

January Week 1

3-K

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Young Jesus in the Temple

SUPPLIES:

Story page, Smiley face stickers, 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."*

⇒ **Give each child a set of smiley face stickers and encourage them to place the stickers 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 face stickers 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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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. "**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). 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!"*
 - ***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

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 296 "Jesus is Lost!"

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

- ⇒ "When Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus, he was talking to some very important teachers. Jesus was telling them all about God. We can talk about God to other people, too! Let's make a list of people we can tell about God. When I say your name, tell me **one person you can talk to about 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 so we can learn all about You. Thank You that we can talk to (read the names listed in the journal) about You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*