

SHOP & PREP

RISE & SHINE

WEEK 1

ACTIVITY | Decorate the Farm

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Stickers
 - Washi tape
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Butcher paper
- WHAT TO PREP: Label four long pieces of butcher paper with the scenes you want kids to decorate, such as animal fields and stables, fruit and vegetable gardens, trees and flowers, and farm tools and vehicles. You might want to add some [background designs](#) of your own to help kids get started.

ACTIVITY | Evening Watering

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Small watering cans (1 per team)
 - Large planters (1 per team)
 - A water source (hose or large pool of water)
 - Tarps (if inside)
 - Dry beans and [scoops](#) (optional)
- WHAT TO PREP: Place all the teams' planters in a row on one side of the room and the watering can beside a hose or other water source on the opposite side. Teams should be lined up near the watering can.

QUESTION | Are you afraid of the dark?

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Lantern or bright flashlight

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 26:31-35; 57-75 (Peter Denies Jesus)

- WHAT TO GET:
 - [Sunrise backdrop](#) (optional)
- WHAT TO PREP: Have volunteers dressed in Bible costumes or have them in farm attire (overalls, flannel, wide-brim hats, etc.). If you use the digital rooster crowing, bring in a way to play [this audio](#).

BIG IDEA | I can stick with Jesus when my day is dark.

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Small inflatable swimming pool or garden bed
 - Dirt or soil
 - Gardening gloves
 - [Mini shovels](#) or [disposable utensils](#)
 - Towels or hand wipes
 - Paper
 - Marker
- WHAT TO PREP: Fill a small pool or garden bed with dirt. Write out the words from the Big Idea on small slips of paper and hide them in the dirt.

STORY | "Good Night Farm" by Patricia Hegarty

- WHAT TO GET:
 - ["Good Night Farm"](#) by Patricia Hegarty

OBJECT LESSON | Flashlight STEM

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Large craft sticks cut in half
 - White LED light
 - 3V button battery
 - 2" strips of copper tape
 - Electric tape
 - Binder clip
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Follow these instructions to make [these flashlights](#) with your volunteers.
 - Place a set of the materials in a ziplock bag, one per kid.
 - Starting at the curved end of the craft stick, place each 2" strip of copper tape down the middle of the craft stick on either side of the craft stick.
 - Place the button battery in the middle of one side of the craft stick, making sure it is touching the copper tape. Use glue to secure the button battery to that spot.
 - Place the LED light at the top of the craft stick on the curved top, and place each end on either side of the craft stick touching the copper tape, securing it with the electrical tape on the front and back of the craft stick.
 - Place the binder clip at the cut end of the craft stick and clip it on.
 - Test out your flashlight. When the binder clip is closed (closing the circuit) the metal clasps should be directly touching the battery touching the copper tape, conducting energy to the LED light. When the binder clip is open, the clasps are in the upright position, the flashlight will not work. This is because the circuit is open and the energy is not being conducted.

ACTIVITY | Growing Trust

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Little ceramic plant pots](#)
 - Bag of dirt
 - Bag of seeds
 - Markers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Pour dirt and seeds into smaller bags, one for each kid.

RESPONSE | Farmer's Almanac

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Colored pencils
 - Stickers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print out the provided Farmers Almanac page, one per kid. Be sure and collect the Almanacs each week to revisit during this series. They can be sent home at the conclusion of this series after you have bound them.

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 24:6a (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Glow-in-the-dark [plastic Easter eggs](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print or write out the memory verse, one word per scrap of paper. Place one word of the memory verse into each Easter egg. Have several sets of this made available depending on the number of kids you have. Hide the Easter eggs around your space before kids arrive.

ACTIVITY | Paper Farmhouse

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Red origami paper (at least 1 per kid)
 - Colored pencils
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Leaders should practice with [this video](#) so you are able to help kids fold their papers during program.

WEEK 2

ACTIVITY | Homestead Mornings

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Getting dressed station:
 - Oversized overalls
 - Work boots
 - Straw hat
 - Bin
 - Watering station:
 - 1 watering can
 - [1 graduated container](#)
 - Tarps or towels
 - Milking station:
 - [1 squeeze bottle](#)
 - Milk (or water mixed with white water-based paint)
 - Milk jug or pitcher
 - Tarps or towels
 - Feeding station:
 - Bin filled with corn kernels
 - 1 cup
 - 3 small bowls
 - Cleaning station:
 - 10 [large tootsie rolls](#)
 - Hand shovel
 - Dry bins
 - Large plastic bin
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Space out each of the five chore stations throughout your room. Have volunteers on standby to "reset" the station after each team has gone through the stations, such as
 - **Getting dressed station:** Provide an oversized overalls set, work boots, and hat. Kids have to put on all items, count to five, then remove them and return the items to the bin.
 - **Watering station:** Provide a watering can, water source, and a graduated bin with measurements marked (or make your own). Kids must use the watering can to fill up the bin to the next line.
 - **Feeding station:** Kids will scoop corn kernels out of the bin using a cup and fill up 3 small bowls.
 - **Milking station:** Kids will empty a squeeze bottle (marked and filled about halfway) of milk back into the jug or pitcher of milk (not to be consumed).

- **Cleaning station:** Kids will use a hand shovel they will scoop out one unwrapped tootsie roll (not to be consumed) from a large bin filled with dry beans.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 27:45-28:10 (Jesus Died and Rose Again)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Sunrise backdrop](#) (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Have volunteers dressed in Bible costumes or have them in farm attire (overalls, flannel, wide-brim hats, etc.).

BIG IDEA | Jesus is alive today and every day!

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Small inflatable swimming pool or garden bed
 - Dirt or soil
 - Gardening gloves
 - [Mini shovels](#) or [disposable utensils](#)
 - Towels or hand wipes
 - Paper
 - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Fill a small pool or garden bed with dirt. Write out the words from the Big Idea on small slips of paper and hide them in the dirt.

ACTIVITY | Jesus' Tomb

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Clay or playdough
 - Mini Lego figurines
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Decide whether you will be building the tomb as a full class or in small groups. If small groups, then divide up the clay before program starts. Bring enough Lego people for each group.

VIDEO | "God's Wonderful Surprise"

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Construction paper
 - Markers
 - Crayons
 - Chalk
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Have a way to play [the video](#) in the classroom. Cut out colorful crosses before program starts. Kids can pick more than one if they have another prayer or drawing. Watch and cue up the video in advance so ads don't play during program.

RESPONSE | Farmer's Almanac

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Colored pencils
 - Stickers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print out the provided Easter Farmers Almanac, one per kid. Be sure and collect the Almanacs each week to revisit during this series. They can be sent home at the conclusion of this series.

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 24:6a (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Glow-in-the-dark [plastic Easter eggs](#)
 - Candy to go inside this week's Easter eggs.
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print or write out the memory verse, one word per scrap of paper. Place one word of the memory verse into each Easter egg with a piece of candy. Have several sets of this made available depending on the number of kids you have. Hide the Easter eggs around your space before kids arrive.

ACTIVITY | Salt Painted Crosses

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - White cardstock paper
 - School glue
 - Table salt
 - Liquid watercolors
 - Eye droppers or thin paint brushes
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Put liquid watercolors and water in small jars. Watch [this video](#) with your leaders so you can see how this activity works.

WEEK 3

ACTIVITY | DIY Picnic

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Picnic blanket
 - Picnic basket
 - Play-Doh (1 small tub per kid)

SCRIPTURE | John 20:19-31 (Jesus Appears to the Disciples)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Jumbo popsicle sticks
 - Permanent markers
 - [Sunrise backdrop](#) (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Draw faces on the jumbo popsicle stick or invite some kids to draw it themselves.

BIG IDEA | I can meet with Jesus every day.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Small inflatable swimming pool or garden bed
 - Dirt or soil
 - Gardening gloves
 - [Mini shovels](#) or [disposable utensils](#)
 - Towels or hand wipes
 - Paper
 - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Fill a small pool or garden bed with dirt. Write out the words from the Big Idea on small slips of paper and hide them in the dirt.

ACTIVITY | Ask Away!

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Whiteboard or chalkboard
 - Paper
 - Pencils

SCRIPTURE | 1 Peter 1:3-9

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Have a way to play [the video](#). Watch it before program and cue it up so ads don't play.

REFLECTION | Name the Call

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Have a way to play [the video](#) (just audio is okay). Watch the video before program and cue it up so ads don't play during program.

RESPONSE | Farmer's Almanac

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Colored pencils
 - Stickers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print out the provided Easter Farmers Almanac, one per kid. Be sure to collect the Almanacs each week to revisit during this series. They can be sent home at the conclusion of this series.

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 24:6a (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Paper
 - Tape
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print or write out the memory verse, one word per piece of paper.

ACTIVITY | Farm Guest Book

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Colored pencils
 - 3-ring binder
 - Hole punch
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print enough for each kid and a little extra for future guests.

WEEK 4

ACTIVITY | How Many Do You Know?

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Markers
 - Butcher paper
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Pre-cut sheets of butcher paper according to the size of your group and number of teams.

ACTIVITY | Pruning Pick-Up Sticks

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Colorful paper straws](#) (20-30 per team)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Sort out stacks of straws so that each team gets the same number of straws. Make sure there is the same number of each color straw in their stack.

QUESTION | How do people recognize you?

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Handheld mirror
 - Dry erase marker (fine tip)
 - Eraser or cloth

SCRIPTURE | Luke 24:13-35 (The Road to Emmaus)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Sunrise backdrop](#) (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Have volunteers dressed in Bible costumes or have them in farm attire (overalls, flannel, wide-brim hats, etc.).

BIG IDEA | Jesus is there for me every day.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Small inflatable swimming pool or garden bed
 - Dirt or soil
 - Gardening gloves
 - [Mini shovels](#) or [disposable utensils](#)
 - Towels or hand wipes
 - Paper
 - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Fill a small pool or garden bed with dirt. Write out the words from the Big Idea on small slips of paper and hide them in the dirt.

ACTIVITY | Jesus in Everyday Things

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Ask your guest artist what materials they will need for their project. Prepare to be the "host" of this activity and asking kids things about art and the image that is forming on the canvas.

ACTIVITY | Flower Press Suncatchers

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Colorful paper plates](#)
 - [Clear contact paper](#)
 - Scissors
 - Assortment of flower heads, petals and leaves
 - Hole punch
 - Ribbon
 - Microwave oven (optional)
 - Mug or bowl (optional)
 - Cotton fabric squares (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Cut large holes in each paper plate. Cut contact paper so it covers the hole in the paper plate, but doesn't overhang too much. Prepare 2 sheets of contact paper, and leave it on the backing so kids can peel it off and use it for the craft. Cut ribbons to make the hanger. To make dried flowers:
 - Place the flowers between cotton fabric squares in the microwave, and cover with something microwave-safe and heavy (like a mug or bowl) to flatten the flower.
 - Heat them in 30-second intervals until the flowers are dried.
 - You do not have to dry them but note that the flowers will most likely mold over time in the suncatcher.

REFLECTION | I Spy Outdoors

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Before program, use sidewalk chalk to write out a few verses about God in nature so you can point them out on the walk. Some verse suggestions:
 - John 1:3
 - Psalm 19:1
 - Psalm 96:12
 - Psalm 104:14
 - Luke 12:27

RESPONSE | Farmer's Almanac

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 - Markers
 - Colored pencils
 - Stickers
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MEMORY VERSE | Luke 24:6a (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Pencils

ACTIVITY | The Lord Is...

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Paper
 - Pencils or pen
 - Whiteboard and marker (optional)

WEEK 5

ACTIVITY | Grow Where You Sow

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Paper
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Ball up pieces of paper. Hide the pieces before kids enter the space.

ACTIVITY | Farm to Table

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Baskets (1 per team)
 - Printable (1 set per team)
 - Farmer's Market sign (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** *Print as many sets of the printable as there are teams.*

SCRIPTURE | John 21:1-17 (Jesus Restores Peter)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Sunrise backdrop](#) (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Have volunteers dressed in Bible costumes or have them in farm attire (overalls, flannel, wide-brim hats, etc.).

BIG IDEA | I can share God's love every day.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Small inflatable swimming pool or garden bed
 - Dirt or soil
 - Gardening gloves
 - [Mini shovels](#) or [disposable utensils](#)
 - Towels or hand wipes
 - Paper
 - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Fill a small pool or garden bed with dirt. Write out the words from the Big Idea on small slips of paper and hide them in the dirt.

VIDEO | Farm Equipment

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Farm equipment [video](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Optional: Find about ten pictures of farm equipment. Print them to pass around during the video. Some ideas for equipment: tractor, wheelbarrow, hay truck, seeder, plow, high intensity water sprinkler, pick up truck, crates, sorting conveyor belt, mower, wagon.

OBJECT LESSON | Farm First Aid Kit

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Kid-friendly first-aid kit with band-aids of various shades

SCRIPTURE | John 10:1-10

- **WHAT TO PREP:** View [this example of an ancient sheepfold](#). Print this picture to pass around or post during class or include it in your digital slideshow.

REFLECTION | Feeding God's Sheep

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Toilet paper rolls
 - Red and yellow tissue paper
 - Sticks
 - Colorful construction paper
 - Scissors
 - Tape
 - Butcher paper
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Tape butcher paper to the wall (you may choose to decorate with a lakeside scene and in the middle, attach toilet paper rolls with red and yellow tissue paper coming out of it). Cut out different fish from colored cardstock paper. Have about 1.5 times more fish than kids you're expecting. Attach two of the fish to a stick and have it "roasting" on the fire.

RESPONSE | Farmer's Almanac

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Colored pencils
 - Stickers
 - Colored cardstock paper
 - Glue sticks
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print out the provided Easter Farmers Almanac, one per kid. Be sure and collect the Almanacs each week to revisit during this series. They can be sent home this week after the kids bind their pages together. How to bind the book:
 - Fold all their entries in half (text inside, blank outside).
 - Stack all the pages in order so that the second page of the first entry is on the back side of the first page of the next entry.
 - Glue the pages that touch using a glue stick.
 - Glue the first and last page to a piece of colored cardstock folded in half.

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 24:6a (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - 7 large stones, best if they stack well
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Paint or use marker to write one word of the memory verse on each stone.

ACTIVITY | Sheepfold Marble Maze

- **WHAT TO GET:**

- Box (e.g., cereal boxes, cracker boxes, shipping boxes)
- Duct tape
- Construction paper
- Drinking straws
- Glue
- Scissors
- Marble

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Check out [these instructions](#) to guide kids as they make their own marble mazes.