

July 15, 2018

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Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in 2s this week.

Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

9:00 & 11:30

- Cups

10:15

- I Love

Bible (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

- Bible History presentation in class

Groups (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)

9:00 & 11:30

- Here is My Heart
- Time's Up!

10:15

- Here is My Heart
- Feelings

Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

Snack (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

Let one teacher lead children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

9:00 & 11:30

Cups

What You Need: 4 plastic cups and 4 prepared ping-pong balls (heart, happy face, sad face, and an angry face)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Turn the cups upside down and place one ball under each cup. Ask the children to pick up one cup. Look at the ball under the cup and say, "I see a happy face! God loves us when we are happy." Continue the activity with the other three cups. Put the balls back under the cups and move them around. Do it again. Repeat as long as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I wonder what could be hiding under these cups. (*Point.*) Let's find out!"

During the Activity: (Lift up the first cup.) "I see a happy face! God loves us when we are HAPPY! Let's lift up another cup. I see heart. This tells us that God loves us ALL THE TIME! I cannot wait to find out what is under the next cup. (*Lift up cup.*) It is a sad face. God loves us when we are SAD. Let's see what is under the last cup. I see a MAD face! God loves us even when we are MAD!"

After the Activity: "Today our Bible Truth is going to tell us how God loves us ALL the time, no matter how we are feeling! Are you ready to hear a Truth from God's Word?" (*Pause.*)

Transition: Move to Bible time by chanting, "God loves me ALL THE TIME!" as you walk to the Bible area.

10:15**I Love****What You Need:** "I Love" Activity Pages and foam hearts**What You Do:**

During the Activity: Give each child a different Activity Page. You may use duplicates. Ask the children to place a foam heart onto items on the page that they love. Try to spend a little time with each child to let them show you the things that they love.

After the Activity: When the children have finished, invite them to brush the hearts off of the page with their hands and switch pages with a friend. Repeat the activity. Allow each child to place hearts on each of the four pages.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I LOVE PIZZA! We are going to do an activity that lets you show me the things that you LOVE!"

During the Activity: "Look at the pictures on the page. If you see something that you LOVE, place a heart (*hold up*) on top of it. (*Do activity.*) Great job! Now use your hand to brush off the hearts (*demonstrate*) and we can switch pages with our friends! (*Finish activity.*) I will come around to look at your page so that you can show me the things that you LOVE!"

After the Activity: "Great job! You LOVE some really awesome things! Today we're going to hear a Bible Truth about who LOVES us!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Bible by asking the children to name things they love as they walk to the Bible area.

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Bible (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Need: CD player and this month's worship song, "Oh the Bible."

LEADER: "Hello, friends. It's so wonderful to see you here today. I love singing with you. But first, tell me: **What is with you wherever you go? [Bottom Line] God's Word is with me wherever I go.** That's right! **[Bottom Line] God's Word is with me wherever I go.** Yes! Let's sing about that.

Lead children in singing "Oh the Bible."

"So good! I'm so proud of how well you're learning this song. Great job, everyone. Now tell me one more time: **What is with you wherever you go? [Bottom Line] God's Word is with me wherever I go.**"

Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story and prayer experience.

What You Need: A Bible, "Clock Story Symbol" Activity Page and the Story Symbols from June Weeks 1-4 and July Weeks 1-2

What You Do:

During Bible: Place the "Clock Story Symbol" inside the Bible. You will open the Bible and show the children the symbol during the story time. Have the "Bible Story Symbol," "Heart Story Symbol," "Praying Hands Story Symbol," "Smiley Face Story Symbol," "Globe Story Symbol," and "Handprint Story Symbol" from June Weeks 1-4 and July Weeks 1-2 ready to review with the children.

Options for Review: You can tape the symbols to a wall at the children's eye level, place them on a storyboard, or simply lay them on the floor in front of the children as you review them.

LEADER: "It's Bible time! I want *(name each child if you can)* to come sit with me. I have a very special book with me. It's called the . . . *(hold up Bible)* BIBLE!

(Lay the Bible open in front of you and clap as you cheer for the Bible.)

"Yay for the Bible! The Bible has God's words in it, and it is always true.

(Hold up the "Bible Story Symbol" from June Week 1.)

"God gave us the Bible to show us which way to go.

(Lay the Bible picture down in front of the children and hold up the "Heart Story Symbol.")

"This heart reminds us that the Bible tells us to love everyone. Give yourself a really big hug like this. *(Hug yourself.)* God wants us to love everyone!

(Lay the heart picture down beside the Bible picture and hold up the "Praying Hands Story Symbol.")

"These praying hands reminds us that the Bible tells us we can talk to God. Say, 'Hey, God! I love you!'

(Lay the praying hands picture down beside the heart picture and hold up the "Smiley Face Story Symbol.")

"This smiley face picture reminds us that the Bible tells us to share with others and sharing makes people have a smiley face! Show me your smiley face. *(Smile at the children.)* I love your smiley faces!

(Lay the smiley face picture down beside the praying hands and hold up the "Globe Story Symbol.")

"This picture of the world reminds us that we can take God's Word with us wherever we go. Make a great big circle over your head with your arms like this. *(Demonstrate.)* The world is very, very big! It's where all the people live. The Bible says we can take God's Word with us wherever we go!

(Lay the globe picture down beside the smiley face picture and hold up the "Handprint Story Symbol.")

"This handprint picture reminds us that God made us. Hold up your hands and wiggle your fingers like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Yes, The Bible says God made you!

(Lay the handprint picture down beside the globe picture and hold up the "Clock Story Symbol.")

“This is a picture of a clock. Can you say, ‘clock’?”

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Clock!”

LEADER: “Clocks tell us what time it is. They tell us it’s time to wake up. Stretch like you just got out of bed. (*Demonstrate.*) Clocks tell us it’s time to eat. Pretend to eat your favorite food. (*Demonstrate.*) This clock will remind us that the Bible tells us God loves us all the time. When we’re eating, playing, sleeping—all the time!

(Lay the clock picture down beside the globe picture.)

“When we remember that God loves us ALL the time, we can take God’s Word with us wherever we go. **What is with you wherever you go?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] “**God’s Word is with me wherever I go!**”

LEADER: “It’s time to close our eyes and put our hands in our lap so we can talk to God.”

Prayer

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for loving us ALL the time. I pray each child here will grow up knowing how big Your love is for them. We love You so much, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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Groups (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)

The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

9:00 & 11:30

1. Here Is My Heart

What You Need: Heart stickers (1 per child)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Say the memory verse several times with the children. Give each child a sticker and tell them that the Bible tells us that God loves us all the time.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse together!"

During the Activity: "I have hidden your word in my heart, Psalm 119:11. Great job! (Repeat several times.) Here is a heart sticker to remind us that the Bible tells us that God loves us ALL the time." (Give each child a sticker.)

After the Activity: "God's Word tells us that God loves us all the time. We carry God's Word with us everywhere in our heart! **What is with you wherever you go? [Bottom Line] God's Word is with me wherever I go!**"

Proceed with activity Number Two

2. Time's Up!

What You Need: "Clock Symbol" Activity Page, wall tape, and a timer

(NOTE: You will add a different symbol to the wall each week throughout June and July. Make sure to place them at the children's eye level.)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Show the children the timer and how it works. Next, tell them you are going to set the timer and everyone has to do the action you say until the timer goes off. Actions ideas: clapping hands, jumping up and down, or flapping your arms like a bird. Continue playing as long as the children are interested.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "This is a timer. Watch what happens when I set the timer for five seconds. *(Wait with the children for the timer to go off.)* That sound means time's up. I'm going to set it again. Let's pretend we are birds and flap our arms like wings until the timer goes off. Ready? Let me set the timer. Okay, go! *(Flap your arms until the timer goes off.)* Time's up! Let's do it again, only this time let's hop like a bunny." *(Continue playing and as you do say, "Time's up," each time the timer goes off.)*

After the Activity: "Time's up! But time will never be up on God's love. The Bible says God loves us all the time. I'm going to put this clock picture on the wall with our other pictures to remind us that God loves us all the time. *(Tape the clock symbol to the wall.)* Let's see if we remember what our other story pictures mean. *(Point to the Bible.)* The Bible tells us that *(point to the heart)* love is always the way to go. We can *(point to praying hands)* talk to God anytime. Sharing our stuff makes people happy *(point to the smiley face)*. **[Bottom Line] God's Word is with me wherever I go** *(point to globe)* AND **[Basic Truth] God made me!** *(Point to handprint.) Yay!"*

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2. Feelings

What You Need: "Feelings" Activity Pages taped to the corners

What You Do:

During the Activity: "Have the children stand in the middle of the activity area. Call out one of the feelings represented by the emojis (sick, happy, sad, or mad). Encourage the children to run to the corner where that emoji is. When they reach the corner, say, "God loves you even when you are [sick]." Repeat with the other emojis.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "There are faces with feelings on our wall! I see a sad face (*point*), a happy face (*point*), a sick face (*point*) and a mad face (*point*)."

During the Activity: "Listen super carefully! When you hear me say one of the feelings, I want you to run to that corner where the face is. Are you ready? (*Pause.*) SICK! (*Pause.*) Great job! God loves you when you are sick. MAD! (*Pause.*) Awesome! God loves you when you are mad!" (*Finish the activity with the other two faces.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! The God tells us, in the Bible that He loves us all the time! He loves us when we are sick, happy, sad, and mad. And God's Word is with us all the time too! **What is with you wherever you go? [Bottom Line] God's Word is with me wherever I go!**"

Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your "We are on the Playground" sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

Snack (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)

Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)