

September Week 4

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CRAFT WEEK 4

Jonah and the Big Fish

SUPPLIES: Envelope, Fish tail cutout, Jonah cutout, tape, googly eyes, crayons

SET-UP: Tape fish tail cutouts to the back, top corner of the envelope

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child an envelope, fish tail, and Jonah cutout.**
 - *“Come to the table! Let’s make a special fish to help us remember our story about Jonah.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to color the envelope and the cutouts. Give each child 2 googly eyes and encourage them to stick them on the envelope. Show the children how to put the Jonah cutout inside the envelope.**
 - *“Here is your fish! (Hold up an envelope fish.) Color your big fish and your Jonah cutout. (Allow time to color.) Now your fish needs eyes. Let’s give him two silly googly eyes. (Help children add their googly eye stickers.) Great! Now slide Jonah into the belly of the fish. Who was inside the big fish in our story? (Pull Jonah out of the fish’s belly.) Jonah! God was with Jonah wherever he went, even in the belly of the big fish!”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“You can take your special fish home to tell the story to your family! God was with Jonah in the boat, in the water, in the belly of the fish, and in Nineveh! God was with Jonah wherever he went. And, wherever Jonah went, he could talk to God! He could talk to God in the boat, in the water, in the belly of the fish, and in Nineveh. You can talk to God wherever you go too because God is always with you.*
 - **“Who is always with you?”**
 - **“God is always with me!”**



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ACTIVITY #1

Jonah's Parachute Journey

SUPPLIES: Parachute, ball pit ball

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children around the parachute.**

- *"Let's use our big parachute to tell the amazing story of Jonah! We need to work together to make the story happen."*

⇒ **Encourage the children to pretend the ball is Jonah and then use the parachute and 'Jonah' to retell the Bible Story.**

- *"Grab the edge of the parachute and lift it high. Look, let's pretend this ball is Jonah! (Put the ball pit ball on the parachute.) Let's rock the parachute back and forth. (Pause.) A big storm came! Rock, rock, rock! (Gently rock the parachute back and forth.) The storm was so big that Jonah told the men in the boat to throw him into the water. Let's throw Jonah out! When I say three, we'll bop him off the parachute. Ready? One, two, three ... BOP! (Bop the ball off the parachute.) Oh no! Where did he go? (Point to the ball.) There he is! But God was with Jonah and He sent a big fish to swallow Jonah up! Let's make our parachute the big fish! Stand up! We have to scoop Jonah up! Ready? One, two, three ... SCOOP! (Scoop the ball up so it's under the parachute.) Jonah was in the fish for three whole days! Let's count to three. One ... two ... three! Then the fish spit him out! Everyone, lift up the parachute! (Lift the parachute high.) There he is! Now Jonah was ready to do what God said. Jonah needed to go to Nineveh. Let's help him get there! (Put the ball on top of the parachute.) Let's shake the parachute and make Jonah travel all the way to Nineveh! (Gently shake the parachute to move the ball to the other side.) We did it!"*

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

- *"You helped Jonah get all the way to Nineveh! What a wild ride! Jonah was on a boat, in a storm, and even inside a fish! But no matter where he was, God was with him. God was always with Jonah everywhere he went, and God is always with us too."*
- **"Who is always with you?"**
- **"God is always with me!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: EC CD, CD Player

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *"Friends, it is so amazing that God is always with us. That's a reason to celebrate! So today we're going to celebrate by playing freeze dance and dancing to tell God how amazing He is! 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!"*
 - ***"Who is always with you?"***
 - ***"God is always with me!"***
 - *"Let's dance!"*
- ⇒ **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 4

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.