

July Week 2
Backyard
Making Waves

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CRAFT

Shine Bright!

SUPPLIES: clear punch cups, clear craft glue, paint brushes, paper plates, yellow tissue paper, tea lights, goodness stickers, wet wipes

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the table and pass out one cup to each child.**
 - *“Friends, today we learned that we can let our light shine so that others can see God’s goodness in us! We are going to make a special craft to help us remember to shine the light of Jesus to everyone we meet!”*
 - *Here is a cup for you to start.*

- ⇒ **Put glue on paper plates and give each child a paint brush. Demonstrate how to paint a thin layer of glue on the inside. (doing it on the inside will make it less messy to take home!)**
 - *“Now I want you to paint a thin layer of glue on the inside of your cup.*
 - NOTE: You may consider doing this step for the 3-year-olds if you have a large class and are worried about the mess!

- ⇒ **Put a pile of tissue paper squares on the table. Demonstrate how to lay flat pieces of tissue over the entire glue area. DO not crumple the pieces.**
 - *“Now we need to cover all the glue with tissue paper! This is going to make it look like a glowing light!”*

- ⇒ **Optional: go over the tissue paper with an additional thin coat of glue.**

- ⇒ **Give each child a goodness sticker.**
 - *“Here is our sticker that says GOODNESS. This will help us to remember that when we shine our light people will see the goodness of God in us!”*

- ⇒ **Give each child a tea light.**
 - *“Here’s my favorite part! Look on the bottom of your candle and flip the little switch to turn on the candle. Now put your candle inside the cup. Wow! Look at those!”*

- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *“These look fantastic, friends!”*
 - ***Who can help you do everything?***
 - ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Shine your light!

SUPPLIES: Use the completed craft for this activity

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from tables after the craft or gathered in the center of the room. Each child should have their light that they just created for their craft.**
 - *“Friends, let’s use our new lights and talk about our lesson from today!”*
- ⇒ **Discuss the story from today. Turn out the lights except for one tea light. Follow directions and as you tell the story turn on the lights and have children use their hand to cover up the light and then lift their hand and let their light shine.**
 - *“In our story, Jesus said that when we show God’s goodness to others, it’s like we are shining a light that shows everyone God is good. (Turn on one light.)*
 - *We show others that God is good when we choose goodness by helping, sharing, or saying kind words.*
 - *But what about when we are not kind to our friends, don’t share, or don’t help, Jesus said it’s like we are covering up our light. (Cover light by putting hand in front of the candle.)*
 - *Jesus said, ‘Let your light shine!’ And he knew that when we do that, it would help others to shine their light, too! I am going to come shine my light on you and when I do you can turn on your candle so all of our lights are shining! (Turn on all of the candles.)*
 - *Wow! Look how your lights shine! You must have the light of Jesus inside of you!”*
- ⇒ **Finish the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**
 - *“And friends, here is the best part. We don’t have to do this by ourselves! When Jesus is our friend forever, he can help us to show God’s goodness to everyone! He can help us do everything! Friends, tell me....*
 - ***Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Bottom Line Hop

SUPPLIES: 6 hula hoops placed very closely together on the floor

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends, all summer long we have been learning that we can love like Jesus and we can show everyone around us his love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness.*
- *And do we have to do these things alone? No way! Who can help you do everything?*
- *Jesus can help me do everything!”*

⇒ **Show children the hula hoops. Demonstrate how to hop from hoop to hoop as you say each word.**

- *“Friends, I am going to ask you, ‘Who can help you do everything?’ and I want you to jump like this as you say –*
- *‘Jesus (hop) can (hop) help (hop) me (hop) do (hop) everything (hop)!*

⇒ **Have each child take a turn.**

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

- *“Friends, I am so thankful God sent Jesus to be our friend forever because Jesus can help us do everything!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

*Fruit of the Spirit Dance Party +
Memory Verse Review*

SUPPLIES: Fruit of the Spirit Picture Cards (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness), Summer 2022 CD

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends! All summer long we are learning about something called the fruit of the spirit. Each week we are going learn about a different way that Jesus can help us! Do you remember how Jesus can help us this week? He can help us show God’s GOODNESS! (hold up the candle card.). When we know Jesus, he can help us shine a light and show other’s God’s goodness!!*
- *Now we know that when we trust Jesus, he can help us to (hold up heart) LOVE, he can also help us to (hold up smiley face) have JOY, he can help us to choose (hold up teddy bear card) PEACE, he can help us to be (hold up clock card) PATIENT, he can help us choose KINDNESS (hold up hands holding heart card), and he can help us show God’s GOODNESS (candle card)! Jesus can help us do everything! Hey! That reminds me of our memory verse!”*

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

- *“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’”
John 14:6*
 - *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*

⇒ **Have a dance party! Play Track 1 on Summer 2022 CD.**

- *“Let’s get up and dance to our summer song! Can you try to remember the fruit of the spirit with me? Let’s dance!”*

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

- *“Nice work, my friends!*
- ***Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!***

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

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *God's Fruit in Me*, by Vince Rozier

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can help you do everything?**
Jesus can help me do everything!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’” John 14:6**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ “Today we will make a list of ways we can choose kindness. Kindness can be giving a hug, smiling, sharing, or saying kind words. The Samaritan helped someone as a way of choosing kindness. So tell me, what can we do to show kindness. When I say your name, **tell me one way you can show kindness.**

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

⇒ Wow! This is an amazing list of kindness! Let's use our list when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: “

- “Dear God, thank you for sharing Your Son, Jesus, with us so He can be our friend forever and help us do everything. We want to share with others, too, so everyone can see Your goodness. Help *[child's name]* share *[what child listed]*. *(repeat with each child)*. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.”