2 Year-Olds

Small Group

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Play

August — Week 5

SOCIAL 2/3

Animal Match Up

What You Need

- "Animal Match Up" Activity Page
- □ Smart phone/device
- Plastic toy animals
- Optional: Cardstock and scissors in place of the smart phone/device

1 What You Do

Before the Activity

- 1. Download "Animal Match Up" on your smart device.
- 2. Select the images that you have toy animals for.
- 3. Place the toy animals on the table.
- 4. Optional: Copy "Animal Match Up" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Place the pictures on the table.

During the Activity

- 1. Show children the image of an animal and encourage them to find the matching toy animal.
- 2. Continue until all the images have been matched with a toy animal in the room.
- 3. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity

1. Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come sit with me at the table. I have a fun matching game for us to play."

During the Activity

"Look at this picture and tell me what you see. (PAUSE FOR ANSWERS.) That's right! It's a/an [animal]. Can you find the matching toy [animal]? (PAUSE.) We found it! Great job! What about this animal? (CONTINUE WITH EACH ANIMAL.) Look at all these awesome animals! You did such a great job matching the toys to the picture."

After the Activity

"God made all these animals and more! That's what our Bible Story is about today! I can't wait to hear all the things God made."

Transition \rightarrow Move to Worship and Story by asking the children to move or make the sounds of the animal you name.



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SOCIAL 3/3

All the Parts



What You Need

□ Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head® toys

1 What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Set the Potato Heads and all the parts on the table.

During the Activity

- 1. Encourage children to work together and use the different parts to build two Potato Head figures.
- 2. Reset and repeat as desired.

After the Activity

1. Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come to the table with me. Have you ever seen a toy like this? (HOLD UP ONE OF THE POTATOES.) This toy is called Mr./Mrs. Potato Head. They come with all these neat parts we can add to them. (PUT AN EAR IN THE TOY.) We can build them however we want."

During the Activity

"Let's work together to put these Potato Heads together. (HOLD UP SEVERAL MOUTHS.) Here are some mouths, pick one to add. (PAUSE.) We use our mouths to speak. (HOLD UP SEVERAL PAIRS OF EYES.) Here are some eyes, pick a pair to add. (PAUSE.) We use our eyes to see. (HOLD UP SEVERAL EARS.) Here are some ears, pick two ears to add. (PAUSE.) We use our ears to hear. (HOLD UP SEVERAL ARMS AND FEET.) Here are some arms and feet, pick some to add. (PAUSE.) Now add any other pieces that you want. (PAUSE.) Look how fantastic your Potato Heads look! Let's take them apart and this time you can build them any way you want. (REPEAT AS DESIRED.)"

After the Activity

"Today in our Bible Story we'll hear about when God created people like you and me! Let's go hear today's story."

Transition → Move to Worship and Story by saying, "God made [child's name]! Come line up. God made [child's name] too. Come line up. (CONTINUE WITH EACH CHILD.)" 2 Year-Olds

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GROUPS 1/4



Memory Verse Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God Pray to God
Talk about God Live for God

What You Need

- "Memory Verse Sticker" Activity Page
- Avery® Labels #22830 or equivalent
- Preschool floor-length mirror

Note

You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

1 What You Do

Before the Activity

- 1. Copy "Memory Verse Sticker" on label paper, one sticker per child.
- 2. Place the mirror on one side of the room.
- 3. Say the verse and do the motions together.

During the Activity

- 1. Call children one at a time and ask them to run to the mirror.
- 2. Help children say the verse as they look at themselves in the mirror then give each child a Memory Verse Sticker.
- 3. Continue with each child.
- 4. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity

1. Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Let's say our verse and do the motions together. Ready? 'God (FLAT HAND WITH THUMB TO FOREHEAD, PULL DOWN) saw everything he had made. (BINOCULAR EYES) And it was very good,' (TWO THUMBS UP) Genesis 1:31. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK.) Great job!"

During the Activity

"When I call your name, run to the mirror. Everyone listen for your name. [Child's name] run to the mirror! (PAUSE.) Look in the mirror and who do you see? (PAUSE.) Yes! It's you! God made you! Look at yourself in the mirror as we say the verse together. 'God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.' Genesis 1:31. Great job! Run back to the group. [Child's name] run to the mirror! (CONTINUE WITH EACH CHILD.) Great job everyone!"

After the Activity

"God made me, and God made you! God made every single person special and unique. God is so creative because [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! Who made everything? [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything!"



What You Need

Inflatable globe ball



For a version with less movement. Seat children in a circle around the parachute.

Inclusive Pro-Tips

First Look Small Group

1 What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Ask children to sit with you on the floor in a circle.

During the Activity

- 1. Roll the ball back and forth to each child and say "God made [child's name]."
- 2. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity

1. Review the Bottom Line.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Come sit on the floor in a circle with me. Look at this neat ball, it looks like the world! Let's play a game with it."

During the Activity

"Let's roll the ball back and forth to each other. [Child's name] get ready to catch the ball. (ROLL THE BALL.) Yay! God made [child's name]. Roll the ball back to me. (PAUSE.) [Child's name] your turn! (CONTINUE WITH EACH CHILD.) That was a fun game!"

After the Activity

"God made (say each child's name). Yes! God made you! God is so creative because [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! Who made everything? [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything!"