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ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

Toilet Paper Band-Aids



What You Need: Several rolls of toilet tissue.

What You Do: Separate the children into several small groups. Give each group two rolls of toilet tissue. Have the children bandage each other with the paper. Let the children have fun with this activity. Intervene only when necessary.

What You Say: (Laughing) “You all look silly. That was a lot of fun. You were pretending to put bandages on each other. Do your mommies and daddies put bandages on you when you are hurt? (Pause.) I thought so. They do that because they love you and want you to feel better. That is why the man in our story today stopped and helped the man who was hurt. He loved him and wanted to make him feel better. That is what Jesus wants all of us to do. He wants us to love everyone just like He does! Who does Jesus love? (Pause.) Absolutely! Jesus loves everyone!”



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Bounce It To Me Game



What You Need: A medium-size bouncy ball, like a kickball.

What You Do: Stand in a circle with the children. Say the Bible verse a few times together for review. Call a child's name and bounce the ball to that person. Once he catches the ball, he must say the verse aloud. If he wants, he can choose a friend to help him. After he says the verse, he will choose another person to bounce the ball to. Continue bouncing the ball to one another, saying the Bible verse each time someone catches the ball.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: "Okay, you better be ready! When I call your name, I'm going to bounce this ball to you for you to catch! After you catch the ball, I want you to say our Bible verse. Are you ready? (Pause.) Here we go!"

During the activity: "'Love each other as I have love you,' John 15:12."

At the end of the activity: "Wow! You are great catchers and bouncers! Do you know what's even better than catching and bouncing? You're great at learning Bible verses too! Our verse says we're supposed to love other people the same way Jesus loves us. That means we're supposed to love everyone, because we all know that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!"



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Memory Verse Craft



What You Need: Craft Frames, Foam Stickers, Memory Verse sign, magnets, tape

What You Do:

1. Have the kids decorate the frame with the stickers.
2. Tape the memory verse sign to the back with tape.
3. Attach a magnet to the back



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How Can I Help Others?



What You Need: A ball.

What You Do: Sit on the floor and direct children to sit in a circle around you. Roll the ball to a child and ask him how he can show someone he loves them. When the child answers, ask him to roll the ball back to you. Continue until all the children have had a turn.

What You Say:

During the activity: “Everyone, close your eyes. Now I want you to think in your head with out saying anything with your mouth. Think of something you can do to show someone you love them. Shh! Remember, keep it in your head. Now you can open your eyes. When I roll the ball to you, you can use your mouth to tell me what you are thinking. Are you ready? (Pause.) Okay, here we go!”

At the end of the activity: “Everyone had awesome ways to show someone that you love them. Great job! In our story today, the nice man showed the hurt man that he loved him by helping him. Jesus wants us to love everyone, just like He loves us! Who does Jesus love? You got it! Jesus loves everyone!”



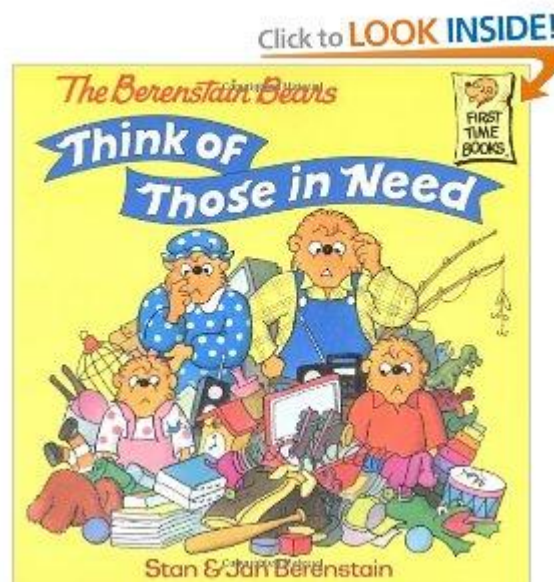
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Dismissal Activity

Read to Me



What You Need: Berenstain Bears “Think of Those In Need” Book



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Jesus Wants Me To Love Everyone Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37

“You know, sometimes, Jesus told stories to teach important lessons. In this story, Jesus tells us about a man who was very, very hurt on the side of the road. (Point to the doll or SGL.) Do you see all his boo-boos? (Pause.) He was lying beside the road because he was too hurt to get up and walk. He needed someone to love him and help him.

(Put on the ski hat.) “Another man happened to be going down the same road. Let’s pretend to walk like the man. Pat your hands on your knees, like this (pat your knees, then pretend to march along the road). Walk, walk, walk, walk, walk, walk ... STOP! When he saw the hurt man, he passed by on the OTHER side of the road and did NOT stop to help the hurt man. (Glance over at the doll/person, then turn your head and keep walking. Take the ski hat off.)

(Put on the cowboy hat.) “Then another man came walking down the road. Oh, I hope he stops to help the poor, hurt man. Let’s walk again. Pat your hands on your knees. Walk, walk, walk, walk, walk, walk ... STOP! This man saw the hurt man too! Do you think he stopped to help? (Pause.) No! He passed him by too! He did NOT stop to help the hurt man! (Glance over at the doll/person, and then continue walking past. Take the cowboy hat off.)

(Put on the baseball cap and take the bandages out of your pocket.) “Finally, a third man came walking down the road. Let’s walk one more time. Pat your hands on your knees. Walk, walk, walk, walk, walk, walk ... STOP! This third man saw the hurt man. This man had lots of reasons not to stop. He was very busy. He didn’t even know the hurt man! Do you think he stopped to help the hurt man? (Pause.) Yes! When he saw the hurt man, he felt so bad for him. He went to him and put bandages on his boo-boos. (Put bandages over the dots on the doll or person.) He brought the man with him and took care of him. (Pick the doll up or help the person up.) He even asked other people He knew to help him take care of the man.

“Who do you think Jesus wants us to be like? (Picking up and showing the ski hat) This man? (Pause, then pick up and show the cowboy hat.) This man? (Pause, then pick up and show the baseball hat.) What about this man?

“Jesus wants us to be like the man who stopped and showed love to the hurt man. Jesus says to, ‘Love each other as I have loved you.’ This means that Jesus wants us to show love to everyone. He wants us to help others and show His love.

“Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone. [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone and wants us to love everyone too. Who does Jesus love?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus loves everyone.”

STORYTELLER: “He sure does! Let’s talk to Jesus right now. Let’s thank Him for teaching us to love everyone.

“Dear Jesus, thank You for the story about the man who stopped to help the hurt man. Help us to remember what You taught us to do, which is to always show love to others as You have shown love to us. Amen.”