

January Week 1
Backyard
Wonderful Workshop
January 8th

CRAFT

Story Wheel

SUPPLIES: Blue/Purple Circle, Water jug, metal brad, purple and blue crayons

TIPS: Pre-assemble one story wheel so you can demonstrate. Only give children blue and purple crayons so that they will use the correct colors!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Review the Bible story.**

- *“In our true Bible story today, we learned about a time when Jesus turned water into super-fancy party drink. Wow! That was amazing!”*

⇒ **Pass out circle. Have children color one side blue and the other side purple.**

- *“This is your circle. We are going to color one side blue and the other side purple. Do you see the colored dots on there? Match your crayon coloring with the dots you see. Great job!”*

⇒ **Help children attach the color wheel to the back of the water jug using a metal brad.**

- *“Here is a water jug. We are going to attach your circle to the water jug with this metal brad. I can help you!”*

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

- *“Now let’s use these story wheels to retell our Bible story.*
- *One day, Jesus was at a wedding with His mom and friends, the disciples. Jesus’ mom came to Him and said that they had run out of the fancy wedding drink. She told the helpers to do whatever Jesus told them. Jesus told the helpers to fill up some jars with water! Hold up your jar and show me the blue water!*
- *Then, Jesus did something amazing that only He can do. Jesus turned the water into super fancy wedding drink. Let’s spin our wheel to the party drink! Wow! Jesus turned water into super-fancy party drink. Jesus can do amazing things! Now you can retell the story at home to your families! Jesus can do amazing things that only he can do!*
- ***Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Experiment: Water to Wine

SUPPLIES: Large clear jar, water, color changer tablet

SET-UP: Fill the jar with warm water

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children gather around the table.**

- *“Friends, we learned in our true Bible story today about a time that Jesus turned water into a super-fancy party drink. Only Jesus can do that!*
- *Well today we are going to do a fun experiment to see if we can pretend to turn our water into fancy party drink, too!*

⇒ **Drop a red color changer tablet into the water.**

- *“I’ve got a jar of water right here. Do you think it will turn into fancy, fizzy party drink? Hmmmmm let’s see!*
- *WOW! Look at that! Now it looks like we’ve got a fancy party drink!”*

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

- *“That was so amazing! You know – we were able to do a trick to make the water turn (say the color). I actually used a color changer tablet to do that trick, and this wouldn’t taste good at all! But Jesus? He performed a miracle! Jesus is so amazing that he turned the water into super-fancy party drink. Only Jesus could do that!*
- ***Who is amazing?***
- ***Jesus is amazing!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Fill the water relay

SUPPLIES: blue ball pit balls/puff balls, 2 sets of buckets/baskets

SET-UP: Set up two baskets on one side of the room and 2 baskets directly across on the other side of the room

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Divide children into 2 separate teams. (OPTION: In smaller classes you can all work together as a team.). Ask each team to make a single file line behind their basket. Fill that bucket with blue puff balls.**
 - *“We heard an awesome true Bible story today about how Jesus performed an amazing miracle. He turned water into super-fancy party drink!*
 - *Today we are going to play a game that helps us remember that story. We have to fill up the water jugs!*
- ⇒ **Demonstrate how to have the first child in each line pick up one single ball and walk it quickly over to the basket and drop it in. Then when they return, the next child does the same thing. Repeat until the whole basket/bucket has been filled.**
 - *“Let’s pretend these are our water jugs. (Point to baskets.)*
 - *When I say, ‘GO,’ the first person in each line will grab one ball, run across to the other, and put it inside. Then you can come back to the end of the line. Then the next person will do the same thing. We will keep going until we have filled the whole bucket. Let’s see how fast we can fill up the water jugs! Ready, GO!*
- ⇒ **Repeat the activity if children are still interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Great job filling up the water jug! We may be able to fill up the water jug, but we can’t turn it into super-fancy party drink. Only Jesus can do that! Jesus is so amazing!*
 - *Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: None needed

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!”*

⇒ **Use a clever song to help the children remember:**

- Sung to the tune of “If you’re happy and you know it”

Everyone who heard him was amazed. (clap clap)

Everyone who heard him was amazed. (clap clap)

Everyone who heard him, Yes, Everyone who heard him, Yes

Everyone who heard him was amazed. (clap clap)

- Repeat with Stomp Stomp and Hooray!

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

- *“Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47*
 - *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.**

- *“Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

JANUARY WEEK 1

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- ⇒ Read from the Bible and the picture book.
 - *The Beginner's Bible: Jesus' First Miracle, p. 314*

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - Who is amazing?**
 - Jesus is amazing!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **“Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47**

CONNECT IT

- ⇒ “Today we will make a list of things we think are amazing! It can be anything that makes you say WOW! Maybe it's watching an airplane fly or someone who can run super-fast or the most beautiful animal you've ever seen. When I say your name, I want you to tell me something you think is amazing and I will write it down.
 - *Write each child's answer on the white board or paper.*

PRAY

- ⇒ “Thanks for helping me make this list! These are some pretty amazing things! Now I am going to add JESUS at the top because he is the MOST amazing thing! Let's pray!
 - “Dear God, You made such an amazing world full of amazing things. Thank You for amazing things like (*read the list of things the children said*). But more than anything, thank You for sending Jesus, who is the MOST amazing, to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen.”