JULY

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I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

I Want to Know What Love Is

Bible Story: I Want to Know What Love Is (Paul in Athens/Unknown God) • *Acts 17:16-34*

Memory Verse: God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. Ephesians 2:8

Life App: Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

GOD TIMES PAPER

God Times paper - Have the coloring page from the backside of the 'God Time' take home at the table. Connect with the children. They do not need to finish, as they can finish at home.

OPENING ACTIVITY

Play-Doh Summer Creations
What You Need: Play-Doh®

What You Do:

- Give each kid a container of Play-Doh.
- Tell them to create something that shows what they like about summer
  - Invite them to choose an idea.
  - For example, a swimming pool, baseball, kite, ice cream cone, flowers
- When finished, let kids share what they made with one another.

Let's go watch the video and hear a story from the Bible about a man who helped A LOT of people by telling them about Jesus."

LESSON VIDEO

252 Story Week 2
Ask the children:
What did you see? What did you learn? (give 1 or 2 children a chance to respond)

BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY

Macaroni Review
[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]
Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: Bible, macaroni or other small pasta

What You Do:

- Give each of the kids two pieces of pasta.
- Explain that you will ask a question about today's Bible story.
    - If they think the answer is YES, have them put two pieces of pasta in front of them.
    - If they think the answer is NO, have them put down only one piece.
- Use the questions listed below or add others you come up with.
- After each question, give kids an opportunity to explain their choice and share what they remember from that part of the story.
    - Did Paul ever tell people about Jesus? *(Yes)*
    - Did everyone Paul told about Jesus believe in Him? *(No)*
    - Did Paul and his friends ever have to leave a city because the people didn't want them to tell others about Jesus? *(Yes)*
    - Does God love people only if they believe in Him? *(No)*
    - Did some of the people in the town of Athens worship statues of animals and other things called idols? *(Yes)*
    - Did Paul tell the people of Athens how to make yummy mac and cheese? *(No)*
    - Did Paul tell the people of Athens that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead? *(Yes)*
    - Did Paul talk about Jesus to a man named Roger Lee Corn-Biscuit? *(No)*
    - Did Paul talk about Jesus to a man named Dionysius? *(Yes)*
    - Did Dionysius become a Jesus follower? *(Yes)*
    - Do we tell people about Jesus to help them smell better? *(No)*
    - Are there people you can tell about Jesus? *(Yes)*
- Set out more pasta (about 12 pieces for each kid) then direct kids to create shapes as described in "What You Say."
- Send pasta pieces home in Ziplock baggies with the kids.

What You Say:
"Use your pieces of pasta to make the shape of a stick person. *(Demonstrate as needed then continue as kids work.)* The Bible tells us that God loves all people everywhere. That means EVERYONE. Short, tall, large, small; God made each person who lives and He wants us to know how to be His friend forever. That's why He sent His Son, Jesus, to Earth. Rearrange your pasta pieces to make the shape of a cross. *(Demonstrate as needed then continue as kids work.)* Jesus came to Earth long ago and showed us how to know and follow God. When He died on the cross, He took the punishment we deserve for all the bad things we have done. He didn't stay dead, though. He came back to life and lives in heaven with God. Rearrange your pasta pieces into the shape of a heart. *(Demonstrate as needed then continue as kids work.)* Who do you know that you can tell about God's love and share the story of Jesus? Remember, ***[Bottom Line]*** **you can help others know Jesus."**

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Taste of Faith
[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]
Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Bibles, "FAITH" Activity Sheet, crayons

What You Do:

- This week, focus on learning the first part of Ephesians 2:8. Explain that we use faith when we believe that God sent Jesus to earth to be our Savior—even though we didn't see it happen.
    - We use faith when we say we know Jesus was born, died on a cross, and rose from the dead even though we weren't there when it happened.

- Give each kid a “FAITH” Activity Sheet. Have them trace the letters with crayons and color inside the letters.
- Tell kids that you will help them say the beginning sentence in Ephesians 2:8 as they color.

What You Say:
“You have FAITH! When you believe in Jesus, even though you can’t SEE Him, you’re putting your faith to work. Believing in Jesus means that you believe He is God’s Son and that He came to take the punishment for the wrong things you do. When you have faith in Jesus, ***[Bottom Line]*** **you can help others know Jesus**, too!”

PRAYER

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]
Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Timer or stopwatch

What You Do:
- Challenge kids to tell everyone in their group, one by one, that “Jesus loves you!” in 30 seconds.
- When you say, “Go,” start the timer/stopwatch for 30 seconds.
- Let kids tell each other, “Jesus loves you.”
- Call out, “Stop!” when 30 seconds are up.

What You Say:
“In less than a minute, you told lots of kids that Jesus loves them. ***[Bottom Line]*** **You can help others know Jesus** by becoming their friend and showing God’s love to them. Let’s pray together and ask God’s help to share Jesus with those we know. Repeat after me. Dear God, *(pause)* help us to tell others *(pause)* that You love them *(pause)* and sent Jesus *(pause)* to be our Savior. Amen.”

WORSHIP VIDEO - Play the worship video if you have time. Music Video of the month.