

CRAFT WEEK 2

Pray to God Door Hanger

SUPPLIES: Door Hanger, Crayons, Emotion face sticker strip

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out door hanger and crayons.**
- *"Today in our true Bible story we heard about Hannah. When Hannah was sad, she prayed to God! She knew she could pray to God anytime, anywhere, about anything! We can pray to God no matter how we feel!"*
 - *This door hanger says 'I can pray to God when I'm...' Hmmm...I wonder when we can pray to God!"*
- ⇒ **Pass out the 4 faces sticker strip. Color each face and help kids apply stickers to door hanger.**
- *"Take a look at these faces! What emotions do you see? Can you find the one that looks Happy? Good! Color your happy face! Can you pray to God when you're happy! Yes!!!*
 - *Can you find... [sad, worried, excited]? Let's color them! Can you pray to God when you're [sad, worried, excited]? Yes!*
 - *Now that we've colored all of these faces, we can stick them onto our door hanger."*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
- *"Today in our Bible Story, Hannah prayed to God when she was sad and crying. She knew that she could talk to God about anything, and that gave her joy! You can pray and talk to God when you feel happy, sad, excited, or worried. You can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything! Because God loves YOU!"*
 - **Who loves you?**
 - **God loves me!"**



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ACTIVITY #1

Pray to God Anywhere

SUPPLIES: Places pictures, wall tape

SET-UP: Hang pictures around the room at eye level

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room. Draw their attention to the pictures hung around the room.**
 - *"Friends, come join me in the center of the room! Today in our Bible Story, Hannah felt sad. But she loved and trusted God and knew she could talk to him anytime, anywhere, about anything! We can do the same thing. We can talk to God ANYWHERE!"*
 - *Take a look around the room with me. Do you see those pictures on the wall? Let's take a walk and look at each picture.*
 - *This is a playground. This is school. This is....(continue naming each place). Now let's come back to the center of the room together."*
- ⇒ **Give children a direction to go to each location. Have the safely run to that picture.**
 - *"We're going to play a game with all the places we just walked to. If I say, 'Go to the playground,' run to the playground picture! I will meet you there and we will pray together.*
 - *Go to the playground! Great job! Friends – we can talk to God at the playground. Let's pray and talk to him now! Repeat after me."*
 - *Dear God,*
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.
 - *Let's head back to the center of the room!'*
- ⇒ **Repeat with each location.**
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *We can pray to God anytime, anywhere, about anything because God loves us! That's right! God loves you, and God loves me!*
 - ***Who loves you?***
 - ***God loves me."***

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ACTIVITY #2

Bag of Emotions

SUPPLIES: Bag filled with Emotion cards, CD player, Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**

- *Friends, our Bible Story was about a woman named Hannah. Hannah felt very sad. (Hold up sad emotion card.) Hannah knew that God loved her, so she prayed to God and told Him she felt sad. After Hannah prayed to God, her face wasn't sad anymore. She was happy! (Hold up a happy emotion card.)*

⇒ **Pass the bag around the room while the music plays. When the music stops, have child pull out one emotion card.**

- *Let's take turns picking a card from the bag. When the music stops, if you are holding the bag, reach in the bag, pull out a card, and show it to everyone.*
- *Let's play!*
- *We can talk to God when we feel [emotion] because God loves us!*
- ***Who loves you? God loves me!"***

⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"We can pray to God when we feel (point to emotion cards as you say them) sad, happy, scared, angry, frustrated, worried, excited, and thankful. We can pray to God about ANYTHING, because God loves you and God loves me.*
- ***Who loves you? God loves me!"***

****2s Modification:** Instead of playing hot potato, you can just pass the bag from one person to the next and have each child pull out an emotion. Discuss each emotion and practice making those faces!

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY
MAY 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 STORY

- *Pray to God* by Kristen McCurry

ASK A QUESTION

Who loves you?

God loves me!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I will always love you." Jeremiah 31:3

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.