

September Week 2

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Desert Sand

SUPPLIES:

Story page, sandpaper strips, glue sticks, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a story page and crayons.**

- *"Come on over to the table friends. Let's create some special story art. Our story today happened in a hot, sandy desert, and our picture is going to look just like it!"*

⇒ **Encourage the children to color the story page. Then, give each child a sandpaper strip and glue stick and help them glue the strip to the bottom of their page.**

- *"In our Bible Story, a mom named Hagar and her son, Ishmael, were lost in the desert. They were so sad and thirsty because they had run out of water. But God heard them! God sent an angel to show Hagar a well of water."*
- *"Color your picture with lots of beautiful colors. (Allow children time to color.) Your pictures look wonderful! Now, let's put a strip of glue along the bottom of your page and we'll give you a strip of sandpaper to make the sandy desert ground. (Allow time for children to add sandpaper to their picture.) Look! You made a real sandy desert picture!"*

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

- *"Your desert pictures look amazing! They can help you remember our story. Even when Hagar and Ishmael felt all alone in a big, hot, sandy desert, God was with them. He heard them, and He helped them. God always hears us, too, no matter where we are."*
- ***"Who is always with you?"***
- ***"God is always with me!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

What's That Sound?

SUPPLIES: Eggs with items inside, page with item images

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children on the carpet.**

- *"Come and play a listening game with me! I have some eggs with different things inside. We have to use our listening ears that God gave us to guess what's inside!"*

⇒ **Encourage children to shake each egg and decide what they think is inside. Once each child has a turn to shake each egg, place the egg next to the item on the cardstock. Then a volunteer can open each egg to show what is inside.**

- *"In our Bible Story, we learned that God heard Ishmael crying when he was hot and thirsty in the desert. God can hear everything! Let's see what we can hear. I'm going to shake the first egg. Listen closely. (Shake the egg with rice.) What does that sound like? Is it quiet like the cotton balls? (Point to the cotton balls on the mat.) Or shaky like the rice? (Point to the rice.) Let's pass it around and everyone can give it a shake! (Allow each child to have a turn shaking the egg.) What do you think is inside? (Pause for responses.) Wow! Let's put this egg next to the [item] on the paper. (Pause.) Okay, let's try another one. (Continue with each egg.) You have such wonderful listening ears!"*

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

- *"It's so amazing to know that God always hears us. God heard Hagar and Ishmael in the desert when nobody else heard them. God hears you when you talk to Him at the playground. He hears you when you talk to Him at night in bed. He hears you when you talk to Him in the car. He hears you, no matter where you are because God is always with you!"*
- **"Who is always with you?"**
- **"God is always with me!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Earth stress balls, parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you around the parachute. Put the earths on the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, let’s have some fun together! Who can tell me what this ball looks like? (Pause.) That’s right! The world/earth! This is the world where we live. There is nowhere in the whole world that we can go away from God because God is always with us! Let’s put these worlds on the parachute and when I tell you, we can shake the parachute to get them all off.”*
- ⇒ **Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the earths bounce off, ask...**
 - *“Who is always with you?”*
 - *“God is always with me!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends!”*
 - *“Who is always with you?”*
 - *“God is always with me!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY SEPTEMBER 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

- *Pray to God* – keep this all month

ASK A QUESTION

Who is always with you?

God is always with me!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

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.