

CRAFT WEEK 4

Story Pictures

SUPPLIES: Story pictures half sheet, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the story sheet and crayons.**

- *"Today we heard a story Jesus told to teach us something very important. I have a story picture sheet for you to make to help you to remember our story.*
- *Let's look at these pictures and color them!"*

⇒ **Use your own example craft to show the children how to find each picture and retell the story.**

- *"Look! Let's all point to the first picture. I see the father and the son. And what are they doing. The dad had saved a lot of money for his son to have when he was older, but the son wanted his money right then. So, the dad gave his son the money.*
- *Let's point to picture number 2! The son took the money and went far, far away. He spent his dad's money on everything! He bought fancy clothes, ate really good food, and spent money with all his friends. He spent and spent until all his money was gone.*
- *Can you find the next picture? The one that has piggies in it? Everybody say oink oink! The money was all gone. The son didn't have a bed to sleep in or food to eat. He was so hungry that he thought about eating pig food. The son knew he had made a lot of bad choices. He was so sorry and just wanted to go home.*
- *Let's all point to the last picture. When his dad saw him coming home, he ran to him and hugged him. Then he threw a big party to celebrate. The dad was so glad that his son had come back home. He loved his son, even though he had made bad decisions and spent all the money. Jesus wants us to know that God loves us, even more than that! God loves us, no matter what."*

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

- *"Jesus told us this story of a dad and his son to teach us that God loves us, no matter what. I'm so glad we have Jesus to teach us important things*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
Jesus teaches me important things!"

January Week 4

Clubhouse Clues

Jan 28

ACTIVITY #1

Story Clues

SUPPLIES:

Child size toy magnifying glasses, toy money, toy food, toy pigs, party horn, and toy heart in a glass

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you on the floor or around the table.**

- *"Friends! Come and sit with me as we retell the story Jesus told today.*

⇒ **Pull items out one at a time and explain them.**

- *"I have some things from our Bible story today. Let's call them 'story toys' because they are toys that will help tell today's Bible story. I have: money, food, pigs, a party horn, and a heart.*
- *I want you to listen with your best listening ears to what I say. When the time comes, I want you to point to the toy I'm talking about."*

⇒ **Retell the story.**

- *"In our Bible story today, a son asked his dad to give him all of the money he has saved for him. (Hold up, point to, or have one child stand up and hold the **money**.) The son took the money and went far, far away.*
- *The son spent his money on things like clothes and food. (Hold up, point to, or have one child stand up and hold the **food**.) The son kept spending money until all of it was gone. No more money meant no more food!*
- *So, the son got a job taking care of pigs. Oink oink! (**Pigs**.) The son was so hungry that he thought about eating the pigs' food. Yuck! But then the son thought that the people who worked for his dad have nice beds and plenty of food. Maybe he could go back home and work for his dad! SO the son went home.*
- *When the dad saw his son walking home, he ran to him and gave him a big hug because he loves his son so much! (**Heart**.)*
- *The dad was so happy he threw a bi party. (**Party horn**.)*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Jesus told us this story about the dad and his son so we can know that God loves us, no matter what. Where can we read the stories that Jesus told? (Pause.) Yes, the Bible! Jesus teaches us important things in the Bible.*
- **Who teaches you important things?**
- **Jesus teaches me important things!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD player, EC Worship Music CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **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!*
 - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let's go!*

- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
 - *"FREEZE!*
 - ***Who teaches you important things?***
 - ***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!*
 - ***Who teaches you important things?***
 - ***Jesus teaches me important things!***

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Jan 28

READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JANUARY WEEK 4

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 STORY

⇒ The Beginner Bible, p. 397

○ *The Lost Son*

ASK A QUESTION

Who teaches you amazing things? Jesus teaches me amazing things!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"The people were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28

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.