

## SHOP & PREP

Staycation!

### WEEK 1

#### ACTIVITY | Ready, Set, Stay!

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Sturdy laundry basket
  - Suitcase
  - 7 -8 t-shirts

#### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

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

#### ACTIVITY | House Hop

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Masking tape
  - Pots and pans
  - Pillows
  - Stuffed animals
  - Books
  - Toy cars
  - Toys

#### SCRIPTURE | Genesis 12:1-5, 13:1-18 (The Call of Abram)

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Blankets
  - Pillows
  - Twinkle lights
  - Bowls of popcorn
- WHAT TO PREP: If kids show up not in pjs, don't let them feel left out. You can provide a pair of PJ [party slippers](#) for them.

#### ACTIVITY | At-Home Adventure

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Hula hoops
  - [Pop-up tunnel](#)
  - Cardboard boxes
  - Cones
  - Pool noodles
- WHAT TO PREP: Using the objects above, create an obstacle course in the room. For instance, you may want to have the kids crawl through a pop-up tunnel, and hop over cones.

#### SNACK | Sandy Snack

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Graham crackers or [gluten-free graham crackers](#)
  - Small paper cups
  - Vanilla pudding cups or sliced bananas
  - Plastic spoons
  - Paper plates (if you choose to serve sliced bananas)
- WHAT TO PREP: Crush graham crackers into crumbs so that it looks like sand. Place the graham crackers in individual small paper cups for each kid.

#### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
  - Playground sand
  - Empty water bottle
  - Hot glue gun
- WHAT TO PREP: Fill an empty water bottle halfway with sand. Seal the bottle cap onto the bottle using hot glue. Let the kids take turns holding the bottle as you tell the story.

**ACTIVITY | Great Name Craft**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Paper
  - Craft glue
  - [Brightly colored sand](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Write everyone's names out in advance, and if using the toddler hack, be sure to have those materials on hand.

**MEMORY VERSE | Galatians 6:10 (NIV)**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Colorful paper
  - Marker
  - Tape
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Write one word of the Bible verse onto each piece of paper. Tape them on the floor in a path.

**ACTIVITY | Staycation! Storytime**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Tilly's Staycation](#) by Gillian Hibbs
  - Blankets
  - Pillows
  - Tent (optional)

**ACTIVITY | Build a House**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Blocks
  - [People figures](#)

## WEEK 2

**ACTIVITY | Donkey Ride**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Yardstick or pool noodles
  - Cones
  - Paper, yarn, and glue to create [the donkey head](#) (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** If you'd like to create a donkey head for the activity, prepare the [printable](#) before your program.

**ACTIVITY | What's Missing?**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Ball
  - Doll
  - Shape tiles
  - Other distinct items or toys
  - Bucket

**SCRIPTURE | Genesis 21:1-7, 22:1-14 (Abraham and Isaac)**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Blankets
  - Pillows
  - Twinkle lights
  - Bowls of popcorn
- **WHAT TO PREP:** If kids show up NOT in pjs, don't let them feel left out. You can provide a pair of PJ [party slippers](#) for them.

**BIG IDEA | God always shows us compassion.**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Empty drawer or shallow bin
  - Random household items (scraps of paper, rolls of tape, keys, pens, spoons)
  - Labels
  - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Choose as many items in the drawer as there are words in this week's Big Idea. Label them with a word of the Big Idea and place them in the drawer amidst a bunch of other odds and ends that aren't labeled.

**SNACK | Fire Sticks**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Pretzel sticks or [gluten-free pretzels](#)
  - Orange food coloring
  - Icing
  - Ziploc bag
  - Paper plates
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Mix up the orange food coloring and the icing and put them into a zip top bag. Cut off a tiny corner of the bag to make a piping bag.

**ACTIVITY | Circle Time**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Baby doll wrapped in a blanket

**ACTIVITY | Ram to the Rescue Craft**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Oval pieces of colored paper
  - Googly eyes
  - Cotton balls
  - Clothespins
- **WHAT TO PREP:** 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 | Caring for Baby**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Small basin or mixing bowl filled with one inch of water
  - Plastic baby dolls
  - Baby towels
  - Baby washcloths
  - Wet wipes (optional)

**ACTIVITY | Find the Ram**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Shallow storage bin
  - [Toy sheep](#)
  - [Toy tree figures](#)
  - Rice

## WEEK 3

**ACTIVITY | Dance Duet**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Hula hoops

**ACTIVITY | Family Recipe**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Several buckets or bins
  - A large pot
  - Wooden spoon
  - [Plastic play food](#)

**SCRIPTURE | Genesis 25:19-34 (Jacob and Esau)**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Blankets
  - Pillows
  - Twinkle lights
  - Bowls of popcorn
- **WHAT TO PREP:** If kids do not show up in pjs, don't let them feel left out. You can provide a pair of PJ [party slippers](#) for them.

**BIG IDEA | We can trust God when it's hard to trust each other.**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Empty drawer or shallow bin
  - Random household items (scraps of paper, rolls of tape, keys, pens, spoons)
  - Labels
  - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Choose as many items in the drawer as there are words in this week's Big Idea. Label them with a word of the Big Idea and place them in the drawer amidst a bunch of other odds and ends that aren't labeled.

**ACTIVITY | Find the Twin**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Card matching game](#)

**SNACK | Cereal Soup**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Large stock pot
  - Ladle
  - Small bowls (1 for each kid)
  - Plastic spoons (1 for each kid)
  - A variety of cereal

**ACTIVITY | Circle Time**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Large stock pot
  - Ladle

**ACTIVITY | Playing With Food**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Washable finger paints](#)
  - Celery, carrots, lemons, and broccoli.
  - Paper plates
  - Construction paper
  - [Aprons](#) (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Cut the celery and carrots into one-inch slices, cut the lemons in half, and cut the broccoli head into individual broccoli "trees."

**ACTIVITY | Coloring Page**

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

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Cereal, cracker, or other food boxes
  - Scissors
  - Pop-up tent or large blanket to drape over a table
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Cut off the front of several food boxes and cut each food box into three or four pieces to create a puzzle.

**ACTIVITY | Scoop It Up**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Shallow storage bin
  - [Dried lentils](#) or dried beans
  - Spoons
  - Measuring cups
  - [Play pots and pans](#)

## WEEK 4

**ACTIVITY | Up and Down the Ladder**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Masking tape

**ACTIVITY | Rock and Roll**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Long, sturdy piece of cardboard to use as ramp
  - Ball
  - Blanket

**SCRIPTURE | Genesis 28:10-19a (Jacob's Dream)**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Blankets
  - Pillows
  - Twinkle lights
  - Bowls of popcorn
  - Butcher paper
- **WHAT TO PREP:** If kids do not show up in pjs, don't let them feel left out. You can provide a pair of PJ [party slippers](#) for them.

**BIG IDEA | We always belong in God's family.**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Empty drawer or shallow bin
  - Random household items (scraps of paper, rolls of tape, keys, pens, spoons)
  - Labels
  - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Choose as many items in the drawer as there are words in this week's Big Idea. Label them with a word of the Big Idea and place them in the drawer amidst a bunch of other odds and ends that aren't labeled.

**ACTIVITY | Sleeping Bag Bounce**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - 4 large sheets of bulletin or butcher paper (different colors)
  - Speaker for music

**SNACK | Dream Cookies**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Sugar cookies
  - Ziploc bag
  - Powdered sugar
  - Water
  - Paper plates
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Mix powdered sugar with a little water to make a simple, thin icing. Put the icing into a zip top bag and cut one of the corners off to use as a piping bag.

**ACTIVITY | Circle Time**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Small step ladder

**ACTIVITY | Angels on the Ladder**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Angel stickers](#)
  - Popsicle sticks
  - Glue or glue dots
  - Cardstock paper
  - Crayons

**ACTIVITY | Coloring Page**

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

**ACTIVITY | Play Dough Angels**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Play Dough
  - [Plastic angel shaped cookie cutters](#)

**ACTIVITY | Rock Exploration**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Rounded rocks](#)
  - Sand
  - Shallow storage bin
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Fill the storage bin with sand and hide rocks in the sand.

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## WEEK 5

**ACTIVITY | Peace Like a River**

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Prepare this song: "[I've Got Peace Like a River](#)."

**ACTIVITY | Tent Time**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - 8 long pieces of colored butcher paper (4 different colors, 2 of each color)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Drape two long pieces of the colored paper to meet in the top middle of the two adjoining walls, angled away from each other to form a "tent" in each corner of the room.

**SCRIPTURE | Genesis 32:6-21, 33:1-11  
(Jacob and Esau Meet Again)**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Blankets
  - Pillows
  - Twinkle lights
  - Bowls of popcorn
- **WHAT TO PREP:** If kids show up NOT in pjs, don't let them feel left out. You can provide a pair of PJ [party slippers](#) for them.

**BIG IDEA | We can make peace with others.**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Empty drawer or shallow bin
  - Random household items (scraps of paper, rolls of tape, keys, pens, spoons)
  - Labels
  - Marker
  - Hand wipes or sanitizer
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Choose as many items in the drawer as there are words in this week's Big Idea. Label them with a word of the Big Idea and place them in the drawer amidst a bunch of other odds and ends that aren't labeled.

**ACTIVITY | House of Peace**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Building blocks

**SNACK | Peace Bugs**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Snack sized Ziploc bags
  - Dry cereal such as Cheerios or Chex
  - Raisins
  - Grapes
  - Tiny pretzels
  - Cheese crackers
  - Mini marshmallows (not for toddlers)
  - Freeze-dried strawberries
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Select a bug-themed snack from [this list](#) or other sources.

**ACTIVITY | Circle Time**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Stuffed animal

**ACTIVITY | Peaceful Gifts**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Several rolls of gift wrap with different patterns
  - Construction paper
  - Glue Sticks
  - [Animal stickers](#)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Cut the gift wrap in 2x2 inch squares. 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 | Animals in the Sand**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - Sand
  - Shallow storage bin
  - [Plastic animals](#)

**ACTIVITY | Backyard Bugs**

- **WHAT TO GET:**
  - [Magnifying glasses](#)
  - Sand
  - Storage bin
  - [Plastic insects and bugs](#)
  - [Small shovels](#)