

Additional connect activities

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Lesson 1

Music Center

Items Needed: Musical instruments (tambourines, rhythm sticks, xylophone, etc.)

As the children arrive for class, encourage them to use the musical instruments to make music. Consider having worship music on in the background for the children to play along to.

CONNECTION POINT: Our Heartprint this month is *I Can Worship the Lord*. We are going to learn about what it means to worship, about different ways we can worship, and about a king who worshiped the Lord. We just used music to worship and praise the Lord.

Lesson 2

Play-Doh Center

Items Needed: Play-Doh

Let the children use the Play-Doh to create a temple, heart shapes, or the letters W and T.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we are going to learn King Solomon wanted to build a temple so the people of Israel would have a place to worship God. King Solomon loved God and wanted to worship Him. The word *worship* begins with the letter *w*. The word *temple* begins with the letter *t*.

Lesson 3

Kindergarten Readiness Center

Items Needed: Several sets of ABC magnets and metal boards

Index cards

Before class, write several words from the lessons (KING, WORSHIP, TEMPLE, LORD) on the index cards. Allow the children to use the magnetic letters to form the words.

CONNECTION POINT: Our Heartprint this month is *I Can Worship the Lord*. We have been learning about King Solomon building God's temple for the people of Israel to worship. Today we will learn about how King Solomon made the temple beautiful.

Lesson 4

Building Center

Items Needed: Blocks

Paper towel tubes

Allow the children to build a temple with the blocks. Have several paper towel tubes available for the children to place as the pillars. Review the names and meanings of the pillars as the children build.

CONNECTION POINT: Do any of you remember *why* King Solomon was building the temple? Encourage response. **He was building it so he and the people would have a place to worship God together. Today we will learn what happened after the temple King Solomon built was finished.**

Lesson 5

Art Center

Items Needed: TE 1-29

Crayons

Marker

Before class, copy TE 1-29 so each child will have one. Distribute TE 1-29 and crayons to the children. Instruct them to draw a picture of someone they want to pray for. Write the person's name on the coloring frame. After the children finish coloring, spend a few minutes praying for the people they chose.

CONNECTION POINT: In our lesson today, we are going to learn about a special prayer King Solomon offered to the Lord. We colored a picture of someone we would like to pray for. We can worship God through prayer.

Book Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate books about Solomon, construction, worship

Picture or easy-reader Bibles

Provide throw pillows or beanbag chairs for the children to lounge on as they look at the books.

CONNECTION POINT: This month we are going to learn about Solomon building the Temple for his people to be able to worship the Lord together. We are going to learn how we can worship God.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 1-13—TE 1-14

Have the children match the words from TE 1-14 to the application verse poster (TE 1-13).

CONNECTION POINT: God's Word teaches us to worship God. *I Can Worship the Lord*

New Testament

Lesson 1

Puzzle Center

Items Needed: Puzzles

Allow the children to work together to complete the puzzles.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we will learn about some men who followed the instructions of Jesus. We put puzzles together and practiced following directions.

Lesson 2

Kindergarten Readiness Center

Items Needed: Legos®

Before class, use the Lego bricks to make a few different patterns. Allow the children to use the Lego bricks to follow your patterns.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we are going to learn more about following Jesus. A disciple of Jesus loves, obeys, and follows Him. We can be a disciple and follow Jesus too.

Lesson 3

Play-Doh Center

Items Needed: Play-Doh

As the children arrive for class, direct them to the table. Allow the children to spend some time playing with Play-Doh. Ideas for the children to create: Jesus, heart, money, happy face, etc.

CONNECTION POINT: We have been learning about following Jesus. We heard about four fishermen who became friends of Jesus. They were His disciples. Today we are going to learn about another man who most people didn't like. But after meeting Jesus, this man chose to follow Him and change his life.

Lesson 4

Dramatic Center

Items Needed: Plastic food

Plastic dishes

Allow the children to pretend to serve lunch to each other.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we are going to learn about a time when many people followed Jesus to where He was. They wanted to learn more from Him.

When it was time to eat, Jesus used a young boy's small lunch to feed over 5000 people. When we follow Jesus, we learn from Him.

Book Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate books about the disciples, friendship, fish, money, the feeding of the 5000

Picture or easy-reader Bibles

Provide throw pillows or beanbag chairs for the children to lounge on as they look at the books.

CONNECTION POINT: This month we are going to learn about special friends of Jesus called the disciples. They chose to follow Jesus. *I Can Follow Jesus* too.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 2-17—TE 2-18

Have the children match the words from TE 2-18 to the application verse poster (TE 2-17).

CONNECTION POINT: We learned about some of the twelve disciples and how they chose to follow Jesus. God's Word tells us to follow Jesus. *I Can Follow Jesus* and be His disciple.

Special Topic

Lesson 1

Large-motor Skills

Items Needed: Colored masking tape

Before class, use the tape to create a curvy line for the children to walk along.

Encourage children to take turns walking along the taped line.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we are going to learn about a man named Paul who was sent to prison for telling others about Jesus.

Lesson 2

Small-Motor Skills Center

Items Needed: TE 3-24

Construction paper scraps

Scissors

Glue sticks

Marker

Before class, make one copy of TE 3-24 and write a large *A* in the center. Then make copies of that one so each child will have one. Distribute TE 3-24 with the *As* on it

along with construction paper scraps, scissors, and glue sticks. Show the children how to tear the construction paper into small pieces, and glue them onto the letter *A*.

CONNECTION POINT: *A* is for *angel*. The word *angel* begins with the letter *A*.

Today we will learn what an angel told Paul while he was on the ship.

Lesson 3

Play-Doh Center

Items Needed: Play-Doh

Let the children play with the Play-Doh. Show the children how to form snakes with the Play-Doh.

CONNECTION POINT: God was always with Paul when he was telling others about Jesus, when he was in prison, during the storm on the ship, and as he was swimming to the island. Today we will learn about time when Paul knew God protected him from a snake. God was with Paul and *God Is With Us All the Time*.

Lesson 4

Dramatic Center

Items Needed: Play doctor's kit

Gauze or elastic bandages

Adhesive bandages

White adult-size button down shirt

Let the children pretend to be doctors using the different items. Allow them to wrap pretend boo-boos on each other and put on the adhesive bandages

CONNECTION POINT: Today we will learn how God used Paul to help others.

God was with Paul, and *God Is With Us All the Time*.

Book Center

Items Needed: Large box with one side cut out

Child-size life jacket

Books about Paul in prison, Paul's shipwreck, boats, weather, helping others

Picture or easy-reader Bibles

Allow children to sit in the pretend boat while reading the books. Allow children to wear the life jackets. The librarian at your local library can help suggest some good books on these topics.

CONNECTION POINT: We are learning from Paul's example how he trusted God during some very hard times. He knew God was with him through everything he was going through. We can remember *God Is With Us All the Time*.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 3-12—TE 3-13

Have the children match the words from TE 3-13 to the application verse poster (TE 3-12).

CONNECTION POINT: We are learning God was with Paul during some really hard times in his life. Paul trusted God and knew God was always with him. God's Word tells us God is always with us. We can remember *God Is With Us All the Time*.