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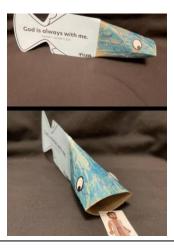
CRAFT WEEK 4

Jonah & The Big Fish

SUPPLIES:

Jonah Cutout, Fish tail cutout, craft tube, eye stickers, crayons, stapler, tape

- ⇒ Give each child a fish tail cutout and set out the crayons. Have children color the fish tail.
 - "Friends, come sit at the table. Today we're going to make a craft to help us remember our story. In our story, Jonah was swallowed up by a big fish, so we're going to make a fish! Color the tail and when you're ready, we'll make the rest of the fish."
- ⇒ Prep the craft tubes by stapling one end closed and folding the other together to create the mouth. Use tape to attach the children's tails to the fish body. Give each child 2 eye stickers and encourage them to color the body of the fish.
 - "Now we're going to put our fish together. We'll come around and add your fish tail to a fish body. We'll also give you eyes to stick on your fish and you can color the body of the fish!"
- ⇒ Pass out Jonah cutout, review the story, and bring it Back to the Bottom Line
 - o "I have one last thing for you. It's a picture of Jonah that you can put inside your fish! God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to tell the people to do what God says and love one another. But Jonah didn't listen. But God was with Jonah the whole time. When a storm hit the boat, when Jonah was in the water, and even when Jonah was in the belly of the fish! Put Jonah inside the fish's mouth. (Pause.) Jonah prayed when he was in the big fish, and God made the fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. Make the fish spit Jonah out! (Pause.) And Jonah was able to do what God said and go to Nineveh. God was always with Jonah, and God is always with you!
 - Who is always with you? God is always with me!"



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ACTIVITY #1 Streamers Everywhere

SUPPLIES: Streamers, unsharpened pencil

- ⇒ Stick an unsharpened pencil in the middle of the streamer roll and tie the end of the roll to a table leg.
 - "Friends, in our Bible Story today Jonah went all over the place, but no matter where he went, God was always with him. Today we're going to play a game to show a journey we're going to go on. Everybody come gather around me and we're going to take a journey around the room."
- ⇒ Encourage children to walk with you all around the room while you carry the pencil to leave a trail of streamers. Loop the streamers around items in the room to keep it in place.
 - o "Watch out for the streamers as we go because they're going to mark our path. Ready? Let's Go! (Move around the room, crossing over your paths, have children crawl under the table, create a path all around the room.)
- ⇒ Review the Bible story and bring it back to the Bottom Line. Clean up streamers.
 - o "Look back at the path we made. We went all over the place, but just like with Jonah, no matter where we went, God is always with us..
 - o Who is always with you?
 - o God is always with me!
 - o Great job friends! Now let's all work together to get all the streamers cleaned up and in the trash."

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Earth balls, CD Player, Worship CD

- ⇒ Have children join you around the parachute.
 - "Friends, let's have some fun together! This month we have been learning that God is always with us, no matter where we go. What does this look like? (Hold up the earth ball.) That's right! It's the world, no matter where we go in the world, God is always with us. Let's put these worlds on the parachute and bounce them HIGH!"
- ⇒ Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the earth balls bounce off, ask...
 - "Who is always with you?
 - O God is always with me!"
- ⇒ Repeat as long as children are interested.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - o "Awesome job, friends! That was fun!
 - o Who is always with you?
 - God is always with me!"

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ACTIVITY #3 Wherever It Lands

SUPPLIES: Paper Airplane pages

SET UP: Pre-make paper airplanes by folding along the lines of the paper

- ⇒ Gather the children in the middle of the room and fly the paper airplanes in different directions around the room.
 - "Friends, we have a fun game today while we learn our memory verse. See these paper airplanes I have? I'm going to throw them around the room and we'll work together to collect them!"
- ⇒ Invite children to collect the paper airplanes. Unfold the airplanes to reveal the words of the verse and put them in order.
 - "Walk to get the airplanes! We will do this again so everybody gets a chance to pick them up, so don't worry if you don't get one this time.
 - "Let's unfold these airplanes to reveal a message. (Read the words)
 Hmm, let's see if we can rearrange these to make our memory verse.
 (Pause.)
 - Great job! Let's say it all together. 'God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9.
- ⇒ Repeat until every child has had a chance to get an airplane. Repeat the memory verse each time.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
 - o "Nice work, my friends!
 - o Who is always with you?
 - God is always with me!"

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY OCTOBER WEEK 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

The Beginner's Bible "Jonah & The Big Fish" p 257

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - O Who is always with you?
 - o God is always with me!
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - o "God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today we learned that God is always with you, no matter where you go. I want to make a list of places God is with us, so when I call your name, tell me **one place you've been to**.
 - Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.
- ⇒Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - "Dear God, You have the power to do anything. That's why You are with us wherever we go! You are with us when we go to (read the list the children made). Thank You, God, for loving us and always being with us. You're the best! In Jesus' name. Amen."