

June Week 1
Garden
Start the Party

June 2

CRAFT WEEK 1

Fluffy Sheep

SUPPLIES: Sheep handout, cotton balls, glue sticks

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the sheep handouts.**
 - *“Friends, come over and sit at the table with me. Jesus told a story about a shepherd who looked for his lost sheep. Let’s make a sheep to help us remember our Bible Story today.”*
- ⇒ **Pass out glue sticks and cotton balls. Have children put glue on the sheep and then stick the cotton balls on the glue.**
 - *“We’re going to use cotton balls to make our sheep fluffy. Use your glue sticks to put glue on the sheep. (Pause.) Now take cotton balls and stick them to the glue to make your sheep nice and fluffy.”*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“In our Bible Story today, Jesus told the story about the shepherd and his sheep so we can know how much God loves us. God loves you and God loves me A LOT! And when we remember how much God loves us, we can have joy all the time!*
 - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
I can have joy all the time!”

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ACTIVITY #1

What's Missing?

SUPPLIES: Bin with 10 items, small towel/blanket

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children gather around the bin of items with the cover over it.**
 - *"Friends, come make a circle with me on the floor. We are going to play a game to help us remember the message of our Bible story today!"*
- ⇒ **Let children look at the items in the bin. Point out each item. Put the cover over the bin again but remove one item. Take the cover off and let the kids identify the missing item. Replace the missing item and repeat as interest allows.**
 - *"We are going to play a what's missing game today with the things in this bin. Look at all the things in the bin and try to remember them. (Pause.)"*
 - *"I'm going to cover the bin and take one item from it. (Take one item and uncover the tray.) Look in the bin. Do you know what's missing (Pause.) Take another guess." (Repeat as desired).*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible story and then have all of the children step into the circle.**
 - *"In our true Bible Story today, the shepherd loved his sheep like God loves us. We can have joy all the time because we are important to God and God loves us all the time!"*
 - *"[Child's name] can have joy all the time because God loves [him/her]. Everybody clap and celebrate!" (Continue for each child and each leader until everyone has been celebrated.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Let's all clap and celebrate that God loves us!"*
 - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
 - ***I can have joy all the time!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dancing

SUPPLIES: CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“When I think about how much God loves me, it makes me so joyful I 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 can have joy all the time?*
 - *I can have joy all the time!*
 - *Let’s dance!*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then bring it back to the bottom line.**
 - *“Great dancing, everyone! I love how joyful you are because God loves you!*
 - *Who can have joy all the time?*
 - *I can have joy all the time!*

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY JUNE WEEK 1

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

- *Beginner's Bible "The Lost Sheep" p 391*

ASK A QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

I can have joy all the time!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17:22

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.