

Additional Connect Centers – Round 2

New Testament

Dress-up Center

Items Needed: Dress-up clothes

As the children arrive for class, allow them to play with the dress-up clothes.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we are going to learn about some special tools God tells us to wear to protect us against the devil.

Imagination Center

Items Needed: Superhero action figures

Allow the children to play with the action figures as they arrive to class. As they play, discuss the qualities of a superhero.

CONNECTION POINT: One thing we think of when we talk about a superhero is how strong he or she is. The Bible tells us we can be strong in the Lord. Today we are going to learn about some special tools God gives us to keep us strong and protect us against the devil.

Play-Doh Center

Items Needed: Play-Doh

As the children arrive for class, direct them to the table to play with the Play-Doh. Instruct them to create the armor of God (belt, helmet, breastplate, shield, sword). You may want to provide pictures as a reference for the children.

CONNECTION POINT: We have been learning about how the armor of God helps protect us against the devil. What parts of the armor of God did you make with the Play-Doh?

Book Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate books about the armor of God, protection, caring for each other

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 God gives us protection through His armor. We can use the armor of God to defend ourselves against the devil and his tricks. We must put on the armor of God every day as protection against the devil.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 1-10—TE 1-11

Have the children match the words from TE 1-11 to the application verse poster (TE 1-10).

CONNECTION POINT: This month we are learning God's Word tells us to put on the whole armor of God to protect and defend ourselves against the devil.

Old Testament

Large Motor Skills

Items Needed: Envelopes

Small bags

Demonstrate for the children how a mail carrier gathers mail in a bag and delivers it to various people and places. Help the children gather envelopes in the bag and deliver them to different people in the room. After delivery, allow them to collect the delivered mail and bring it back to the post office. Make sure each child gets a turn.

Remind the children that, just like we are able to talk to our friends in a letter, we can talk to God anywhere, anytime, and about anything.

CONNECTION POINT: Today we are going to learn about a man who talked to God. We can talk to God too.

Writing Center

Items Needed: TE 2-23

Crayons

Before class, copy TE 2-23 so each child will have one. Distribute TE 2-23 and crayons to the children. Allow them to “write” a letter to a friend.

CONNECTION POINT: Last week we learned a man named Elijah talked to God.

We can talk to God too. He always hears our prayers.

Kindergarten Readiness Center

Items Needed: Sentence strips or index cards

Magnetic letters

Magnetic boards (metal cookie sheets can be used)

Before class, write different words on the sentence strips (Elijah, Ahab, God, Talk, Prayers, etc.). Allow the children to form the words using the magnetic letters and boards.

CONNECTION POINT: We are learning Elijah talked to God. Elijah gave King Ahab a message from God. We can pray and talk to God anytime. He always hears our prayers just like He heard Elijah’s prayers.

Large Motor Skills Center

Items Needed: Assortment of boxes in varying sizes

Seal boxes with packing tape to make giant blocks. Collect as many different sizes as possible. Allow children to stack boxes, seeing how high they can reach by themselves. Give them a chance to figure out different ways of stacking more boxes. Gradually encourage them to ask for help, or to work together to find ways of stacking more boxes into higher towers.

CONNECTION POINT: We are going to learn about a time when Elijah talked to God and asked for help. We helped each other build a tower out of boxes to remind us we can always talk to God when we need help.

Book Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate books about Elijah, praying, feelings

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: We are learning how Elijah talked to God. He told God when he was scared. We can talk to God anytime and tell Him about our feelings. God always hears our prayers. I am glad *I Can Talk to God*.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 2-14

TE 2-23

Sentence strips

Pencils

Before class, copy TE 2-23 for the students. Let them write the application verse on the coloring frame or the sentence strips.

CONNECTION POINT: This month we are learning to talk to God through prayer. The Bible tells us to never stop praying. God always hears our prayers so we can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, and about anything.

Special Topic

Creative Play Center

Items Needed: Lego® figures

Cotton balls

Small blocks

As the children arrive for class, direct them to the table. Allow the children to play with the Lego® figures and cotton ball sheep. Remind the children of how a shepherd leads and cares for his sheep. You may also want to provide some blocks for the children to make a sheepfold for their playtime.

CONNECTION POINT: Today in our lesson, we are going to learn about a shepherd who took good care of his sheep. Just like the sheep were special to the shepherd, *We Are Special to God.*

Kindergarten Readiness Center

Items Needed: Cotton balls

Index cards

Markers

Before class, write the numbers 1-10 on index cards. Have the children draw a card, and count that number of cotton balls to match the number on the card.

CONNECTION POINT: We learned a shepherd counted his sheep and realized one was lost. He searched for the sheep because he cared about all of them. He was very happy when the lost sheep was found. God is happy when the lost find Him.

Sorting Center

Items Needed: A variety of coins

Small cups

Have the children sort out the coins and place them in the cups.

CONNECTION POINT: A woman who had ten coins lost one. She was very sad because all of her coins were special to her. She searched for the missing coin.

Art Center

Items Needed: TE 3-23

Crayons

Before class, copy TE 3-23 for the children. Distribute TE 3-23 and crayons to the children. Have them draw something that is very special to them.

CONNECTION POINT: The woman who lost one of her ten coins was very happy when she found it. Her coins were very special to her and she was sad when one was lost. We are very special to God and He is sad when we are lost. He is happy when we are found.

Book Center

Items Needed: Age-appropriate books about the parable of the lost sheep and coin, families, and love

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 *We Are Special to God*. He loves us and we are part of His family.

Application Verse Center

Items Needed: TE 3-10—TE 3-11

Have the children match the words from TE 3-11 to the application verse poster (TE 3-10).

CONNECTION POINT: This month we are learning *We Are Special to God*. The Bible tells us we are loved by God and are called His children.