

July Week 2

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Praying Hands

SUPPLIES:

Praying hands cutouts, pre-hole punched paper, metal brads (2), crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a paper and crayons and invite them to draw pictures of people they can pray for.**
 - *"Come join me at the table. Today we learned that praying for each other is one way to do what Jesus says. Today you are going to draw a picture of people you want to pray for. So, think about who you want to pray for, and draw pictures of them."*
- ⇒ **While the children color, attach a set of praying hands to each child's paper with metal brads.**
 - *"While you color your pictures, we're going to bring around sets of praying hands. We'll attach them to your picture like this (hold up an example) and that way you can close them and see praying hands and open them to see what you're praying for!"*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Today we heard a story about Jesus and His friends, the disciples. The disciples followed Jesus everywhere He went, and Jesus showed them how to love like Him. One day, after Jesus was done teaching His disciples, He did something very special. Jesus talked to God and prayed for His friends. Jesus asked God to protect them and to help them love like Him. Then Jesus prayed for you and me and for everyone who would follow Him. Jesus prayed that we would do what He says and love each other the way He loves us. One way we can love like Jesus is by praying for each other. We can pray for others and do what Jesus says."*
 - **"Who can do what Jesus says?"**
 - **"I can do what Jesus says!"**



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ACTIVITY #1

Bag of Prayer

SUPPLIES: Bag, disciple cards, blank note cards, pen

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **As children arrive, write their names on slips of paper for this activity!**

⇒ **Gather the children and show them the bag.**

- *“Hey friends, come sit with me! What do you see on this bag? (Point to hearts.) Yes, hearts! Hearts make us think of love. In today’s story we learned that Jesus loved His disciples by praying for them. Then Jesus loved us by praying for everyone who would follow Him and be His friend forever!”*

⇒ **Encourage the children to take turns pulling a paper from the bag and sorting them into two piles.**

- *“This bag is filled with slips of paper. Some of the papers have your names on them, and the others have a picture of one of Jesus’ friends, the disciples. Let’s take turns pulling a paper from the bag, and then we’re going to sort them into disciples and our names. [Child’s name], come pull one paper out of the love bag. (Pause.) You pulled a paper with a disciple on it! Jesus prayed for His disciples! Let’s put the disciples in a pile here. (Pause.) Great job! [Child’s name], your turn to pull a paper from the bag. (Pause.) You pulled a paper with a name on it! It says [child’s name]. Jesus prayed for [child’s name]! Let’s make another pile of all our names here. (Pause.) Super! (Continue until each child has a turn. Then pull out the remaining papers and ask children to help you place them in the right pile.) Great job, everyone. Look at all the people Jesus prayed for. Jesus prayed for His disciples, Jesus prayed for us, and Jesus prayed for everyone who would follow Him.”*

⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**

- *“Jesus prayed for us, and now Jesus wants us to pray for one another. Give me two thumbs up if you can do what Jesus says and pray for one another. (Hold two thumbs up as you look around.) Yay! You can do what Jesus says, and **I can do what Jesus says!**”*
- **Who can do what Jesus says?**
- **I can do what Jesus says!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Jesus Says...

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Invite the children to come and spread out in the middle of the room.**
 - *“Friends, come over here and spread out! Stick your arms out and make sure you aren’t touching your neighbor. (Pause.) Have you ever played Simon Says? (Pause.) Today we’re going to play Jesus Says!”*
- ⇒ **Play Simon Says as Jesus says and review the Bottom Line.**
 - *“For this game, I’m going to be Jesus and I’m going to say ‘Jesus says..’ and tell you to do something like touch your toes. Let’s try it. ‘Jesus says, touch your toes.’ (Pause.) Great job! But if I don’t say ‘Jesus says...’ then you don’t do what I say. So if I say ‘clap your hands’ but I DON’T say ‘Jesus says...’ then anyone who claps their hands has to sit down. Are you ready to play?”*
 - *(Play as long as children are interested. Each time you pause for kids to sit down, ask:*
 - ***“Who can do what Jesus says?”***
 - ***“I can do what Jesus says!”***
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
 - ***“Who can do what Jesus says?”***
 - ***“I can do what Jesus says!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JULY 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 – KEEP ALL MONTH

- *If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart* by Jill Roman Lord

ASK A QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

I can do what Jesus says!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

“Be kind and loving to each other.” Ephesians 4:22

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.