



DAY 1 (MONDAY): "TELESCOPE"

STORY: Abraham & Sarah

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12-21

VIRTUE: Patience

SUPPLIES:

- Blue Cardstock (1 each)
- Gold Stars (20 each)
- Label Stickers (1 each)
- Markers (shared)
- Double sided tape (shared)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture (listed above) and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Write your name along the left side of your blue paper.
2. Use markers to decorate the rest of the front of your paper.
3. After you finish coloring, flip your paper over and add 20 gold stars.
4. Roll your paper into the shape of a telescope.
5. Use three pieces of double-sided tape to secure, pressing down firmly on your telescope to make sure the tape holds.
6. Add the sticker to your telescope, tilt it up towards the light and look through to see your stars shine!

LEARNING OUTCOME:

Abraham and Sarah had to learn patience with God as he made them wait for years before he gave them what they asked. We like to run ahead of God sometimes, but when we have patience, God will show us all he has promised. Just like God blessed Abraham and Sarah for their patience and he multiplied their descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore!

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

Make sure when you roll your paper your name ends up on the outside and not hidden inside the telescope!





DAY 2 (TUESDAY): "ANOTHER IN THE FIRE"

STORY: Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego

SCRIPTURE Daniel 3

VIRTUE Faithfulness/Trust

SUPPLIES:

- Paper plate (1 each)
- Red, orange and yellow tissue paper pieces (up to 10 of each color)
- Glue sticks (shared)
- Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego cutout (3 each)
- Markers (for names; shared)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Write your name on the back of your paper plate.
2. Using a glue stick, apply a thin layer of glue to the front of your paper plate.
3. Stick one piece of tissue paper to your plate at a time, making it look like fire.
4. Apply a small amount of glue to the back of the Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego cutouts and place them in the fire.

LEARNING OUTCOME:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into the blazing furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar because they wouldn't worship his idols. They had to have faith and trust that God would save them and in the end, they were able to walk out of the fire unharmed!

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

Make sure kids fully cover any glue on their plate with tissue paper so plates don't get stuck together when stacked for transport.



DAY 3 (WEDNESDAY): “WIND CHIME”

STORY: Jesus Calms the Storm

SCRIPTURE Matthew 8

VIRTUE Peace

SUPPLIES:

- Plastic cup (1 each)
- String (1 each)
- Pipe cleaners (3 each)
- Bells (3 each)
- Pearl Pony Beads (30 each)
- Sharpies (for names; shared)
- Stickers (1 each)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Write your name on the side of your plastic cup.
2. Thread your piece of string through the hole in the bottom of your cup. This is what you will use to hang your wind chime.
3. Thread one pipe cleaner through each of the three holes on the sides of your cup, twisting the pipe cleaner to secure it in place.
4. Add 10 beads and a bell to a pipe cleaner.
5. Twist the end of the pipe cleaner to secure the bell in place.
6. Repeat steps four and five with the remaining two pipe cleaners.
7. Place your sticker on the side of the cup and your wind chime is complete!

LEARNING OUTCOME:

Jesus was sleeping on the boat when a fierce storm arrived. His disciples were scared they would drown. Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the waves giving peace to his disciples. When we have “storms” in our lives we can trust that Jesus will give us peace.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

- Make sure kids don't cover their names when adding stickers to the cup!
- Double check the ends of pipe cleaners are twisted properly to avoid bells/beads from falling off during transport.



DAY 4 (THURSDAY): “PLANET SUN CATCHER”

STORY: Resurrection

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:26-Luke 24:12

VIRTUE Peace

SUPPLIES:

- Plastic lid (1 each)
- Glass beads (varies)
- Clear glue (shared)
- Sharpies (for names; shared)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Write your name on the bottom (non-shallow side) of your lid.
2. Craft volunteers put a very thin layer of clear glue in each lid, covering the entire surface.
3. Kids place glass beads in a single layer in lid.
4. When finished, kids raise hand to signal they are ready for their top coat of glue.
5. Craft volunteers carefully add another thin layer of glue to the tops of the beads. (It's really easy to overflow the glue, so the thinner each coat, the better!)
6. Shepherds bring their kids' finished lids to designated drying area - kids will bring these home tomorrow, along with a set of instructions and string to hang up their sun catchers.

LEARNING OUTCOME:

The same God that created the heavens, the earth, the planets, and the sky, loved us so much that he sent us his son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.

Just like our prayer song ("So Will I") lyrics say:

And as You speak
A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapor of Your breath the planets form
If the stars were made to worship, so will I!

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

Make sure kids only place a single layer of glass beads into the glue to ensure we have enough supplies for all three sessions.



DAY 5 (FRIDAY): “SPIRIT NECKLACE”

STORY: Pentecost

SCRIPTURE John 15 & Acts 1-5

VIRTUE Goodness

SUPPLIES:

- Red Pony Beads (6 each)
- Orange Pony Beads (6 each)
- Yellow Pony Beads (6 each)
- Black string
- Sharpies (to sign T-shirts; shared)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome kids and go over today's Story/Scripture and how it ties into today's craft.

1. Thread three beads of each color onto your string, in any pattern.
2. Thread the other three beads of each color.
3. Make a triple knot at the end of the string to complete your necklace!

Note: Remind shepherds to get their group's sun catchers from yesterday and send them home with the instruction sheet and string.

LEARNING OUTCOME:

We have all been given the power of the Holy Spirit and we are God's witnesses telling everyone about him everywhere, even to the ends of the earth!

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

Kids will likely have more time after finishing their craft today, so the remainder of class will be free time to sign each other's T-shirts.