

Old Testament

Lesson 1

Kindergarten Readiness Center

Items Needed: Sentence strips

Pencils

Crayons

Stapler

Before class, write "*I Can Trust God*" on a sentence strip, and display it on the classroom wall in a visible place. As the children arrive to class, direct them to the table. Distribute sentence strips and pencils to the children. Allow them to practice writing the Heartprint on the sentence strip. Once the child finishes, let him or her use the crayons to decorate it. Fit the sentence strip around the child's head, and use the stapler to secure the ends.

CONNECTION POINT: In our lesson today, we are going to learn about a young girl who loved and trusted God. We are going to learn from her example that we can trust God. We can wear our crowns to remind ourselves that *I Can Trust God*.

Lesson 2

Puzzle Center

Items Needed: Puzzles

As the children arrive to class, direct them to the table. Allow the children to play with age-appropriate puzzles, working together being kind and helpful.

CONNECTION POINT: In our lesson today, we are going to learn about a young girl who was kind and helpful. We just spent some time working together nicely putting puzzles together.

Lesson 3

Block Center

Items Needed: ABC blocks or magnets

Index cards

Marker

As the children arrive for class, direct them to the table. Allow the children to work with a partner. Instruct the children to use the ABC blocks or magnets to spell the word *trust*. Be sure to prepare before class to make sure you have enough of the needed letters. Write words on index cards so the children have a reference. Assist as needed. Other words to spell: God, Naaman, Elisha, Bible

CONNECTION POINT: We have been learning how a young servant girl's trust in God helped lead Naaman not only to be healed from a disease, but also to trust Him. *I Can Trust God* too.

Lesson 4

Play-Doh Center

Items Needed: Play-Doh

Cookie cutters or Play-Doh tools (optional)

As the children arrive to class, direct them to the table. Allow the children to play with Play-Doh, and instruct them to create things from this month's lessons:

Naaman with sores, servant girl, a crown, gold and silver coins, etc.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we are going to learn about the special instructions Elisha gave Naaman. Let's prepare for our lesson by spending some time creating things to review what we've already learned about Naaman.

Lesson 5

Art Center

Items Needed: TE 1-31

Crayons

Before class, copy TE 1-31 so each child has one. Distribute TE 1-31 and crayons to the children. Have them draw a picture of themselves on the coloring frame.

CONNECTION POINT: We drew a picture of ourselves on the coloring frame. In our lesson today, we are going to learn about a very special cross that shows how much God loves us. We can hang up our picture to remind us that we can trust God.

Book Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate books about Naaman, Elisha, sickness

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 learning how Naaman was healed from his sickness because a young servant girl trusted God. Naaman also learned to trust God. We can trust God too.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 1-14—TE 1-15

Have the children match the words from TE 1-15 to the application verse poster (TE 1-14).

CONNECTION POINT: This month we are learning to trust God. God's Word tells us that we can trust in Him because He is our God.

New Testament

Lesson 1

Block Center

Items Needed: Blocks

Have the children use blocks to make a road or path around the room.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we will learn about when Jesus entered Jerusalem. He didn't drive into Jerusalem. He didn't take a train or bus either. Jesus rode a donkey. Let's use the blocks to make the path Jesus took to Jerusalem.

Lesson 2

Small-Motor Center

Items Needed: TE 2-36

Permanent marker

Construction paper

Glue sticks

Before class, draw a heart shape on TE 2-36 and copy so each child will have one.

Distribute TE 2-36, construction paper, and glue sticks to the children. Show them how to tear the construction paper into small pieces and glue them inside the heart.

CONNECTION POINT: We made a pretty heart with the construction paper.

Hearts remind me of love. Jesus loves us. He loves us so much that He died for our sin.

Lesson 3

Sorting Center

Items Needed: Jellybeans

Small bathroom cups

Instruct the children to sort the sweets by color into the small cups. You may want to add color labels to the cups to help the children sort.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we will hear the sweet story of how Jesus' friends learned He had risen from the tomb. Let's spend some time sorting the sweet treats by color to prepare us for today's sweet lesson.

Lesson 4

Discovery Center

Items Needed: Detective toys (binoculars, magnifying glass, telescope, flashlight, etc.)

Encourage children to play with the detective toys.

CONNECTION POINT: Last week, we heard how some of Jesus' friends had a hard time believing He was really alive. Let's spend some time investigating to remind us that sometimes we need to investigate like a detective to find truth.

Play-Doh Center

Items Needed: Play-Doh

Allow the children to play with the Play-Doh. Encourage the children to make a cross, heart, tomb, rock, and cloud out of the Play-Doh.

CONNECTION POINT: Our Heartprint this month is *Jesus Is the Risen King*. Jesus died for our sin, but He rose again and is in Heaven. Let's spend some time making some things from our lessons to help us remember everything we've learned this month.

Book Center

Items Needed: Books about Easter and Jesus in Heaven

Picture or easy-reader Bibles

The librarian at your local library can help suggest some good books on these topics.

CONNECTION POINT: These books help us remember Jesus died and rose again for our sin. Jesus is in Heaven, and *Jesus Is the Risen King*.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 2-21—TE 2-22

Have the children match the words from TE 2-22 to the application verse poster (TE 2-21).

CONNECTION POINT: God's Word tells us Jesus did not stay in the guarded tomb where His body was placed. Jesus rose from the dead just as He said He would. *Jesus Is the Risen King*.

Special Topic

Lesson 1

Drama Center

Items Needed: Baby dolls

Knit blanket

Allow the children to play house using the baby dolls and blankets.

CONNECTION POINT: We are learning how God made us special this month. In today's lesson, Mrs. Martin was knitting a baby blanket. Look at the stitches in these blankets. This is the type blanket she was working on. She is making the blanket special. God makes us special too.

Lesson 2

Small Motor Skills Center

Items Needed: Plastic eggs

Small trinkets or treats

Encourage the children to put the treats inside the eggs and shut the eggs closed.

CONNECTION POINT: Last week we learned the Webster children found a bird's nest up in a tree. Every bird's egg holds a special baby bird. God made the baby bird special. God makes us special too. Our eggs hold a special treat.

Lesson 3

Puzzle Center

Items Needed: Puzzles

As the children arrive to class, encourage them to put the puzzles together.

CONNECTION POINT: You just put the pieces of the puzzles together to create a picture. God put us together to create something amazing. God made us special.

Lesson 4

Art Center

Items Needed: TE 3-26

Magazines

Scissors

Glue stick

Before class, copy TE 3-26 so each child has one. Also cut out people with various shades of skin color from magazines so that each child has at least two. Gather children around the craft table. Distribute a copy of TE 3-26, the cut out people, and glue sticks to the children. Have them glue the people to the coloring frame. Encourage the children in sharing their picture with their family and friends and telling them God made each person special.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we learned with the Webster children God made all types of skin colors and everyone is special. Our picture reminds us that all skin colors are special. *God Made Me Special*.

Book Center

Items Needed: Kids wading pool

Beach towels

“All about me” books

Let the children look at the different books while sitting in the pool or on the beach towels. Another option is to ask a parent to come in to the class and read the books to the children.

CONNECTION POINT: We have been learning that God made us special. He created each of us so we look different from each other and have different personalities and abilities. Each of us is God’s masterpiece and workmanship. He carefully made each one of us just like we are. Today we are going to hear another story to remind us that we are special to God.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 3-15—TE 3-16

Have the children match the words from TE 2-3-16 to the application verse poster (TE 3-15).

CONNECTION POINT: God's Word tells us we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God made each of us special.