

September 10, 2017

Bible Focus: Isaac Walked Away• *Genesis 26:16-33*

Memory Verse: "So let us do all we can to live in peace." Romans 14:19, NIRV

Key Question: Who can help us choose peace?

Bottom Line: God can help us choose peace.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

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

- Mad Glad

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

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

Snack (9:22, 10:37, 11:52)

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

Bible (9:30, 10:45, 12:00)

- Bible History presentation in the Sandbox

Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:15)

- Full Well/Empty Well

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.

Mad Glad

What you need: Half a pool noodle for each child

What you do: Instruct children to sit in a circle and listen carefully. Explain that when you give each of them a noodle, they are to hold one end in one hand and the other end in the other hand. When you ask questions, they are to shape their noodle into a smile or a frown depending on how they would feel about what you describe.

What you say: Hey friends! Have a seat with me. Here is a piece of a pool noodle for each of you. We are not going to use these in the pool or on each other today. No, today, we are going to use them to show everyone in the circle the things that make us mad or glad. (*Demonstrate*) I'm going to ask you a question and you're going to make a frown if your answer is mad and a smile if your answer is glad. (*Pass out pool noodles*) Here we go.

- “How would you feel if someone invited you to play with them?”
- “How would you feel if someone shared a snack with you?”
- “How would you feel if someone said unkind things to you?”
- “How would you feel if someone gave you a gift?”
- “How would you feel if someone took something that belonged to you?”

“Today’s Bible Truth is about a man named Isaac. Some people were very unkind to him. I want you to listen really well so that you can hear what Isaac did when the people mad him sad.”

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

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 (9:22, 10:32, 11:52)

Bible (9:30, 10:40, 12:00)

Travel to the Sandbox for the Large Group presentation. Place your "We are in Large Group" sign on the door as you leave.

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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.

Full Well/Empty Well

What You Need: Hula Hoop and foam balls

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the hoola hoop on the floor and arrange the foam balls across the room.

During the Activity: You will encourage the children to gather the foam balls and place them inside the hoop. As they do this, the leaders will then remove some of the balls and scatter them back in the room.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Hello, all my friends! I have a fun game for us to play! You are going to have to work together to get the job done. I am going to scatter these foam balls around the room. I want you to peacefully workd together to gather up the foam balls and put them in the well."

During the activity: "Here we go." When children begin to become agitated with you for continually removing the balls from the "well" stop the game and gather the kids to sit with you.

At the end of the activity: "You guys were doing such a great job of getting all of the balls in the well. What were your leaders doing with the balls? *(Pause)* Right, we were taking them out of the hoop and putting them back out in the room. Did that frustrate you? Did it upset you that you had to keep getting the balls over and over again? *(Pause)*. You know, Isaac and his people probably felt the same way but they chose to care about the people and walked away from the fight. They just kept digging new wells until God changed the hearts of the neighbors that were taking their wells away. God helped Isaac choose peace. **Who can help us choose peace? God can help us choose peace!**"

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