

**September Wk 1**

**Backyard  
This or That**

*September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

# 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!"***

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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!”***

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## ACTIVITY #3

### *Pass the Apple Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** Toy apple, cd player, kids worship cd

#### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room in a circle.**
  - *“Friends, come stand in a circle with me. Let’s say our memory verse together. ‘**God...knows everything.**’ 1 John 3:20. Wonderful job!*
  - *Now look at this! This is an apple! We will pretend it is like the fruit in the Garden. Let’s pass it around the circle while the music plays. When the music stops, whoever is holding the staff will say the memory verse!”*
- ⇒ **Have children pass the apple around the circle while the music is playing. When the music stops, have the children say the verse. Have everyone join in and help if the child is struggling.**
  - *“Ready? Here we go! Pass the apple.*
  - *Stop! Ok let’s hear the memory verse – ‘**God...knows everything.**’ 1 John 3:20.*
  - *Great work! Here comes the music...let’s keep passing!”*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“That was fun! In our story, we learned that the first people God made, Adam and Eve, were told by Go to take care of the big, beautiful Garden. God told them they could eat from any tree but one. Adam and Eve made the wrong choice and ate from the tree. But even though they had to leave the garden, God still loved them and gave them what they needed. Adam and Eve learned that they should have done what God said because God knows what’s best for them. And God knows what’s best for me, too. God knows everything.*
  - *Tell me, **who knows what’s best for you?***
  - ***God knows what’s best for me!”***

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

### SEPTEMBER WEEK 1

## PASS OUT MOON SAND

### READ

⇒ *Adam and Eve*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 14

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

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

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"God...knows everything." 1 John 3:20**

## CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "We know that God knows everything because God made everything! So let's make a list of things God made. When I say your name, **tell me one thing God made.**

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ Wow! This is a great list! Let's use it when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: "

- "Dear God, we believe You made the whole world and everything in it. You made things like (*read the list of things God made*). And because You made everything, You know everything. Because You know everything, you will always know what's best for me and (*say each child's name*). Help us trust You and do what You say. We love you God. In Jesus' name, amen."