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Backyard

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CRAFT

Emotion Flip In Review

SUPPLIES:

Emotion Flip in Review page, crayons, Emotion stickers

SET-UP:

Fold the paper in half so that the people pictures are on top and the blank part is underneath. You have the option to either pre-cut the flaps or have the kids cut them (depending on the size and average age of children.)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Begin by passing out the Emotion Flip in Review page and crayons.**

- *"We have been learning that it's okay to feel all kinds of emotions and that God loves us no matter what! To know that God loves us no matter how we feel is an amazing feeling!"*
- *In our true Bible stories we have learned about real men and women who had real feelings! And God loved them no matter what!"*

⇒ **Encourage children to find each person as you discuss them. They can color the picture. Then lift up the flap and add the correct emotion sticker on the paper.**

- *"The first picture is a picture of **Hannah**. Do you remember how she felt? Sad, that's right. Hannah was sad because she wanted to have a family. Let's color Hannah. Now let's lift the flap with Hannah on it. Find the sad face sticker. Now add it to the empty part of your paper. Great job!"*
- *The next picture is of **Gideon**. Do you remember how he felt? Afraid, that's right. Gideon was afraid that the Midianite army would take his food. Lift the flap with Gideon on it. Find the afraid face sticker. Now add it to the empty part of your paper.*
- *The next picture is of **Moses**. Do you remember how he felt? Frustrated, that's right. Moses was frustrated that the Israelites kept complaining, even when God gave them things they needed. Lift the flap with Moses on it. Find the frustrated face sticker. Now add it to the empty part of your paper*
- *The last picture is of **Abraham and Sarah**. Do you remember how they felt? (Pause.) Happy, that's right. Abraham and Sarah were happy because God gave them a baby boy. Lift the flap with Abraham and Sarah on it. (Pause.) Find the happy face sticker. (Pause.) Now add it to the empty part of your paper.*

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

- *"God loved Hannah when she was sad, Gideon when he was afraid, Moses when he was frustrated, and Abraham and Sarah when they were happy. And God loves us when we have all those feelings, too. God loves us no matter what.*
- ***Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Name that Emoji

SUPPLIES: Emoji pages, Abraham and Sarah Picture, Heart stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from tables or the center of the room. Gather children around you and show them emoji pages.**
 - *“Friends! I have a bunch of emoji faces here. We are going to play a game called name that emoji.*
 - *Look at all of these different faces I have here. Each one expresses a different emoji! How cool!”*

- ⇒ **Go through each emoji one at a time and have them make faces.**
 - *Can you help me find the **afraid** face? There it is! Can you make your own **afraid** face? Good job!*
 - *Does God love you when you feel **afraid**? Yes! God loves us no matter what!*
 - ***Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!***

- ⇒ **Repeat with each emoji: Sad, Frustrated, Angry, Excited, Worried.**

- ⇒ **End with HAPPY and discuss today’s Bible story with the picture of Abraham and Sarah. Give each child a heart sticker.**
 - *(Hold up Abraham/Sarah picture) Do you remember what Abraham and Sarah were feeling in our Bible story today? They were feeling happy! Can you help me find the **happy** face? They had wanted and waited and prayed for a baby for such a long time. And then God blessed them with a baby and they were so very happy!*
 - *Can you make your own **happy** face? Good job! Does God love you when YOU feel **happy**? Yes! God loves us no matter what! I am going to give you a heart sticker to remind you that God loves you no matter what!*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“We can always talk to God because God loves us no matter what!*
 - ***“Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

How Would you Feel?

SUPPLIES: Scenario Cards, Emoji Feeling “puppets”

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you together on the floor or around a table.**

Lay out the Emoji Face puppets.

- *“Boys and Girls, come join me over here around these emoji faces!*
- *There are so many different big feelings that we can feel. God knew we would feel these big feelings and he loves us no matter how we feel! God loves you no matter what!*

⇒ **Pull one scenario card out at a time. Read it aloud. Have them help you pick out an emoji that represents how they would feel for the given scenario.**

- *“I have some special cards here. I am going to read them one at a time and I want you to think about how it would make you feel. Then, help me pick an emoji to show it! Are you ready? Here we go!*
- *[Pick a card and read it] How does that make you feel? Which of the emojis shows how you feel? [Choose one child to hold it up for everyone.] Hold this emoji up for us. It’s okay to feel [emotion] because God loves you no matter what!*

⇒ **Continue with each scenario card.**

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

- *“I am so glad that God loves us no matter what. And we can trust him no matter how we are feeling. Boys and girls, tell me one more time...*
- ***Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!”***

**If you have a very large class, this activity will likely work better broken into 2 smaller groups or in stations. ORL and NL have 2 sets of puppets for this purpose.

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ACTIVITY #3

Feelings 4 Corners

SUPPLIES: Feelings 4 Corners pages, wall tape, floor tape

SET-UP: Tape a large heart on the floor in the middle of the activity area.
Tape one Feelings page in each corner of the room.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the large heart in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have some pictures around our room! They are pictures of feelings that we all have sometimes. Let’s look at the feelings. There is a picture of a sad face. Here is the picture of a happy face. Here is a picture of a frustrated face. Here is a picture of an afraid face.”*
- ⇒ **Describe a feeling and have children run to the corner that has the corresponding emoji.**
 - *“I want you to listen very carefully to what I say and go to the picture I am talking about. Are you ready? Sad face!*
 - *God loves you even when you are sad. God loves you no matter what. We can trust God even when we are sad. Let’s all say our memory verse together – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5.*
 - *Great job! Now run back to the heart!*
- ⇒ **Repeat script above with Sad, Frustrated, and Happy.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends! It’s awesome to know that God loves us no matter how we are feeling and we can trust him!*
 - ***Who loves you no matter what?***
 - ***God loves me no matter what!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY SEPTEMBER WEEK 4

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: The Visitors, p. 46*

⇒ *How Do I Love You?* by PK Hallinan

- Read the story and then say: This is how God feels about you! God loves you so very much! He loves you no matter what!

REVIEW *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who loves you no matter what?
God loves me no matter what!**

⇒ Memory Verse

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

CONNECT IT

⇒ Today in our true Bible story, Abraham and Sarah felt happy! Let's make a list of things that make us feel happy. When I say your name, I want you to **tell me one thing that makes you feel happy.**

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

PRAY

⇒ "Happy feels good, and knowing that we can always talk to God about everything in our hearts, makes me feel super, duper happy!"

⇒ Let's pray!

- *"Dear God, today we want to thank You for some of the things that make us feel happy. Thank You that [child's name] feels happy when (read what they listed), and [child's name] feels happy when (read what they listed). And thank You that . . . (continue naming each child and what they listed). Thank You for always loving us and that we can talk to You about everything. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*