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ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

Jump On It



What You Need: Three black poster boards, six yellow poster boards, scissors, a black marker, and masking tape.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Cut out six large yellow circles. Draw a big happy face on each yellow circle. Cut six medium black circles. You can cut two circles from each piece of black poster board. Tape the circles in a long row on the floor, beginning with a black circle and then alternating yellow and black.

During the activity: The children will take turns jumping over the black circles, which symbolize a lion's den, and onto the happy faces. Each time they land on a happy face, they will say one word of the memory verse. Don't fall in a lion's den!

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: "Raise your hand if you think you're a good jumper. I've seen you all jump. I know you're good jumpers! That's a good thing, because to play this game you have to jump! See the yellow happy faces? You can only jump on the yellow happy faces. Got it?"

"Each time you jump, I want you to say one word of our memory verse. If anyone needs help with the verse, we can all say it together. But, if you land on the black circles, that means you fall into a lion's den. We don't want to do that! Okay, here we go!"

During the activity: "'Learn to do what is right,' Isaiah 1:17."

At the end of the activity: "Now, don't forget that God wants you to do the right thing. Who wants you to do the right thing? [Bottom Line] God wants me to do the right thing!"



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Hot Potato Lion Game



What You Need: Stuffed animal lion, music CD

What You Do: Have kids get into a circle. Play “Hot Potato” using the stuffed animal lion.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: “Our memory verse this month tells us that God wants us to learn to do what is right. When you hear the music play, pass the lion to the person next to you. When the music stops the friend holding the lion will help lead us as we say our memory verse. Are you ready to play!”

At the end of the activity: “Great job, everyone! That was so much fun! What does God want you to do? [Bottom Line] God wants me to do the right thing.”



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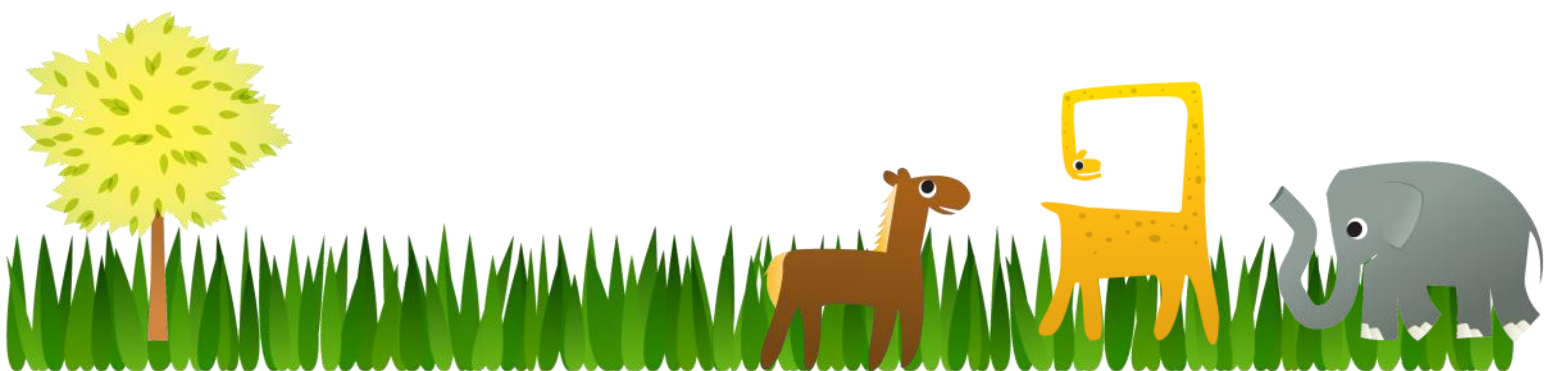


Watercolor Lion Craft



What You Need: Lion cardstock page, watercolor paint bricks, paint-brushes, tablecloths (optional)

During the activity: Have kids paint the lion page with the watercolor paints.



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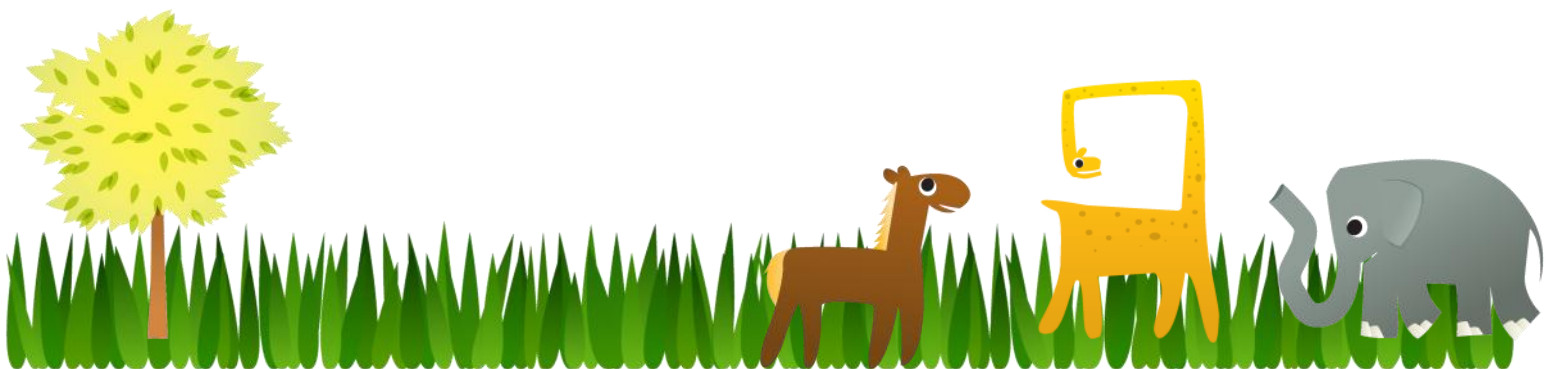
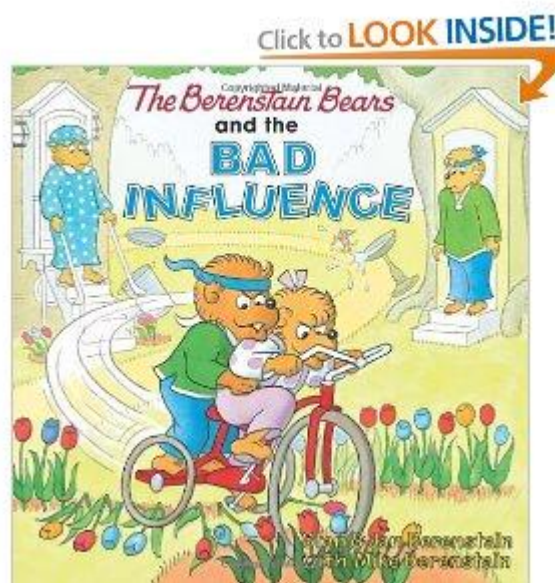


Dismissal Activity

Read to Me



“Berenstain Bears and The Bad Influence”



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Daniel and the Lion's Den It won't always be easy to do the right thing Daniel 6:1-28

"Hello, friends! I love spending time with you and (holding up your Bible) telling you supercool Bible stories. Today's story has something very scary in it. ... It has lions in it!

"Can you be a lion? Show me your masks. (Pause.) Oh, wow! Look at all these lions! Lions, can you roar? (Pause for children to 'roar.')

Amazing! Our Bible story is about scary lions. But don't worry. You'll hear how it all turns out okay. Plus, we'll find out that [Bottom Line] God wants me to do the right thing.

"Do you remember Daniel? He was living in a far away place where people didn't believe in God. But Daniel prayed to God every single day. He prayed in the morning. (Kneel down in the center of the stage, fold your hands, and say the following.) Dear God, thank You for this beautiful day! He prayed at lunchtime. Dear God, thank You for this beautiful day!

(Stand up and move to the left side of the stage.) "He prayed at nighttime. (Kneel down, fold your hands, and say the following.) Dear God, thank You for taking care of me all day! Help me always do the right thing.

"Now, there were some men who didn't like Daniel. They did something very mean to him. They tricked the king into making a law that people could only pray to the king, and not to God! If anyone prayed to God, he would be put into a cave with big, hungry ... LIONS! Can you roar like a lion? Ready? (Paws up.) Roar! Roar!

"Daniel always prayed to God! But now the law said he couldn't. If Daniel prayed, he would be put in with big, hungry lions!

"Let's roar again? Ready? (Paws up.) Roar! Roar! "So what do you think Daniel did? Did he cry? (Stomp one foot.) Did he whine? (Stomp the other foot.) Did he say (crossing your arms), 'No, no, no'? (Emphatic transition) Or, did he say, 'One (left forefinger to head), two (right forefinger to head), what should I do (both hands out to the side)?'

"Stand up and do that with me. Ready? Did he cry? (Stomp one foot.) Did he whine? (Stomp the other foot.) Did he say (crossing your arms), 'No, no, no'? (Emphatic transition) Or, did he say, 'One (left forefinger to head), two (right forefinger to head), what should I do (both hands out to the side)?' Great job! Daniel knew that praying to God was the right thing to do, even though he would be put into the cave with big, hungry lions! Wait. Did I say lions again? I think it's time to roar! Ready? (Paws up.) Roar! Roar!

"Daniel knew about the lions, but Daniel kept praying to God. (Kneel down in the center of the stage, fold your hands, and pray the following.) Dear God, help me to keep doing the right thing. The mean men spied on Daniel and saw him praying. They went and told the king that Daniel was praying to God! So the king had to put Daniel in the cave with the big, hungry lions!

"Let's roar together one last time! Ready? (Paws up.) Roar! Roar! The next morning, the king ran to the cave to see what had happened. You know what he found? The lions weren't roaring! Daniel was safe! He was right there in the cave, and the lions hadn't hurt him one bit. Daniel did the right thing, even though it was scary, and God kept him safe. God wants me to do what He says, too! What does God want you to do?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God wants me to do the right thing!"

STORYTELLER: "That's great! Say it with me one more time. What does God want you to do?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God wants me to do the right thing!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! God always wants us to do the right thing! Let's pray together and thank God for helping us to do the right thing, even when we are afraid.

"Dear God, thank You for always being with us, even when we are scared. We know we can count on You, no matter what. You will help us to be brave, just like Daniel. We love You, God! Amen.