

August 12, 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

- Bath

10:15

- Spots

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

- Bible History presentation in class

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

9:00 & 11:30

- Dunk

10:15

- Naaman

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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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

Bath

What You Need: Baby bathtub, washcloths or baby wipes, baby towels, plastic baby dolls, and play soap

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place all of the supplies in the activity area.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to pretend to give the babies a bath using all of the supplies. Be sure each child has a turn to bathe a baby.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Our babies are dirty and they need a bath."

During the Activity: "Let's all work together and give the babies a much-needed bath."
(*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Whew! That was hard work! Thank you so much for your help. We are going to hear a Bible Truth today about someone who took SEVEN baths. WOW! I cannot wait!"

Transition: Move to Bible time by counting to seven as you walk to the Bible time area.

10:15
Spots

What You Need: Yellow butcher paper person taped to the wall and red circle stickers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give the children the stickers and encourage them to place them all over the person on the wall.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Truth.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "There is a person on our wall." (*Point.*)

During the Activity: "Let's work together and cover him with LOTS of stickers!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! But, uh-oh! The stickers make the person on the wall look like he might be sick. Today we are going to hear a Bible Truth about someone who is sick. I cannot wait to hear how he gets better!"

Transition: Move to Bible time by chanting this month's Bottom Line, "God's way is perfect," as you walk to the Bible time area.

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Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship.

What You Need: CD player and this month's worship song, "Get Up."

LEADER: "Good morning, everyone. I just love dancing and singing with you each week. Before we start singing, I have one question for you: **Whose way is perfect?** **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** Yes! God loves us so much! Let's get up and celebrate Him.

(Lead children in singing "Get Up.")

"Wow! You are doing great with this song. It's so fun to sing together with you! **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.**"

Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

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

What You Need: A Bible, an army hat, and red dot stickers

LEADER: "Hello, everyone! I'm so happy to see you today. Come sit here with me. If you're feeling happy, say, 'Oh, yeah!'"

CHILDREN: "Oh, yeah!"

LEADER: "If you're ready to hear an awesome and TRUTH straight from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) today, say, 'Uh-huh!'"

CHILDREN: "Uh-huh!"

LEADER: "Awesome! Well, today's Bible Truth is about a man named Naaman. What was his name?"

CHILDREN: "Naaman!"

LEADER: "That's right. Now Naaman was the commander of a huge army. *(Place the army hat on your head.)* Everyone stand up and be my army today. *(Pause.)*

ATTENTION! Ready, let's march in place. Left, left, left, right, left. Left, left, left, right, left. Ten hut! Okay, keep marching and repeat after me, 'I don't know, but I've been told.'"

CHILDREN: "I don't know, but I've been told."

LEADER: "Being in charge never gets old."

CHILDREN: "Being in charge never gets old."

LEADER: "Great job, army. Have a seat! So as I was saying, Naaman was in charge of the army and everyone did whatever he said. There was only one problem. *(Start sticking the dot stickers all over your arms.)* Naaman had leprosy. He was sick and had these boo-boos all over his body. And the boo-boos hurt a lot. He could have gone to the doctor but there was no medicine that could help.

(Put the stickers down.) "Naaman heard about a prophet named Elisha who loved God and might be able to help him. So Naaman went to go find Elisha. *(Stand up.)* Everyone follow me to Elisha's house.

(Walk the children around the room to another open area. If you don't have one, simply walk around and return to the same spot.)

"When Naaman arrived at Elisha's house, Elisha didn't come to greet him. Instead, he sent a messenger out to talk to Naaman. Do you know what the messenger said? The messenger said, 'God can make you all better! All you have to do is go down to the Jordan River and take SEVEN baths!'

"Wait, how many baths? *(Pause as children respond.)* SEVEN? Sometimes I don't even want to take ONE bath! 'That is NOT a good idea,' Naaman thought. That would mean going in the water seven times, washing with soap seven times, and getting dried off seven times. It was TOO hard!

"Naaman did NOT want to do what God said. But after thinking about it, Naaman went to the Jordan River and took seven baths in the water. Can you count with me? Ready?

(Pretend to scrub your arms as if taking a shower. As you do, you should remove the dot stickers into your hands. Count slowly, pausing in between each number to "scrub.")

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven! And just like that *(look down at your arms)* Naaman was healed! He was ALL better. There were no more boo-boos!

“God’s way may be hard sometimes. But God’s way is ALWAYS perfect. **Whose way is perfect?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “**God’s way is perfect.**”

LEADER: “Again! **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.** It was hard for Naaman to do things God’s way. But he did, and he was healed! I’m so glad that *[Bottom Line]* **God’s way is perfect.** Let’s pray.”

Prayer

LEADER: “Dear God, Your way is perfect, and we know that You LOVE us. Help us to do what you ask us to do even when it’s hard. We love You so much. In Jesus’ name we pray, 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

Dunk

What You Need: Blue tablecloth or sheet

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Ask a leader to stand up and hold the sheet in front of them.

During the Activity: Guide the children to stand in front of the leader. Hold the sheet in front of the children where it is up to their heads. (The sheet should cover the length of their bodies.) Then pull the sheet above and below their heads seven times as you "dunk" them in water. Be sure to demonstrate the "dunking." Be sure every child has a turn to be "dunked."

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Naaman took SEVEN baths! He dunked himself in the water seven times so his spots would go away. He did what God told him to do."

During the Activity: "Let's pretend to dunk ourselves seven times too. (*Do activity.*) That was so much fun!"

After the Activity: "Naaman followed God's way even though it was hard. We should always follow God's way too. **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect. Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!**"

10:15**Naaman**

What You Need: “Naaman” Activity Page, jumbo craft sticks, and clear tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Each child will need one cutout.

During the Activity: Help the children fold the cutout on the solid line. Place the craft stick inside the fold and secure it with the tape.

After the Activity: Encourage the children to reenact the Bible Truth by turning the craft stick to the sad Naaman with spots and then flipping it over to the happy Naaman with no spots.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We are going to make a Naaman picture that you can use to tell your family all about the Bible Truth we heard today.”

During the Activity: (Do activity.) “Now you can turn your Naaman to this side (*demonstrate the side with spots*) and say that Naaman had spots, but he followed God’s way and dipped himself in the water seven times, and then this happened! (*Turn stick over to show happy Naaman.*) His spots went away!”

After the Activity: “We should always follow God’s way, even when it’s hard, because **[Bottom Line] God’s way is PERFECT! Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect!**”

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)**