

## SHOP & PREP

## HOW TO...

### WEEK 1

#### ACTIVITY | How to Get Ready for Bed

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print out as many copies of the printable as needed and cut them into individual squares.

#### SCRIPTURE | Matthew 5:13-16 (Salt and Light)

- WHAT TO GET:
  - [Salt shaker](#)
  - [Light switch](#)
- WHAT TO PREP: Check the battery to make sure the light switch is operational. You can also swap these items out with an actual salt shaker (seal the opening with tape before screwing the cap so the salt doesn't fall out) and a flashlight.

#### BIG IDEA | Jesus taught us how to make a difference!

- WHAT TO GET:
  - [Question mark piñata](#) (or DIY version)
  - Paper
  - Marker
  - Tape
  - String
- WHAT TO PREP: Purchase a pull-string [question mark piñata](#) (or [make one](#) out of a regular box and draw a question mark on it) and hang it up in your ministry space. Write the Big Idea on a piece of paper, fold it up, and attach it to a piece of string. Then tape the paper to the back of the piñata so kids can't see it, but let the string hang down.

#### ACTIVITY | How to Be the Salt and Light

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Music player

#### SNACK | DIY Light and Salty Meal

- WHAT TO GET:
  - [Lightbulb cookie cutter](#)
  - Pretzel sticks
  - Rice Krispie treats
- WHAT TO PREP: Pre-cut Rice Krispie treats into lightbulb shapes.

#### ACTIVITY | Salt Dough Tealight Craft

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Salt (1 cup)
  - Flour (2 cups)
  - Water (1 cup)
  - Mixing bowl
  - Tealights (battery-operated)
  - Take-home instruction sheet (printable)
- WHAT TO PREP: Make a batch of dough prior to see how much dough you will need to make based upon your group size. (See a worked example [here.](#))

#### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Crayons or markers
  - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print a coloring page for each kid.

#### ACTIVITY | Froot Loop String Lights

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Froot Loops
  - String
  - Bowls

### ACTIVITY | How to Wow Your Friends

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Check out a video like [this one](#) and pick an easy illusion preschoolers can do and prepare the props needed.

## WEEK 2

### SCRIPTURE | Matthew 5:43-48 (Love Your Enemies)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Heart plush](#)

### BIG IDEA | Jesus taught us how to love our enemies!

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Piñata from Week 1
  - Paper
  - Marker
  - Tape
  - String
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Write the Big Idea on a piece of paper, fold it up, and attach it to a piece of string. Then tape the paper to the back of the piñata so kids can't see it, but let the string hang down.

### SNACK | DIY Hearty Meal

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Heart-shaped cookie cutter (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Find or make your own heart-shaped snack! Some ideas:
  - Heart-shaped gummy packs
  - Cut cheese and meat into heart shapes with some grapes or crackers
  - Red Jello with Cool Whip & heart sprinkles
  - Cookies

### ACTIVITY | Heart Suncatcher Craft

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - White cardstock
  - Tissue paper, cut into 1" x 1" squares
  - Scissors
  - Foam paint brushes
  - [Clear sheet protectors](#)
  - Mod Podge
  - Pen

### MEMORY VERSE | John 13:15 (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Large remote](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** You can also draw a remote on cardboard with a bunch of silly buttons of different ways they can say the memory verse.

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Crayons or markers
  - Printable
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print a coloring page for each kid.

### ACTIVITY | How to Find the Colors

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Music
  - Colored construction paper

### ACTIVITY | How to Wow Your Friends

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Check out a video like [this one](#) and pick an easy illusion preschoolers can do and prepare the props needed.

## WEEK 3

### ACTIVITY | How to Spot the Music

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Classroom instruments ( tambourine, maracas, and egg shakers)

### ACTIVITY | How to Gummy Bear Share

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Gummy bears
  - Gloves
  - Froot Loops

### SCRIPTURE | Matthew 6:1-4 (Giving)

- WHAT TO GET:
  - 1 box
  - Treats (1 per kid)
  - Wrapping paper
  - Tape
  - Ribbons or bows (optional)
- WHAT TO PREP: Fill a small box with some treats that you can share with the kids. Then cover it with wrapping paper.

### BIG IDEA | Jesus taught us how to share with others!

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Piñata from Week 1
  - Paper
  - Marker
  - Tape
  - String
- WHAT TO PREP: Write the Big Idea on a piece of paper, fold it up, and attach it to a piece of string. Then tape the paper to the back of the piñata so kids can't see it, but let the string hang down.

### ACTIVITY | How to Share Like a Spy

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Small stickers

### SNACK | DIY Hands-On Meal

- WHAT TO GET:
  - [Gloves](#)
  - Grapes or blueberries
  - Popcorn or a salty snack
  - [Twist ties](#) or tape
- WHAT TO PREP: Fill clear gloves with popcorn or a salty snack and with grapes or blueberries and tie the bags shut. You can tie the end of the glove in a knot or use twist ties or tape. Keep in mind that popcorn and grapes are considered a choking hazard for kids under 4.

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Stuffed animal

### ACTIVITY | Handy Butterfly Craft

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Scissors
  - Pencil
  - Markers
  - Tacky glue
  - Construction paper
  - Pipe cleaners
  - Popsicle sticks
  - Pom poms (various sizes)
  - Googly eyes
- WHAT TO PREP: With larger groups, it might be helpful to make kits with supplies for each kid that includes a popsicle stick, pom pom balls, pipe cleaners, and googly eyes.

### MEMORY VERSE | John 13:15 (NIV)

- WHAT TO GET:
  - 1 ball

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Crayons or markers
  - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print a coloring page for each kid.

### ACTIVITY | How to Train a Spy

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Crepe paper streamers
  - Painter's tape
- WHAT TO PREP: Run a roll of crepe paper streamers between two hallway walls in a zigzag pattern to create a "[laser maze](#)". Affix with painter's tape.

### ACTIVITY | How to Wow Your Friends

- WHAT TO PREP: Check out a video like [this one](#) and pick an easy illusion preschoolers can do and prepare the props needed.

## WEEK 4

### ACTIVITY | How to Play Telephone

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Paper cups
  - Yarn
  - Paper clips
  - Pushpins
- WHAT TO PREP: Prepare a bunch of [string telephones](#) in advance — there should be one for every two kids. Make sure you make enough string telephones so everyone can play at least once and no cups get shared.

### SCRIPTURE | Matthew 6:5-15 (The Lord's Prayer)

- WHAT TO GET:
  - [This video](#) (optional)

### BIG IDEA | Jesus taught us how to pray!

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Piñata from Week 1
  - Paper
  - Marker
  - Bulk candy or small toys
- WHAT TO PREP: Write the Big Idea on a piece of paper, fold it up, and add it to the piñata along with candy or small toys. You can also wrap some or all of the candy you use instead of using the slip of paper for the Big Idea.

### ACTIVITY | How to Play Marco Polo

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Blindfold

### SNACK | DIY Prayer Mix

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Pretzels
  - Raisins
  - Animal Crackers
  - Yellow M & M's
- WHAT TO PREP: Pre-mix the "prayer mix" ingredients and pre-package if needed.

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Any object that is easy for kids to grab

### ACTIVITY | Prayer Pail Craft

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Empty [jars](#) or [pails](#)
  - Construction paper
  - Markers
  - Stickers
  - Tape
  - Small slips of paper

### MEMORY VERSE | John 13:15 (NIV)

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Dry erase board
  - Eraser
  - Dry erase markers

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Crayons or markers
  - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print a coloring page for each kid.

### ACTIVITY | How to Paint with Anything!

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Clothespins
  - Assorted "paintbrush tips"
    - Pom poms
    - Feathers
    - Sponge pieces
    - Fabric squares
  - Washable paint
  - Cupcake trays
  - Art paper
  - Smocks or plastic trash bags
  - Tarp or newspaper
  - Trash bin
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Cover the table with tarp or newspaper. Set out cupcake trays with a

different color of washable paint on each slot.

### ACTIVITY | How to Wow Your Friends

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Check out a video like [this one](#) and pick an easy illusion preschoolers can do and prepare the props needed.