

January Week 3

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CRAFT WEEK 3

Play Anytime

SUPPLIES: Watch cutout, Velcro dots, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a watch cutout and set out the crayons.**
 - *“Friends! Come sit with me at the table. Let’s make a watch today. Do you know what a watch is? (Pause.) A watch is something you wear on your wrist that helps you know what time it is.”*

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to color their watch. Once they are done coloring, measure the watch on each child’s wrist and cut it to size. Add the Velcro dots to hold the two ends together.**
 - *“Use the crayons to decorate your watch. (Pause.) Super! Let’s measure it around your wrist. (Cut as needed and add the Velcro dots.) Now your watch is ready to wear! (Help put each child’s watch on.) Your watch can help you remember that you can pray and talk to God anywhere and at any time, just like Paul and Silas.”*

- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“In our Bible Story, Paul and Silas chose to stay at the jail to tell the guard that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. Then the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus, too. We can pray to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, just like Paul and Silas! The Bible has God’s words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things!*
 - **“What does the Bible teach you?**
 - **“The Bible teaches me the best things!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Anytime, Anywhere, Anything

SUPPLIES: 3 foam cubes with pictures of time, place, and topic, sentence strips

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the kids for a game.**

- *"We're going to play a game where we build a sentence to learn something we can do anytime, anywhere, and about anything!"*

⇒ **Choose three children to roll the cubes and fill in the blanks in the sentences. Read the sentence together and then choose more children until all children have had a chance to roll a cube.**

- *"There are three cubes with different pictures. I need three helpers. (Call three children up to the table.)*
- *"Let's build our first sentence. [Child's name], roll the first cube and place it on this first blank. (Pause.) Now [child's name], roll the second cube and place it on the second blank. (Point.) Great! Now, [child's name], roll the third cube and place it on the third blank. (Pause.) Fantastic! You just built a sentence! When I point to the picture you picked, tell me what it is. (Point to the words as you read.) I can pray (Point to the first picture and pause for child to describe the picture.) [in the morning/at night] ... (Point to the second picture and pause for child to describe the picture) at the [place] about ... (Point to the last picture and pause for child to describe the picture.) [thing]. Thank you for building a great sentence!"*
- *"Let's have some other friends build one. (Call three different children and assign them to each cube. Continue until each child has a turn.) That was so fun building sentences about when and where and what we can pray about."*

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

- *"Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything too! The Bible has God's words in it, and teaches us that WE can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything too.*
- ***What does the Bible teach you?***
- ***The Bible teaches me the best things!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: EC Worship CD, CD Player

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“Friends, one of the things the Bible teaches us is that we can worship God with our voices and our whole selves. So today we’re going to worship by playing freeze dance and dancing to tell God thanks! 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!”*
 - *“What does the Bible teach you?”*
 - *“The Bible teaches me the best things!”*
 - *Let’s dance!”*

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

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
 - *“What does the Bible teach you?”*
 - *“The Bible teaches me the best things!”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Pass the Bible

SUPPLIES: Preschool Bible, EC Worship CD, CD Player

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room and review the memory verse.**

- *“Friends, come over and sit with me in a circle on the floor. Let’s say our verse as we do the motions. Ready? ‘**Your** (point up) **word** (open hands like a book) **is truth,**’ (move index finger forward from mouth) **John 17:17** (open hands like a book). Great job!”*

⇒ **Play music and pass the Bible around. Pause music. Have the child holding the Bible say the memory verse.**

- *“I’ve got a fun game for us to play to help us remember our Memory Verse! When the music plays, we’ll pass the Bible around the circle. But when the music stops, if you are holding the Bible, you get to stand up and lead us in saying the verse. Here we go! (Start music and let it play for a bit.) Keep passing the Bible! (Pause the music.) Who’s holding the Bible? (Look around.) [Child’s name] is holding the Bible! Stand up [child’s name] and lead us in saying our verse. (With children.) ‘**Your word is truth**’ **John 17:17**. Fantastic! Sit down and get ready to pass the Bible when the music starts. (Continue until each child.) Pass the Bible to me, please. (Hold up the Bible.) The Bible is amazing! It is filled with God’s words, and it teaches us the best things!”*

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“Today in our Bible Story, Philip read God’s words with the man and helped him understand. When we learn our Memory Verses, we are learning God’s words!”*
- **What does the Bible teach you?**
- **The Bible teaches me the best things!”**

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JANUARY WEEK 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 500 "Earthquake in Prison"

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***What does the Bible teach you?***
 - ***The Bible teaches me the best things!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"Your word is truth." John 17:17**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Since Paul and Silas knew that they could pray and talk to God anywhere, we are going to make a list of places we can pray to God. When I say your name, tell me **one place you can pray and talk to God.**
 - *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, thank You for giving us the Bible to teach us what is true. Thank You that we can pray and talk to You when we are at (read the list the children made). We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."*