

Week 5 Curriculum

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:5-6

**The curriculum below is to be used at a starting point. Please teach the assigned lesson, but do not feel bound by the activities listed. Be creative and try to reinforce the lesson of the day into each rotation. **

Monday, July 16

Lesson: Mary & the Birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-56, Luke 2:1-7)

- **Large Group Bible Lesson (15 minutes):** All 3 stories this week can be acted out with costumes and props. Consider having the same narrator/MC all week during the large group time. Reinforce the courage Mary had to believe the Lord that she would have a baby. Mary was an ordinary woman that allowed God to do extraordinary things in her life. We want the focus for today to on Mary's **courage**, not just the story of Jesus's birth. While this is an important part of the lesson - we want to continue to focus on courage.
 - Additional Resource:
<http://missionarlington.org/wp-content/uploads/curriculums/XMAS2012-HOF-L02-EN.PDF>
 - Additional Resource:
http://freesundayschoolcurriculum.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/5/0/12503916/lesson_2_an_angel_visits_mary.pdf
- **Craft (20 minutes):**
 - Stable Ornament using craft sticks
(<http://www.adventuresofadiymom.com/2013/12/how-to-make-stable-ornament-1-2-days-of.html>)



- **Game (20 minutes):**
 - Christmas Musical Chairs: Describe how Mary and Joseph looked for a place to have baby Jesus, but there was no place to be found but a stable. Imagine their discouragement when they realized there was, "No room in the Inn!" The Son of God was born in a very simple, humble barn for animals.

- More Game Ideas:
<https://ministry-to-children.com/christmas-games-for-preschoolers/>
- **Memory Verse/Snack (20 minutes):**
 - **Memory Verse:** Make up and teach the children hand motions for this week's memory verse. Have the children write (or prewrite for younger grades) the verse on an index card to take home and practice. Practice saying the verse several times, then review all the summer memory verses.
 - **Snack:** Spaghetti with butter (it looks like hay!) OR haystacks (chow mein noodles with melted butterscotch or peanut butter chips)

Tuesday, July 17

Lesson: The Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-13)

- **Large Group Bible Lesson (15 minutes):** Review yesterday's lesson about Mary's Courage and then act out today's lesson. Reinforce the courage Jesus had to resist temptation that carried him through the rest of his ministry.
 - Additional Resource:
http://missionarlington.org/wp-content/uploads/curriculums/LOC_MATT_2007-L02-EN.PDF
 - Try helping the kids learn this little rap about the story (to the tune of We will, we will rock you)
 - Jesus was a cool dude forty days without food, devil tried to tempt Him, but that's ok He's got love on His face, no disgrace He's spreading His love all over the place saying, "We will, we will, do right." saying, "We will, we will, do right."
- **Craft (20 minutes):**
 - Coloring Sheet:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Byr_Cmyf5_RyeDdweGh1b1FfODA/view
 - Review Craft: <http://childrensbiblelessons.blogspot.com/search?q=temptation>



- **Game (20 minutes):**
 - Candy Minute to Win it Games -
<http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2015/06/jesus-tempted-in-desert.html>
- **Memory Verse/Snack (20 minutes):**
 - **Memory Verse:** Make bookmarks with this week's memory verse on them. Bring strips of construction paper or let the children cut them out (depending on age group). Let them decorate the bookmarks using glitter, crayons, or anything you want! Make it fun. Tell the kids they can use the bookmarks as a reminder to quote Scripture verses when they are tempted. They may want to make more for

friends and family members. They can also write the other verses they have learned this summer on them.

- **Snack:** “Man does not live on bread alone” bread or finger sandwiches OR Rock Candy

Wednesday, July 18

Lesson: Jesus is Arrested and Crucified (Luke 22:39-23:56)

- **Large Group Bible Lesson (15 minutes):** Make this time more serious than usual to teach the children the story of Jesus being arrested and crucified. Out the story out using costumes and props. Tell the children that Jesus was courageous when he went to the cross - he could have called 10,000 angels, but yet died for you and me.
 - Additional Resource:
<http://missionarlington.org/wp-content/uploads/curriculum/LOC09-L14-EN.PDF>

- **Craft (20 minutes):**
 - Use white crayon and watercolor paint to make these cross hearts -
<https://thecraftyclassroom.com/2012/01/26/valentines-day-card-craft/>



- **Game (20 minutes):**
 - Make a “courage” obstacle course for the kids to go through. As they come to different obstacles they must answer a review question from the week to continue on the course.
- **Memory Verse/Snack (20 minutes):**
 - Memory Verse: Have the children practice all of the summer’s memory verses in small groups with their big buddies.
 - Snack: A lot of good snack ideas here:
www.catholicicing.com/story-of-the-passion-lunch-symbolic-lunch-for-good-friday/

