

September Wk 1

Garden

This or That

September 3rd

CRAFT

Memory Verse Door Hanger

SUPPLIES:

Door Hanger, Memory Verse sticker, Light Bulb and Heart Foam Shape stickers, Dixie cups

TIP:

You can prep the stickers ahead of time by lining up Dixie cups and placing 10 stickers in each cup. Later, when the kids are done with the craft, you can encourage them to gather up their scraps and place them in the cup. Empty cups into garbage and keep the cups for the next class!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Review Memory Verse

- *"We learned a new memory verse today from the book of 1 John. Let's practice it together!"*
- *'God...knows everything!' 1 John 3:20*
- *Great job, friends!"*

⇒ Pass out Door hangers and memory verse labels.

- *"This sticker says our memory verse – 'God...knows everything!' 1 John 3:20.*
- *Let's put it on our door hanger.*

⇒ Pass out Dixie cups filled with 10 stickers each.

- *Now let's decorate our door hangers with stickers!*

⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus

- *These look great, everybody! You can hang these memory verse door hangers on your bedroom door and look at them every day. Every time you look at it I want you to remember that God made you and God loves you. He knows what's best for you!*
- ***Who knows what's best for you.***
- ***God knows what's best for me!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

How many Apples?

SUPPLIES: Apple tree poster, Apple stickers, large dice

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around the poster.**

- *"Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about the beautiful garden God made. Do you remember what was in the Garden? Trees! That's right! There were trees with delicious fruit. We are going to play a game and fill the tree with fruit."*

⇒ **Have each child roll the die.*** Give them the corresponding number of stickers to place on the tree.**

- *"Each of you is going to get a turn to roll the dye and put that many apple stickers on the tree."*
- *We are all going to help each person count as they add the stickers to the tree. Are you ready?"*

⇒ **After all of the children have placed their apples on the tree, review the Bible story lesson to bring it back to Jesus.**

- *"The fruit on the tree looked so delicious, but God told Adam and Eve not to eat it. Adam and Eve ate the fruit that God told them not to eat, but they learned that God knew what was best for them. And God knows what's best for us."*
- ***Who knows what's best for you?***
- ***God knows what's best for me!"***

***Need to modify? Skip rolling the dice and just give each child a set number of stickers and have them place them on the tree.

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ACTIVITY #2

This way or that way

SUPPLIES:

Finger pointer, floor tape (*taped in two long lines on opposite sides of the classroom*)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children stand on one of the lines on one side of the room.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about going God’s way. When we have to choose to go this way or that way, we want to make sure we are choosing God’s way! Because God knows everything! He knows what’s best for you!*
- ***Who knows what’s best for you?***
- ***God knows what’s best for me!***

⇒ **Hold up the special pointer finger.**

- *“We are going to play a game with my special this way that way pointer finger! I want everyone to stand on this line. I am going to use my pointer and give you a special direction. I want you to listen to my direction and follow it exactly. When I tell you a direction, I want you to go all the way across to the other line.”*

⇒ **Give a series of directions while pointing the finger pointer.**

- *Walk this way!*
- *Hop that way!*
- *Skip this way!*
- *Bear walk that way!*
- *Crawl this way!*
- *Walk sideways this way!*
- *Etc.*

⇒ **Continue as long as children are interested.**

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

- *“Adam and Eve ate the fruit that God told them not to eat, but they learned that God knew what was best for them. And God knows what’s best for us, too! Sometimes it can be tricky to know which way to go or what to do, but we can trust God because he knows what’s best!*
- ***Tell me, who knows what’s best for you?***
- ***God knows what’s best for me!”***

September Wk 2

This or That

September 10th

READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
SEPTEMBER WEEK 2

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

⇒ *Beginner's Bible*

- Adam and Eve, p. 14

ASK A QUESTION

Who knows what's best for you?
God knows what's best for me!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"God...knows everything!" 1 John 3:20

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.