

SHOP & PREP

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WEEK 1

ACTIVITY | Park Map Maze

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Painters tape
 - [Amusement park icons](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Use tape on the floor to create a path, or multiple paths depending on the size of your group, with fun turns and curves. Print out and place amusement park icons along the path. If your group is able to go outside, consider using sidewalk chalk on the ground instead of tape.

ACTIVITY | Snack Race

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Colored paper
 - Two bins (or more)
 - Large spoon(s)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Label one bin "Home" and another bin "Park." Feel free to add a picture of a house and a picture of a Ferris wheel to the bins, respectively, for a fun visual.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 2:13–23 (The Escape to Egypt)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Poster board
 - Photo stand-in image (printable)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print the photo stand-in image, piece it together, and adhere it to the poster board. Cut out the space following the dotted lines to create a hole where a person's face can be inserted.

BIG IDEA | God guides us to safety.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Raffle tickets
 - Large plastic cups
 - Tissue paper
 - Large foam board
 - Glue gun or rubber bands
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Assemble a carnival punch-out game board following [these instructions](#). To make it more reusable, you can use rubber bands to secure the tissue paper rather than using hot glue. Use raffle tickets and write one word of the Big Idea on each ticket. Without tearing them, fold them up and place them inside one of the cups before placing the tissue paper to cover the opening of the cup.

ACTIVITY | Safety Squares

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Painters tape
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Use painters tape to make a large four-square grid on the floor.

SNACK | Banana Pops

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Bananas
 - Paper bowls and plates
 - Cake pop sticks
 - Chocolate syrup
 - Sprinkles
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Cut bananas into halves or thirds, leaving the peel on.

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Three cups
 - Ball

ACTIVITY | Escape to Egypt

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - [Paper person cutouts](#) (1 per kid)
 - Cardstock paper
 - String
 - Single-hole punch
 - Tape
 - Crayons
 - Googly eyes
 - Glue
- **WHAT TO PREP:** View [this rocket craft](#) to see how the activity will work, except instead of a rocket, kids will tape a person cutout to the string that can be moved horizontally. Print one person cutout per kid. To your preference, you can hole punch the paper beforehand or during the activity. Use the hole punch to create one hole at each end of the cardstock paper at the designated dots. Cut pieces of string (one per kid) that are twice as long as the cardstock paper. (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 | Gel Paths

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Gallon-sized freezer zip bags
 - Hair gel
 - Pom poms
 - Food coloring
 - Paper
 - Marker
 - Tape
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Fill gallon-sized zip bags with hair gel and your choice of food coloring, then mix. Add in one pom pom to each bag. On a few different pieces of plain paper, draw simple paths, such as straight, crooked, or curvy lines.

ACTIVITY | Family Escape

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Tray
 - Sand
 - Wooden peg dolls
 - Angel figurine (or paper cutout)
 - Paper
 - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Draw a mini arrow sign on paper that reads, "Egypt." Cut it out. Place sand in the tray along with the wooden peg dolls, angel figurine, and the mini "Egypt" sign.

WEEK 2

ACTIVITY | How Would Jesus Play?

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Jump rope
 - Hula hoop
 - Balloon

SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:41–52 (The Boy Jesus at the Temple)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Three [wooden peg dolls](#) (or any other people props you have, such as LEGO people or pieces from a game like Candyland)
 - Balloon
 - Blocks
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Build a small house out of the blocks. Blow up the balloon. Consider printing pictures of a house and a balloon if the supplies above are not available.

BIG IDEA | We can love God with our actions.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Raffle tickets
 - Large plastic cups
 - Tissue paper
 - Large foam board
 - Glue gun or rubber bands
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Assemble a carnival punch-out game board following [these instructions](#). To make it more reusable, you can use rubber bands to secure the tissue paper rather than using hot glue. Use raffle tickets and write one word of the Big Idea on each ticket. Without tearing them, fold them up and place them inside one of the cups before placing the tissue paper to cover the opening of the cup.

ACTIVITY | Take Action

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Square box
 - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Write one action on each side of the square box: high five, hug, high ten, fist bump, hand shake, and wild (kid's choice).

SNACK | Berry Cones

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Assortment of fresh berries
 - Ice cream cones
 - Whipped cream
 - Large bowl
 - Spoon
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Wash berries and place in a large bowl with a spoon. Cut larger berries into smaller pieces if needed.

ACTIVITY | Where Is Jesus Lift-the-Flap

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Glue
 - Foam stickers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print one Temple Scene template and one Boy Jesus lift-the-flap template per kid. (See a worked example [here](#).)

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Five water bottles
 - Paper plate or cardboard
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Cut a ring out of a paper plate or a piece of cardboard.

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

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

ACTIVITY | The Search for Jesus

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Tray
 - Cornmeal
 - Three wooden peg dolls
 - Blocks to build structures
 - Horse or donkey figurines
 - Tree figurines

ACTIVITY | I Spy the Boy Jesus

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Bin
 - Shredded paper
 - Boy Jesus template from the Where Is Jesus Lift-the-Flap activity
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Fill the bin with shredded paper. Print and cut out an extra copy of the Boy Jesus template from the Where Is Jesus Lift-the-Flap activity.

WEEK 3

ACTIVITY | Mirror Image

- **WHAT TO PREP:** If you want the kids to have a good laugh and see what a fun house mirror is like, show [this video](#).

ACTIVITY | Follow the Footprints

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Butcher paper
 - Large bucket
 - Small ball
 - Markers

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Draw a walking footprint path on a long piece of butcher paper. You can make it interesting by having parts where they have to jump (large space in between), hop with both feet (draw the footprints next to each other), or even hop with one foot (only one footprint). See the printable included for an idea of how you might set it up.

SCRIPTURE | John 1:29–42 (The Baptism of Jesus)

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Open-faced vest
 - Cross body sash (or scarf with ends tied to make a sash)
 - Two sweatbands (or fabric strips to tie)
 - Kids hat

BIG IDEA | We can follow Jesus.

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Raffle tickets
 - Large plastic cups
 - Tissue paper
 - Large foam board
 - Glue gun or rubber bands
- WHAT TO PREP: Assemble a carnival punch-out game board following [these instructions](#). To make it more reusable, you can use rubber bands to secure the tissue paper rather than using hot glue. Use raffle tickets and write one word of the Big Idea on each ticket. Without tearing them, fold them up and place them inside one of the cups before placing the tissue paper to cover the opening of the cup.

ACTIVITY | Along for the Ride

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Chairs
- WHAT TO PREP: Line up a set of single or double chairs in a vertical row (like riding a rollercoaster).

SNACK | Just Add Water

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Kool-Aid powder
 - Water
 - Pitcher
 - Long-handled spoon
 - Graham crackers
 - Watermelon (or other fruit)
 - Forks
 - Small plates
- WHAT TO PREP: Cut watermelon into bite-sized pieces or small wedges.

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Short, wide-mouth jar
 - Coins
 - Bin
 - Water
- WHAT TO PREP: Place a short, wide-mouth jar into a bin. Fill the bin with water until the jar is covered by at least three inches of water. Weigh the jar down with a few coins if needed.

ACTIVITY | Follow Jesus Pin

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Follow Jesus 2.5" circle label template
 - [2.5" circle labels](#)
 - [3" wooden circles](#)
 - Clothespins
 - Glue dots
 - Gem stickers
- WHAT TO PREP: Print the Follow Jesus circle label template onto the circle labels. (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 | Jesus' Baptism

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Bin
 - Blue rice
 - Two peg people
 - Origami dove
- WHAT TO PREP: Make the blue rice following instructions on [this site](#). Make an origami dove following [these instructions](#). Place the blue rice in a bin along with the peg people and the dove.

ACTIVITY | Following Jesus

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Modeling dough
 - Blocks

WEEK 4

ACTIVITY | Guess the Hand

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Small souvenir item

ACTIVITY | Hop on the Ride

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Large blanket

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 4:12–23 (Jesus Begins His Ministry)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Spray bottle (optional)

BIG IDEA | God makes us ready at the right time.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Raffle tickets
 - Large plastic cups
 - Tissue paper
 - Large foam board
 - Glue gun or rubber bands
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Assemble a carnival punch-out game board following [these instructions](#). To make it more reusable, you can use rubber bands to secure the tissue paper rather than using hot glue. Use raffle tickets and write one word of the Big Idea on each ticket. Without tearing them, fold them up and place them inside one of the cups before placing the tissue paper to cover the opening of the cup.

ACTIVITY | Ready, Set, Go

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Painters tape
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Use the tape to mark a start line and a finish line.

SNACK | Fishing for Treats

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Fish-shaped crackers
 - Pretzel sticks or twists
 - Raisins
 - O-shaped cereal
 - Small bowls
 - [Slotted or strainer spoons](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Place fish-shaped crackers, pretzels, raisins, and o-shaped cereal into separate bowls along with slotted spoons. You can also mix the snacks and distribute into small cups or bowls beforehand.

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Purchase a fishing game like [this](#) or [this](#). Consider using alternative materials if you prefer not to purchase a fishing game. For example, DIY the pieces following instructions from [this site](#).

ACTIVITY | Ready to Fish

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Jumbo craft sticks
 - Pipe cleaners
 - Printable
 - Single-hole punch
 - Cardstock paper (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print and cut apart the Big Idea fish template so each kid gets one. To your preference, you can use the hole punch to create a hole in the Big Idea fish beforehand or during the activity.

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - White board
 - Dry erase markers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** On the white board, write out just the first letter of each word in the memory verse, including the reference, in order.

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

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

ACTIVITY | Disciples Assemble

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Bin
 - Water beads
 - 5 LEGO people
 - 2 toy or aluminum foil boats
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Prepare water beads following manufacturer's instructions. Make boats out of aluminum foil if you do not have toy boats available. Place water beads into a bin along with five LEGO people and two boats.

ACTIVITY | Catch Some Fish

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Bin
 - Uncooked beans
 - Fish and/or sea animal figurines
 - Large cup(s)
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place uncooked beans in a bin along with fish and/or sea animal figurines and cups.

WEEK 5

ACTIVITY | Mickey, Pluto

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Mickey Mouse image](#) (optional)
 - [Pluto image](#) (optional)
 - Craft stick (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print the character images onto cardstock or on regular paper and glue it to a piece of cardboard to make it more sturdy. You can also attach a craft stick to make them into signs.

ACTIVITY | Music Parade

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - 4 noisemakers, like tambourine, maraca, bell, and cymbals

SCRIPTURE | Luke 4:1–13 (Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Tray
 - Sand
 - 2 [wooden peg dolls](#)
 - 1 rock
 - Blocks
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Place a thin layer of sand onto the tray. You can pre-make a tall tower and a temple out of blocks depending on what kind of blocks you use.

BIG IDEA | God's words help us make wise choices.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Raffle tickets
 - Large plastic cups
 - Tissue paper
 - Large foam board
 - Glue gun or rubber bands
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Assemble a carnival punch-out game board following [these instructions](#). To make it more reusable, you can use rubber bands to secure the tissue paper rather than using hot glue. Use raffle tickets and write one word of the Big Idea on each ticket. Without tearing them, fold them up and place them inside one of the cups before placing the tissue paper to cover the opening of the cup.

ACTIVITY | The Floor Is Lava Ride

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Small chairs
 - Pillows
 - Paper

SNACK | Spell It Out

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Saltine crackers
 - String cheese
 - Food safe gloves

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Paper plates
 - Bean bags
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Prepare a set of plates by writing different scores on each one.

ACTIVITY | God's Words Bookmark

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Cardstock paper
 - Single-hole punch
 - Yarn or pipe cleaners
 - Pony beads
 - Stickers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print the bookmark template onto cardstock paper, then cut them apart. Cut yarn into 12" long pieces. To your preference, you can hole punch the top of the bookmark beforehand or during the activity.

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

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

ACTIVITY | Jesus Is Tempted

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Tray
 - Kinetic sand
 - Nesting cups
 - Spoons
 - 2 wooden peg dolls
 - Blocks
 - A rock
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Place kinetic sand on a tray along with nesting cups, spoons, two wooden peg dolls, blocks, and a rock.

ACTIVITY | Stick to God's Word

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Sticky yarn sticks](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Draw your own outline of a Bible or use [this image](#). Print several copies.