

January Week 1

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# CRAFT WEEK 1

## *Young Jesus in the Temple*

**SUPPLIES:** Story page, Smiley face stampers, crayons

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

⇒ **Give each child a story page.**

- *"Hey friends, come sit at the table and let's make a story picture to help us remember today's Bible Story."*

⇒ **Set out crayons and encourage children to color the crowd and Jesus.**

- *"Look at the busy temple! Mary and Joseph went looking for Jesus and they looked all over until they finally found Jesus. Open up your paper to see what's behind the crowd. (Pause.) It's Jesus! Let's color the crowd and Jesus."*

⇒ **Set out the smiley face stampers and encourage them to place the smiley faces around Jesus.**

- *"When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, who was he talking to? (Pause.) That's right, he was talking to grown-ups and priests. Let's add some smiley faces around Jesus and they can be the grown-ups he was talking to."*

⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**

- *"When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, He was talking to a lot of grown-ups about God, and they were listening! They were amazed by what He said because He was only 12 years old. The Bible teaches us that we can talk about God with our friends, our family, and our neighbors! We can talk about God at home, at a party, and at church! We can talk about God just like Jesus did! 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**

## *Find Jesus*

**SUPPLIES:** Jesus pictures (optional – painter's tape)

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

- ⇒ **Hide the pictures of young Jesus around the room and gather the children to look for them.**
  - *"We're going on a Jesus hunt! Let's see if we can find all the pictures of young Jesus in the room."*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to look around the room for the hidden pictures. Celebrate each time a picture is found.**
  - *"Let's look and find Jesus! (Pause for children to look around the room.) Wow! You found Jesus! Hooray! Say I found Jesus! (With children.) I found Jesus! Let's look around some more and see if we can find another picture of young Jesus. (Pause for children to look around the room.) You found Jesus! Hooray! Say I found Jesus! (With children.) I found Jesus! (Continue until you find all the Jesus pictures.) Great job looking for Jesus, you found all the pictures of young Jesus."*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *"Great job finding the pictures of Jesus! Mary and Joseph went looking for Jesus and they found him at the temple teaching people about the Bible. Even though Jesus was young, He taught other people about God. Just like Jesus, even when you are young, YOU can talk about God too!"*
  - ***What does the Bible teach you?***
  - ***The Bible teaches me the best things!"***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Bible Walk*

**SUPPLIES:** Bible pictures, blank pages, EC CD, CD Player

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

- ⇒ **Set the Bible pictures and blank pages on the ground in a circle, one page per child. Invite the children to each stand on a paper.**
  - *“Friends, let’s play a game! Everyone find a paper to stand on and when I play the music, you’re going to walk around the circle. When I stop the music, stop on the paper you are on.”*
- ⇒ **Play the music and encourage the children to walk around the circle. Stop the music and invite all the children standing on a Bible to answer our question.**
  - “The music stopped, everyone find a paper to stand on! (Pause.) Raise your hand if you are standing on a Bible. (Pause.) I want all my friends standing on a Bible to tell me...”
  - ***“What does the Bible teach you?”***
  - ***“The Bible teaches me the best things!”***
- ⇒ **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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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**  
**JANUARY 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**

- *If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart* by Jill Roman Lord - **Keep this all month**

**ASK A QUESTION**

What does the Bible teach you?

The Bible teaches me the best things!

**PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE**

"Your word is truth." John 17:17

**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.