

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. ALL TANGLED UP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "All Tangled Up" Activity Page, copy paper, and washable markers or crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "All Tangled Up" on copy paper, one per child.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us that we can share.

BIGGER BARN

ACTS 2:45; LUKE 12:16-23

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an "All Tangled Up" Activity Page. Show the children how to trace the lines with their finger to see which line goes to Jesus and which lines go to the barns. Next, tell the children to trace the line that goes to Jesus with a marker or crayon.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus teaches us important things—like how we can share with others.

MEMORY VERSE

"The people were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NCV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit with me at the table. Look at your paper—it has lines that are all tangled up."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at your paper. There is a picture of two barns and a picture of Jesus at the top. Use your finger to trace the lines to find which line goes to Jesus and which lines go to the barns. When you find the line that goes to Jesus, use a marker or crayon to trace that line. (Pause.) Great job!"

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

"Jesus told a story about a farmer. This farmer grew a lot of good food, and he wanted to put all the food into his barns. The barns filled up, but there was still more food. The farmer could have shared his food but he didn't! He decided he would build BIGGER barns! The farmer could fill them up and keep ALL the food for himself. It would be WAY more food than he needed, but he wanted to keep it all.

What did Jesus teach us we can do instead of keeping everything for ourselves? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus teaches us it is important to share what we have. Sharing with others is important."

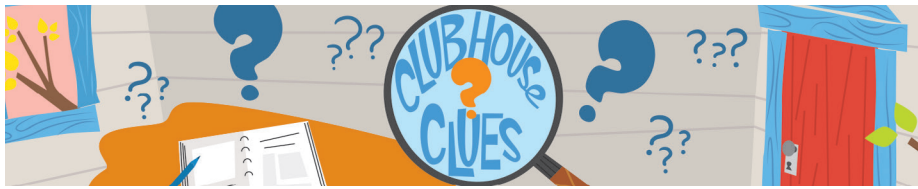
BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "I'm so glad Jesus teaches us important things, like sharing! **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!**"

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



WEEK
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SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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BIGGER BARNs
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Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Since Jesus teaches us we can share, let's make a list of things we can share! When I say your name, tell me one thing you can share, and I'll write it in our journal. We can use the list when we pray." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You made such a good list of things we can share! Let's pray and talk to God about it. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us important things. We want to do the things Jesus teaches us to do, like share. Please help us share things like (*read the list the children made.*) We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."