



PRIOR TO TEACH THE SESSION

GATHER Supplies

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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Look at photos of friends

- photos of friends

Pat water

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- gallon-size ziplock bag
- towel
- shallow baking pan
- water



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Open and close

- several board books about Jesus
- classroom toys that open and close

Make a surprise painting

- plastic container with a lid
- washable paint
- broken crayons or other small objects

Pull out the people

- box

Match sounds

- bells, rocks, small plastic beads, and other items
- ziplock bags
- empty water bottles



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Talk to a puppet

- puppet (or paper bag or clean sock, googly eyes, yarn, and other craft items; optional)

Match colors

- colored paper (five colors, two pieces of each color)



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Make a choice

- classroom toys

Stack blocks

- horseshoe-shaped pillows



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

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- Key Passage Phrase Card

Make cards

- blank card or an unlined index card
- washable stamp ink pad
- baby wipes

Stick food

- colorful paper
- clear contact plastic
- basket
- toy food items

See seven things

- classroom items in groups of seven (craft sticks, small toys, pom-poms, and so forth)
- ziplock bags



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Drop pom-poms

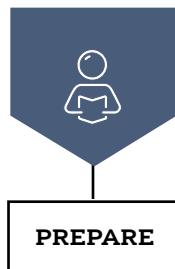
- cardboard tubes
- pom-poms
- small plastic bowl (optional)

Feed baby dolls

- towel
- small chair or toy high chair
- plastic doll
- doll bib
- small bowl
- water
- baby spoon
- washcloth

Clean the church

- damp washcloth or sponge



PREPARE

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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Find pictures of Jesus

- Bible board books
- rattles or other small toys
- scarves

Fill and dump

- foam blocks
- large, plastic bowl
- small paper hearts



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Walk on a heart path

- colorful paper
- Bible Story Picture Poster

Erase words

- dry erase marker (adult use only)
- dry erase board
- eraser
- baby wipes

Trace a heart

- dot markers

Look up

- several pictures of Jesus
- classroom toys



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Shake shakers

to music

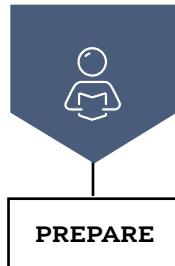
- plastic bottles
- dry rice or beans
- tape or hot glue
- worship music
- electronic device

Play with a medical kit

- age-appropriate medical kit
- plastic dolls
- strips of cloths or paper towels

Roll a ball

- colorful paper
- small playground balls



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Tap on a box

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- plastic shoebox with lid
- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- large craft stick or wooden spoon
- fabric or thin blanket, jingle bells, or a string of plastic beads

Crawl through a box

- large cardboard box
- Bible Story Picture Poster
- classroom toys



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Pull a wagon

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- small toy wagon
- doll

Feel wet and dry

- cotton balls
- paper towel
- sponge
- washcloth
- rimmed baking sheet
- spray bottle
- water

Knock over bottles

- sand or rice
- empty plastic bottles
- tape or glue
- small playground balls

Look through color

- heavyweight paper or cardstock
- colorful cellophane



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Push cars

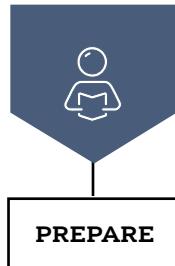
- toy cars
- small cardboard boxes and tubes or paper
- rimless baking sheet or flat piece of cardboard

Glue sheep

- small bowls
- liquid glue

Find the pictures

- "Find the Pictures" printable, 2



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Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Find the Bible

- hand towel or cloth napkin

Roll a ball

- inflated beach ball
- picture of Jesus
- horseshoe-shaped pillows



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Paint with cotton swabs

- painting smocks
- black paper
- white or yellow washable paint
- paper plate
- cotton swabs

Trace letters

- age-appropriate junk mail

Shine a light

- nails or sharpened pencils
(adult use only)
- large cardboard box

Write the letter J

- gallon-size ziplock bags
- colored rice or candy sprinkles



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Play with magnetic letters

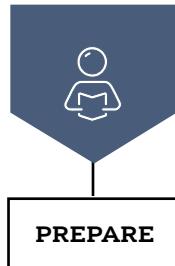
- plastic container
- shredded paper
- magnetic alphabet letters that spell JESUS
- magnetic baking sheet

Find all the people

- sticky notes
- Bible story picture or any other picture of Jesus

Record words

- electronic recording device



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Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Follow the leader

- Bible Story Picture Poster



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Play healer

- age-appropriate medical kits

Act out the story

- people figures
- fabric scraps

Build a city

- people figures

Make ice packs

- iodized salt
- water
- measuring cups and spoons
- sandwich-size ziplock bags



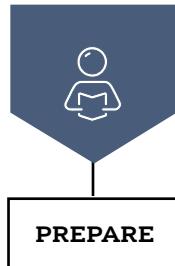
BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Help clean

- spray bottle
- dish soap
- water
- paper towels or washcloths

Stick bandages

- self-adhesive bandages
- colored paper



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Paint with water

- black construction paper
- chalk
- paintbrushes (or damp sponges)
- paper towels
- water

Look at animals

- variety of books about animals (including snakes, lizards, or birds)



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Make animal art

- blue sheet of paper
- tissue
- stickers of animals from the story (all kinds of animals, snakes and lizards, and birds)

Raise and lower the blanket

- blanket
- various animal toys

Conduct an experiment

- sugar cubes
- small, clear container
- warm water

Explore different cultures

- "Cultures" printable



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Play freeze game

- upbeat worship music
- electronic device

Play with water

- shallow buckets, 2
- sponges
- towels
- water

Compare inside and outside

- different colored candy-coated chocolate pieces or different colored boiled eggs
- knife (adult use only)
- paper plate



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Cheer for Jesus

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- musical instruments (optional)

Spread paint

- gallon-size ziplock bag
- colorful, washable paint



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Make footprint art

- washable paint
- paper plate

Blow bubbles

- upbeat worship music
- electronic device
- bubbles

Explore maps

- variety of maps
- magnifying glasses

Pass a ball

- inflated beach ball



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Celebrate believers

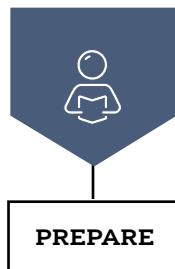
- upbeat worship music
- electronic device
- musical instruments

Make happy faces

- large googly eyes
- yarn
- plate
- liquid glue

Learn about other nations

- books with pictures of people from various backgrounds and cultures



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Unlink chains

- plastic chain links

Rescue the people

- people figurines
- cake pans
- thick rubber bands or cloth headbands



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Make prayer hands

- washable ink pad
- paper towels
- baby wipes

Compare volumes

- musical instruments

Practice lacing

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- heavyweight paper
- hole punch
- chenille stem

Explore chains

- chains varying in type, size, and length



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Listen to the music

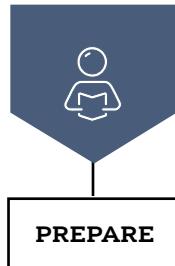
- worship songs
- electronic device

Link chains

- 1-inch wide colorful paper strips
- stapler or tape

Rescue Peter

- magnetic or foam letters (P, E, T, E, and R)
- chenille stems



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Build a church

- large interlocking blocks
- horseshoe-shaped pillows

Point out body parts

- horseshoe-shaped pillows
- plastic baby dolls



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Label body parts

- large sheet of paper
(4–5 feet long)

Count people

- empty basket
- people figures

Complete the church

- "Churches" printable



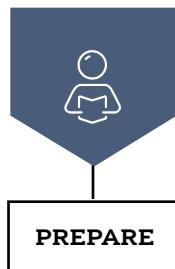
BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Make collaborative art

- large sheet of paper
- paper plates
- washable finger paint

Create a body

- felt ovals
- decorating art supplies (googly eyes, cotton balls, chenille stems, yarn, etc.)
- ziplock bags
- liquid glue
- paper plates
- precut felt face shapes (ears, noses, and mouths)(optional)



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Pull up the hearts

- horseshoe-shaped pillows

Choose and share

- empty box
- classroom toys



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Stop and freeze

- flashlight
- musical instruments or rhythm sticks

Help Paul see

- blindfold

See and work the puzzle

- Bible Story Picture Poster, 2 copies



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transaction activity: Take a picture walk

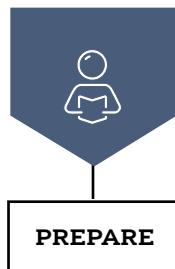
- Bible Story Picture Poster

Find hearts

- construction paper hearts

Examine objects

- objects of various sizes and textures (leaves, seeds, flowers, soil, bark, pencil shavings, and so forth)
- nonbreakable magnifying glasses



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Rescue the people

- plastic people figures

Travel and tell

- large toy blocks or plastic interlocking blocks
- people figures, 2



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Heal the man

- "Peter Heals" printable
- brass fastener

Build a city

- plastic interlocking blocks
- cars
- people figures



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Paint the church

- painting smocks
- washable paints
- heavyweight paper
- paper towels
- baby wipes

Tap the rhythm

- rhythm sticks



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BABIES ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Make friends with God art

- washable paint
- paper towels
- baby wipes

Tell others about Jesus

- various picture Bibles



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

Learning activities

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Circle time

- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Key Passage Phrase Card

Thread the heart

- heavyweight paper
- hole punch
- 24-inch pieces of yarn

Play and pass

- various musical instruments

Write letters

- envelopes

Work cross puzzles

- different colors of heavyweight paper



BONUS TEACHING HOUR

Transition activity: Compare and contrast

- Bible Story Picture Poster

Make a new creation

- basket coffee filter
- squirt bottle
- water
- spring-type clothespin
- googly eyes (optional)
- chenille stems (optional)

Change the color

- clear containers, 3
- food color (blue, yellow, and red)