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Backyard
Clubhouse Clues

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Jesus Teaches a Crowd

SUPPLIES: Jesus teaches me important things page, crayons, heart sticker,

smiley face stickers

TIP: Pre-cut the smiley face stickers into strips of 10 stickers each.

- ⇒ Have children join you at the table. Pass out the Jesus teaches me important things page.
 - "Friends, have a seat at the table. Today in our true Bible story we learned that people came from all over to hear Jesus teach important things! Today we are going to do a craft to help us remember this story!
- ⇒ Pass out crayons and have children color Jesus.
 - "Let's start by coloring Jesus. I am so thankful that we have Jesus to teach us so many important things! Jesus teaches us how to love others. He teaches us how to forgive. He teaches us how follow him!
- ⇒ Give each child a strip of 10 smiley face stickers. Have them place the stickers around Jesus like a crowd.
 - "Lots and lots of people came to hear Jesus teach because they knew that Jesus taught important things! I have some smiley face stickers. Let's pretend these are people coming from all over to come hear Jesus! Can you put your smiley face stickers all around the page like a big crowd? Just make sure to not put them on top of Jesus!
- ⇒ Give each child a heart sticker and have them place it on Jesus.
 - "So many people came to hear Jesus teach. And when Jesus saw the large crowds, he taught them and he loved them. Let's put a heart on Jesus because he loved the people.
- ⇒ Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus
 - "Jesus taught the large crowd of people important things, and Jesus teaches you important things too.
 - Who teaches you important things?
 Jesus teaches me important things!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Looking For Clugs

SUPPLIES:

Child size magnifying glasses, 3 Question Mark Circles, Hello

Friend Clue Page

- ⇒ Have children join you in the center of the room. Explain the game and have them close their eyes while you "hide" the clues around the room. Hang on to the clue card with the description.
 - o "Friends, we are going to try to find the Clubhouse Clues! Do you want to help me? First, I need everybody to close their eyes tight. No peeking!"
- ⇒ Have children open their eyes. Pass out a magnifying glass to each child. Explain the game.
 - "Boys and girls, do you want to help be detectives? We need to find some clues. We are going to search around the room for the hidden clues. But first! Look at this! I think this is our very first clue. Do you want me to read it? Ok!
 - Hello, friend! I left three orange clues for you. Look for this picture to find, someone who teaches you!
 - o We need to find the question mark pictures to figure out the clues! Let's go!"
- ⇒ Find each clue. Use magnifying glass to "examine" it.
 - Hey, look at this! It has a question mark on it. Do you think it is a clue? Look through your magnifying glass and I'll turn the card over. Look!
 - It's a picture of the Bible. We read the Bible to learn more about Jesus! Let's look for more clues!
 - Here's another one! It is a picture of Jesus! So, the clues we've found are Jesus and the Bible. Hmmmm…let's see if we can find one more!
 - Look! There it is! Magnifying glasses ready! This is a picture of students and a teacher.
 - Wow! Great job searching! Let's take these clues over to the floor and spread them out to see what they mean!
- ⇒ Spread the clues out and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
 - "Friends, let's spread these out and figure out how they relate to the true story we heard today. Hmmmm...the teacher and Jesus....Jesus teaches US amazing things! And the Bible...is where we can look to learn from Jesus! We figured it out! Great work, detectives!! Boys and girls -
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - o Jesus teaches me important things!"

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ACTIVITY #2 Hula Hoop Bottom Ling

SUPPLIES: 5 Hula Hoops

- ⇒ Lay the 5 Hula hoops out in a row so that kids can easily jump from one to the next. Have kids join you near the hula hoops.
 - "Friends, we are going to use these hula hoops to answer our big question for this month. Do you remember what it was?
 - o Who teaches you amazing things?
 - Jesus teaches me amazing things!
 - Nice job!
- ⇒ Demonstrate hopping from hula hoop to hula hoop.
 - o "Here is what you are going to do. I will ask you 'Who teaches you amazing things?' and then you are going to hop and answer...
 - o (Hop) Jesus (Hop) teaches (Hop) me (Hop) amazing (Hop) things!
- ⇒ Let each child take a turn hopping from hoop to hoop and answering the question.
- ⇒ Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
 - "Nice job, friends! All month long we are learning so many amazing things that Jesus teaches us, like today we learned that people from all over came to hear Jesus because he teaches important things! I am so thankful that we have Jesus to teach us, aren't you?
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - o Jesus teaches me important things!"

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ACTIVITY #3 Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

- ⇒ This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.
 - "Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"
- ⇒ Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.
 - "First, let's say it once together. 'The people were amazed at his teaching.' Matthew 7:28
 - 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
- ⇒ Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
 - o "Nice work, my friends!
 - o Who teaches you important things?
 - Jesus teaches me important things!"

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JANUARY WEEK 1

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PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- ⇒ The Beginner's Bible
 - o Jesus Teaches on a Mountain, p. 318

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

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today in our true Bible story we learned that people came from all over to hear Jesus teach important things. Since Jesus teaches us important things, let's think of some places we can hear the important things Jesus teaches. When I say your name, tell me one place you can learn from Jesus, and I will write it down.
 - Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.
- ⇒Wow! These are great places to learn from Jesus! Let's pray!
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us important things, like how to love and be kind and forgive one another. Help us to do things like (go to church, read the Bible...things that the children listed). We want to hear all of the important things Jesus teaches us! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."