

OVERVIEW CARD

JESUS CARES ABOUT ME!

Key Question: Who can help you all the time?

Bottom Line: Jesus can help me all the time. Let's Move It!

Memory Verse: "In Him we live and move and exist."

Acts 17:28, NIRV

Bible Story Focus: Zacchaeus "Moved It" and made the right choice.

Jesus CARES about me and wants me to make good choices!

Luke 19:1-10

Action Word: CARE!

Coloring Page: Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see Jesus.

Music: Let It Be Known

Jump Around Movin Me

Bible Lesson: The Beginner's Bible

A Short Man

Pages 413 to 417

Service Time: 70 minutes

Memory Verse –

"In Him we live and move and exist."



ACTIVITY 1 JESUS CARES ABOUT ME!

Gold Digging

Big Idea:

"Gold Digging" is an activity that encourages the children to use their sense of touch to find hidden objects while reviewing the Bible lesson idea of money.

What You Need: A medium size tub, rice bins, and plastic gold coins

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Fill the tub with rice and hide the gold coins throughout the rice. Note: Prepare more than one tub depending on the number of children you have.

During the Activity: Gather the children around the tub. Allow them to take turns digging with their hands to find one gold coin. Once everyone has found one gold coin place the coins back in the rice and play again.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Who wants to dig for gold with me? (Pause.) Yay! Gather around and we'll take turns digging for gold coins! Just use your hands to feel around in the rice until you find a gold coin. When you find one pull it out for everyone to see." (Cheer for the person digging each time they find a coin.)

After the Activity: "Gold coins are another kind of money. What kind of money do we use? (Pause.) Yes! We use dollar bills and quarters and dimes or maybe your parents will write a check or use their card. Our Bible lesson today was about a man whose job was to take money from people when it was time to pay for something. But this man did a very bad thing. He took more money than he was supposed to take. Then he met Jesus, do you remember what happened after he met Jesus?"

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ACTIVITY 2 JESUS CARES ABOUT ME!

Lots and Lots of Leaves

Big Idea:

"Lots and Lots of Leaves" is an activity that reviews the Bible lesson while children make Playdoh leaves with cookie cutters.

What You Need:

Green and yellow Play-doh, rolling pins and leaf shaped cookie cutters

What You Do:

Show the children how to make colorful leaves out of Play-doh. Have the children roll the Play-doh flat with rolling pins and then use leaf cookie cutters to make leaves.

What You Say:

"Today, we are going to make leaves out of Play-doh. What are some of your favorite things about trees (color, size, picking fruit, climbing)? Do you remember why Zacchaeus climbed up in the tree? (*Pause*) Yes, you are right, he wanted to see Jesus. He didn't have any friends until he met Jesus. Zacchaeus changed after spending time with Jesus. Jesus cared about Zacchaeus and wanted him to make good choices. Jesus CARES about you and wants you to make good choices too! Hey, that reminds me of our Key Question, Who can help you all the time? Jesus can help me all the time. Let's move it!"

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ACTIVITY 3 JESUS CARES ABOUT ME!

Money, Money, Money!

Big Idea:

"Money, Money" is an activity that uses fine and large motor skills to review the Bible lesson idea of money.

What You Need:

Gold coins

What You Do:

Hide the gold coins around the room. Tell the children that coins are hidden throughout our classroom. Ask the children to close their eyes while you hide the coins. When you are ready, tell the children to open their eyes and find the coins. (Continue playing as long as the children are having fun.)

What You Say:

"Look at these gold coins, in Bible times, people used gold coins for money. Remember Zacchaeus from our lesson? He took lots and lots of money from the people in his town. But then Jesus spent time with Zacchaeus and was his friend even though he had made some bad choices. Zacchaeus changed after spending time with Jesus and gave all the money he had taken, back to the people. Jesus cared about Zacchaeus and wanted him to make good choices. Jesus CARES about you and wants you to make good choices too! Hey, that reminds me of our Key Question, Who can help you all the time? Jesus can help me all the time. Let's move it!"

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CRAFT JESUS CARES ABOUT ME!

Create your own Foam Finger

What You Need: Foam finger per child and washable markers per table

Set Up: Place an appropriate number of foam fingers around the table for the service. Spread out plenty of markers to share in the middle of each table. Once you are ready, guide the children to a spot around the tables.

Project instructions: Give children the opportunity to decorate their foam finger however they desire. All classrooms will use washable markers to decorate their foam fingers. (Make sure all foam fingers have the child's name on the inside of the finger and place all fingers on top of the cubbies for parent pick up.)

How to jump in: Encourage creativity! Help artists with anything they need.

Clean up: Use the last few minutes of time to have kids clean up. At the end of service, organize materials and put away extra fingers so the volunteers at the next service can easily set up. Wipe down tables.

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