read about our Bible story today! Now you can use the crayons to decorate your bag!*

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

- *"Your helper bags are great! I hope you will remember this bag and use the things inside to help someone this week. Then you can help someone just like the Samaritan man did in our story today. Jesus told us this story about the Samaritan and how he helped the hurt man because He wanted us to know that we can help everyone. Jesus teaches us all kinds of important things.*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!"***

January Week 5

Story Time

Jan 30

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES: House on the Rock page, crayons, people stickers (3-4 per child)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out House on the Rock page.**

- *“Friends, today in our Bible story Jesus taught us how to live. We heard about two men who built houses. One on the sand and the other on the rock. Do you remember which house had the stronger foundation? That’s right! The rock!*

⇒ **Give each child a folding house and crayons.**

- *“I have a house here for you to make and decorate. Let’s fold the paper at the lines. I can help you! (Help with folding as needed – the roof and outside walls of house should show on the outside.)*
- *Now let’s use our crayons and decorate the outside of our houses!*
- *These look great everybody! Nice houses!*

⇒ **Pass out sticker options for children to choose from.**

- *“This is a house built on the Rock – on Jesus! We can live our life the way Jesus tells us to.*
- *Can you find a sticker that looks like you and put it in the house? Maybe you see a few stickers that looks like your family and friends? You can put them in, too!*

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

- *“Friends, both houses looked great but then it started to rain, harder and harder. The house built on the sand fell down because the rain washed the sand away. But the house on the rock was still standing. The rain couldn’t wash away the rock. Jesus told us this story so He could teach us how to live and be strong like the house built on the rock. We can love everyone like God loves us and treat them like they are important to God. We can share and help, just like Jesus teaches us to do. 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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STEP 2 - Week 4 Activity

Ball Pass

SUPPLIES: Ball pit balls, baskets (2)

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**
 - *“God teaches us to help everyone! Today we are going to play a game where we need to help each other! First, let’s get in a straight line.”*
- ⇒ **Put one basket at one end and then bring the basket with balls to the other end.**
 - *“We need to move these balls down the line to get them to the basket. We need to help each other to get them all there! I want you to pass every ball from one person to the next and then toss them into the basket. Let’s work together!”*
- ⇒ **Have children form an assembly line to pass the balls from one end to the other and fill the basket. Cheer them on and encourage their teamwork.**
 - *“Great work filling the basket, friends! Jesus teaches us that we can help each other!*
 - ***Who teaches you important things?***
 - ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Friends, you are amazing helpers! In our Bible story, Jesus taught about a man who helped someone. We can help others, too! Jesus teaches us that we can help everyone!*
 - ***Who teaches you important things?***
 - ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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STEP 2 - Week 5 Activity

Rock Hop

SUPPLIES: Grey “rock” sheets, floor tape

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Today in our Bible story, Jesus told a story about two different houses. Do you remember what they were built on? Right! One was built on sand and the other was built on rock. Do you remember which was stronger? Yes! It was the rock.”*

⇒ **Show children the path of rocks.**

- *“Do you see this path on the floor? We are going to pretend that these are rocks. And let’s pretend that the carpet is sand. We need to stay on the rocks! Let’s hop from rock to rock and make it to the end of the path – stay off the sand!”*

⇒ **Demonstrate hopping from rock to rock and then let each child take a turn. After they hop across ask...**

- *“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.**

- *“Great job staying on the Rock! Jesus teaches us that building our life on him is the best way!”*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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Step 2 - Activities

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD player, EC Worship Music CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“When I think about all the amazing things Jesus has taught me I feel so happy. It makes me want to dance!! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!*
 - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!*

- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
 - *“FREEZE!*
 - *Who teaches you important things?*
 - *Jesus teaches me important things!*
 - *Let’s dance!*

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

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Great dancing, everyone! We have learned so many important things from Jesus. I am so grateful!*
 - *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 4: The Beginner's Bible, The Good Samaritan, p. 379*
- *No Week 4 Story*

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.