

**June Week 1**  
**Backyard**  
**Start the Party**

*June 2*

# CRAFT WEEK 1

## *Fluffy Sheep*

**SUPPLIES:** Sheep handout, cotton balls, glue sticks, crayons

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the sheep handouts and crayons.**
  - *“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.*
  - *“We’re going to use cotton balls to make our sheep fluffy, but first, let’s put our name on our paper and color their face and legs.”*
- ⇒ **Pass out glue sticks and cotton balls. Have children put glue on the sheep and then stick the cotton balls on the glue.**
  - *“Now our sheep are ready to add the fluff. 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 the children look at the items in the bin. Point out each item. Put 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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# **ACTIVITY #3**

## *Memory Verse Practice*

**SUPPLIES:**      Reward Stickers

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **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. ‘A joyful heart is good medicine.’ Proverbs 17:22*
    - *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.**
  - *“Nice work, my friends!*
  - *Who can have joy all the time?*
  - *I can have joy all the time!”*

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## **READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**

### **JUNE WEEK 1**

## **PASS OUT MOON SAND**

### **READ**

- *Beginner's Bible "The Lost Sheep" p 391*  
*God is like the shepherd in our true Bible story and He loves us like the shepherd loves his sheep. When we remember that, we can have joy all the time!*

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
  - ***I can have Joy all the time!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - ***"A joyful heart is good medicine."***  
**Proverbs 17:22**

### **CONNECT IT AND PRAY**

- ⇒ "Today we learned that God is like the shepherd who loves his sheep. We're going to make a list of people we love. When I say your name, **tell me one person you love**, and I will write it down.
  - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Wow! Look at all these people! Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
  - *"Dear God, thank You loving us like the shepherd loved his sheep. We love [read list children made]. It gives us so much joy to know that You love us even more! Help us remember how much You love us so we can have joy all the time! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*