



WEEK
ONE
MAY 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

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HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. POPSICLE STICK GARDEN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Popsicle Stick Garden Label" Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; paper plates; popsicle sticks; crayons and/or washable markers; mini cupcake liners; glue sticks; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Popsicle Stick Garden Label" on label paper, one per child. Write child's name on their plate.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their paper plate to look like the earth and sky. Color the popsicle sticks green if desired and glue to their plate. Glue cupcake liners on for flowers. Add the label to their plate.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We heard a story today about a special garden—the first garden God ever made. There were plants, flowers, and trees. It was perfect. Let's make a garden of our own."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Color your plate to look like the sky and the ground. (Pause.) Let's use these popsicle sticks for the stems of the flowers. You can color them green or leave them plain then glue them to your plate garden. (Pause.) These cupcake liners look like flowers. Glue them to your popsicle sticks. (Pause.) Add your label. It tells you where to find today's story in the Bible. (Pause.) What a pretty garden you've planted!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God filled the garden with plants, flowers, and trees. Some of them grew food that you could eat. There were so many animals. It was perfect! God made it all. But, He wasn't done. God made people, Adam and Eve, to watch over the animals and the garden. God gave them one rule. He told them to never, ever eat the fruit from one tree . . . but they did. They didn't do things God's way, so God sent them out of the garden and everything became harder because they didn't obey God. Everything would have been better if they had only followed God's way, because God's way is perfect."

Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect."

BIBLE STORY

God's way is perfect.

IN THE GARDEN

GENESIS 1:31, 2:8-3:24

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."

2 SAMUEL 22:31, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Whose way is perfect?

BOTTOM LINE

God's way is perfect.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Samuel 22:31, journal, and fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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"Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Today, we'll make a list of our favorite foods that God made. Then we can use our list to thank God for making food that tastes perfectly yummy. So, when I say your name, tell me your favorite food that God made, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name! (Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters."

MEMORY VERSE

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2 SAMUEL 22:31, NIRV

"Ooo, this is a list of yummy foods! Let's pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You for making this amazing world and everything in it. We especially want to thank You for all of the yummy foods You made. [Child's name] wants to thank You for making [food they named]. (Continue with each child's name and the food listed.) Please help us trust that Your way is perfect and to go Your way. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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