January Week 3
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CRAFT WEEK 3

Fill the Barn

SUPPLIES: Barn page, Crayons, yellow dot sticker strip

- ⇒ Have children join you at the table. Pass out barn page and crayons.
 - "In our Bible story today, Jesus told a story about a farmer who grew a lot of food and stored it all in a big barn. Let's make a big barn and fill it with food!
 - o Use your crayons to color your barn."
- ⇒ Pass out yellow dot stickers.
 - "The farmer in our story filled his barn with food. Let's pretend these stickers are food and fill up our barn!"
- ⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus
 - "The farmer in our story grew so much food that it filled his barn. Instead of sharing the extra, he built a bigger barn and kept all the food for himself. This was way more food than he needed, but he wanted to keep it all. God gave the farmer more than he needed. He could have shared and helped a lot of people. Sometimes, God gives us more than we need, and we can share with others. That's the important thing Jesus wanted to teach us in this story. God wants us to share. I'm so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - o Jesus teaches me important things!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Fill the Barn Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Basket with barn picture attached, play food

- ⇒ Gather children in the center of the room.
 - "Today Jesus told a story about a man who built bigger barns to hold all of his food.
- ⇒ Show children the basket with the barn picture.
 - o "Here is our barn and it has food in it! I am going to scatter the food around the floor, and I want you to help me gather it into the barn.
 - Close your eyes while I scatter the food!
- ⇒ Scatter the food around the room. Have children collect it and return it to the "barn."
 - o "Open your eyes and go gather the food! Bring it back to the barn!
 - Nice job, friends! Jesus wanted us to know that it wasn't good to keep everything to ourselves. Jesus teaches us that we can share with others!
- ⇒ Continue as long as children are interested.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - "Jesus teaches us that we can share our things. Jesus teaches us SO many important things. Tell me...
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - o Jesus teaches me important things!"

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ACTIVITY #2 Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD player, EC Worship Music CD

- ⇒ Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.
 - "When I think about all the amazing things Jesus has taught me I feel so happy. It makes me want to dance!! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let's practice freezing right now. FREEZE!
 - o Great job! Are you ready to play? Let's go!
- ⇒ Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.
 - o "FREEZE!
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - o Jesus teaches me important things!
 - Let's dance!
- ⇒ Repeat as long as children are interested.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - "Great dancing, everyone! We have learned so many important things from Jesus. I am so grateful!
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - o Jesus teaches me important things!

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ACTIVITY #3

Pass the Magnifying Glass

SUPPLIES: Magnifying Glass, cd player, Worship Music CD, reward sticker

- ⇒ Have children join you in a circle in the center of the room.
 - "Friends, come join me in a circle in the center of the room and have a seat. We are going to play a game that is similar to hot potato. I have a magnifying glass here because we've been finding Clubhouse clues this month! We are going to pass it around the circle while the music plays. When the music stops, if you have the magnifying glass you get to stand up and say the memory verse!
 - Let's practice the memory verse one time all together! 'The people were amazed at his teaching.' Matthew 7:28"
- ⇒ Push play on the music. Pass the magnifying glass around the circle. Pause the music and have the child holding the magnifying glass say the memory verse. You can also have them stand, but have all the children join them. Give each child a reward sticker for saying the memory verse.
 - "Alright let's play! I will push play on the music and let's pass the magnifying glass!"
- ⇒ Repeat until each child has had a turn.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
 - o "Nice work, my friends!
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - o Jesus teaches me important things!"

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

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- ⇒ Too Many Carrots, by Katy Hudson
 - "This reminds me of Jesus' story today! Just like the man who kept building bigger barns, the rabbit couldn't fit all his carrots. He eventually realized he needed to share, too!"

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

- ⇒Key Question and Bottom Line
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - Jesus teaches me important things!
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - "The people were amazed at his teaching."
 Matthew 7:28

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Since Jesus teaches us that it's important to share, I think we should make a list of things we can share. The man in our story could have shared his food. So, what can we share? When I say your name, **tell me one thing you can share,** and I will write it down.
 - Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.
- ⇒Wow! What a special list! Let's pray.
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and <u>pray</u>:
 - "Dear God, we don't want to be like the man in Jesus' story who didn't share his food. We want to be kind and share with others. Help us share things like (read the list the children made). And God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and teach us important things about You. You are the best, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."