

CRAFT WEEK 4

Little Red Wagon

SUPPLIES: Little red wagon page, red dot markers/red crayons,
Hear/Pray/Talk/Live sticker strip

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out 'Little Red Wagon' page. Use red dot markers or crayons to color the little red wagon.**
 - *"We are going to make something very special today to help us remember all of the truths about God that we can put in our little red wagon and take with us for the rest of our life!"*
 - *Our Bible story was about three men. Their names were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednago. They lived for God and did not bow to the king's statue. We are going to make little wagons to take home that will help us remember that we can live for God, too!*
 - *Let's start by making our wagon red. Use crayons/dot markers to make the whole wagon red. But leave all the space above it open because we are going to fill our wagons up!"*
- ⇒ **Pass out sticker strip: Hear/Pray/Talk/Live.**
 - *"I have some special stickers for you. These will go in your wagon and help you remember that you can live for God!"*
 - *This is a picture of a **Bible**. It reminds us that we can **hear** from God when we read the Bible.*
 - *This is a child **praying**. We can **pray** to God anytime, anywhere, about anything!*
 - *This is a picture of **people**. We can **talk** about God to others and tell them God loves them.*
 - *This is a **heart**. We can **live** for God when we love God and do what God says.*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Now you have your own wagon to take home. I hope you always remember that you can hear from God. You can pray to him. You can tell others about him. And you can live for him! God loves you so much, friends!"*
 - **Who loves you?**
 - **God loves me!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Everywhere in the World

SUPPLIES: Large world map poster, bean bag

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Lay the world map on the floor in the center of the room. Gather children in a circle around it and have them take a seat.**
 - *"Friends, come join me in the center of the room. Let's make a circle around this map. It's a map of the whole world!"*
 - *We live right here (point to the map). We can live for God right here in [Orland Park/New Lenox/Homer Glen] or wherever you live!*
 - *When it's your turn, I am going to hand this bean bag to you and I want you to gently toss it onto the map. I'll name the place it lands!"*
- ⇒ **Go around the circle and have each child stand up and take a turn tossing the bean bag. Name the place it lands.**
 - *"You can live for God in _____! Great job!"*
 - ***Who loves you? God loves me!"***
- ⇒ **Repeat until every child has had a turn.**
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Friends!! Wherever you go in the world, you can hear from God! Wherever you go in the world you can pray to God! Wherever you go in the world, you can talk about God! Wherever you go in the world, you can LIVE for God! Because God loves you and God loves me!"*
 - ***Who loves you? God loves me!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Look and Find Hearts

SUPPLIES: Squishy hearts

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"In our Bible stories all month long, we are learning about God's love for us. God loves you SO much! Look at all these hearts I have. Even if these hearts filled the entire room...or the entire planet...God would still love you more than that! Can you believe it?!"*
- *Let's play a fun game with the hearts. I am going to spread them all over the room to remind us that God loves us so much. I want you to close your eyes. Then when I tell you to open them, go pick up all the hearts!"*

⇒ **Scatter the hearts around the room. Have children collect all the hearts.**

- *"Friends! Go get all the hearts! Look at all this love! God loves you so much!"*
- ***Who loves you?***
- ***God loves me!"***

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

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

- *"Friends. God loves you so much. And because we know God loves us, we can live our lives for him! Can you answer that big question for me one more time?"*
- ***Who loves you? God loves me!"***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Heart Hop

SUPPLIES: Heart cut outs, floor tape, heart sticker

SET-UP: Tape heart cut-outs on the floor in a path. Make sure they are placed closely enough to each other for children to be able to step or hop from heart to heart.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the start of the heart path.**
 - *“Friends, look at these hearts on the floor. Do you know what they say? ‘I will always love you.’ Jeremiah 31:3. Wow! That’s our memory verse this month! It helps us know how much God loves us. I want each of you to take a turn hopping or walking the path from heart to heart and saying the memory verse as you go. I will help you!”*
- ⇒ **Have children hop or walk from heart to heart saying the memory verse as they go. Some little ones may need to hold your hand or have you say the verse with them as they say it! Give each child who hops through the heart path a heart sticker!**
 - *“I – will – always – love – you – Jeremiah 31:3*
 - *Great job! Here is a heart sticker to remind you how much God loves you!”*
- ⇒ **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.**
 - *“Great job working on our memory verse. I hope you always remember that God will ALWAYS love you!*
 - ***Who loves you?***
 - ***God loves me!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
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PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Beginner Bible: Fiery Furnace, p. 247*

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who loves you?***
- ***God loves me!***

⇒ Memory Verse

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednago were friends. They helped each other live for God. **When I say your name, I want you to tell me the name of one of your friends**, and I will write it down.

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

⇒ This is a great list! We can pray that our friends will live for God, too. Let's use our list when we pray...

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

Dear God, thank You for loving us. We want everyone to know that You love them too. Help us talk about You with (read the list the children made) so they will know that You love them and have plans for them. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."