June Week 3
Backyard
Making Waves

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CRAFT

Make Waves Door Hanger

SUPPLIES:

Door Hanger, Summertime stickers, Memory verse label, Make Waves label, Jesus can help me do everything label

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Pass out door hangers.

- "Friends, all summer long we will be learning about how we can MAKE WAVES when we choose to live like Jesus! Today we learned that Jesus can help us choose peace!
- Let's make some awesome door hangers to hang up somewhere special and remember that Jesus can help us do everything!

⇒ Pass out one label at a time and explain what it says.

- <u>Make Waves:</u> This sticker says "Let's Make Waves!" We can make waves and change the world one choice at a time. When we choose peace we are making waves!
- Memory Verse: This sticker has our memory verse on it! Can you say it with me? "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13
- Jesus can: This sticker says "Jesus can help me do everything!" That's true, friends! So far we have learned that Jesus can help us choose love, joy, and peace!

⇒ Spread other stickers out on the table to choose from.

o "Now let's decorate our door hangers with these cool stickers!

⇒ Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus

- "These door hangers look amazing! I want you to hang them up in a special spot so that you can remember that we can make waves this summer and change the world – Jesus can help us!
- o Who can help you do everything?
- o Jesus can help me do everything!"

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ACTIVITY #1 Peace Delivery

SUPPLIES: David and His Army/Nabal pages, floor tape, toy food

SET UP: Create a long tape line on the floor. Lay Nabal picture on one

end and David and his army picture on the other.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Gather on the Nabal side of the tape line.

 "Nabal had A LOT of sheep. David and his army helped Nabal take care of his sheep. When David and his army were done, they wanted some food to eat. Did Nabal give David and his army food? (Pause.) No. Nabal was not very nice to David and his army. This made David very angry."

⇒ Hold up the basket of food.

"Abigail was Nabal's wife. When she heard that Nabal was not being nice to David and that David was so angry he wanted to fight Nabal, she knew she had to do something. She wanted to choose peace. Do you remember what Abigail took to David and his army? (Give each child a piece of toy food.) Yes! Abigail chose peace and quickly took lots of food to David and his army."

⇒ Have each child walk the tape line to the army side and set their food down.

- "Let's help the army like Abigail did! When it's your turn I want you to walk the line and bring your food to David's army. You can get back in line and bring more food until we've shared everything we've got!
- When you get here I want you to say 'I can choose peace!"

⇒ Repeat until the food has all been delivered.

⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.

- "When Abigail gave David and his army food to eat, they were happy and didn't want to fight Nabal anymore. Abigail chose peace and it helped A LOT of people!"
- "God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever and help us choose peace. Jesus can help us choose peace because Jesus can help us do everything!"

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Optional: heart squishies

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Have children form a circle around the parachute.
 - "Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that when we love and trust Jesus, he can help us to choose peace! We can make peace between others and feel peace inside our own hearts! Jesus can help us because He can help us with EVERYTHING!
- ⇒ Have children hold the parachute very still and wait. Then make waves.
 - o "Friends, I want you to listen very carefully to my directions. We are going to make very peaceful waves. Are you ready?
 - o Let's go slow and steady and keep the waves very peaceful.
 - Now let's all lift the parachute up as high as we can nice and steady.
 And let's bring it back down. Nice work everybody!
 - O Who can help you do everything?
 - O Jesus can help me do everything!"
- ⇒ Option: add heart smiley faces to the parachute and ask them to move the parachute very peacefully to keep them from popping off. You can also do a few crazy rounds and then "choose peace" and calm it down. Have fun trying lots of different ways!
- ⇒ Repeat as long as children are interested.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - o "Friends, Jesus is such a good friend. And when we know Jesus is our friend he can help us to choose peace. He can help us do everything!
 - o Who can help you do everything?
 - o Jesus can help me do everything!"

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ACTIVITY #3

Fruit of the Spirit Dance Party +

Memory Verse Review

SUPPLIES:

Fruit of the Spirit Picture Cards (Love, Joy, Peace), Summer 2022

CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Gather children in the center of the room.

- "Friends! All summer long we are learning about something called the fruit of the spirit. Each week we are going learn about a different way that Jesus can help us! Do you remember how Jesus can help us this week? He can help us choose peace! (Hold up the teddy bear card)
- When we know Jesus, he can help us choose peace even in the hardest situations. We can be joyful, and Jesus can help us!
- Now we know that when we trust Jesus, he can help us to (hold up heart) LOVE, he can also help us to (hold up smiley face) have JOY, and he can help us to choose (hold up teddy bear card) PEACE! Jesus can help us do everything! Hey! That reminds me of our memory verse!"

⇒ Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.

- "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."
 Philippians 4:13
 - Now let's try it...
 - Super loud/Super quiet
 - Really Fast/Really Slow
 - Jumping up and down
 - Running in Place
 - All the boys/All the girls
 - Kids only/Teachers only

⇒ Have a dance party! Play Track 1 on Summer 2022 CD.

- "Let's get up and dance to our summer song! Can you try to remember the fruit of the spirit with me? Let's dance!"
- ⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - o "Nice work, my friends!
 - o Who can help you do everything?
 - o Jesus can help me do everything!"

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JUNE WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ God's Fruit in Me, by Vince Rozier

REVIEW (You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - Who can help you do everything?
 Jesus can help me do everything!
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

Supplies: Teddy Bear story sticker

- ⇒ "Today, we are going to make a list of ways we can choose peace. Maybe it's sharing toys with a friend or helping a friend when they are frustrated. How can you choose peace?
 - Write each child's name on the paper and draw a smiley face next to it. Give each child a teddy bear sticker.
- ⇒ When we pray, we can thank God for sending Jesus to help us choose joy. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: "
 - "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to give us peace and help us choose peace. Please help us look for ways to choose peace when people are angry or frustrated or even afraid. You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."