

Week 5 Curriculum

Memory Verse: Hebrews 13:5-6

**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)

- **Devotional (30 minutes):** Spend the first 10 minutes singing worship songs. Then introduce the weeks theme (Jesus and his courage), and then specifically today's lesson about Mary. 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/curriculum/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):**
 - Use a coffee filter to make an angel craft to represent the angel that visited Mary (<http://www.crafttown.com/Coffee-Filter-Angel.html>)



- **Game (20 minutes):**
 - Christmas Nativity Bingo:
<http://www.sarajcreations.com/2016/12/christmas-nativity-bingo-junior.html>
- **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)

- **Devotional (30 minutes):** Spend the first 10 minutes singing worship songs, then review yesterday's lesson and teach today's lesson to the children. Talk about what it means to be tempted and what it means to do wrong—sin. Share some experiences from your life. Consider bringing articles from the paper or magazines that show people who were tempted and what decisions they made. Talk about alternatives they had. Reinforce the courage that it takes to resist our temptations sometimes and the courage that Jesus showed in this story.
 - 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):**
 - Making "bread" playdough - see page 6 of this website...
https://freesundayschoolcurriculum.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/5/0/12503916/lesson_9_the_tempting_of_jesus.pdf
- **Game (20 minutes):**
 - Play "Make Me Laugh." One person is chosen to sit down and try not to laugh. Everyone else does silly things to try to get the person to laugh. No one can touch the person. If the person starts laughing, let someone else try. When you are ready to end the game, ask the students if it was difficult not to laugh when they really wanted to. Remind students that it is difficult to resist temptation, but with God's help, we can do it.
 - 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)

- **Devotional (30 minutes):** Today's devo should be a little more serious. Choose a few songs to sing that focus on the cross. Then act out/tell the story of Jesus being arrested and crucified. You can bring a long spike/nail to show the kids. Remind them of the nails they used to put in Jesus' feet and hands. You can also bring a thornbush (made into a crown if desired) to illustrate the crown of thorns Jesus wore. 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/curriculums/LOC09-L14-EN.PDF>
- **Craft (20 minutes):**
 - Paint wooden crosses and glue mosaic tiles on the top -
<http://www.readingconfetti.com/2014/04/easy-mosaic-cross-craft.html>



- **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/



JUDAS' SILVER



JUDAS' KISS



AGONY IN THE GARDEN



ARREST OF JESUS

EASTER STORY LUNCH



PETER'S DENIAL



CROWN OF THORNS



CRUCIFIXION



VINEGAR TO DRINK ON THE CROSS