

Preschool Extra – August 2013

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August 4

3–Pre-K - Make a Face Collage

Bible Truth: People show love by telling about Jesus.

Bible Connection: Paul and Barnabas people told about Jesus.

Materials: Bible; Bible marker; magazines, catalogs, or colored advertising circulars; scissors; construction paper; glue sticks

- Place a marker in the Bible at Mark 16:15. Cut out faces of people of all ages from the magazines, catalogs, or ads. Print the Bible phrase on several sheets of the construction paper: *Tell others about Jesus. Mark 16:15*. Set the items on a table.
- Invite children to make a collage by choosing faces to glue on paper. To vary this activity, allow children to cut the pictures out of the magazines themselves.
- As children work, tell how Paul and Barnabas wanted people everywhere to hear about Jesus. Remark that the faces they are gluing remind you of today's Bible phrase. Open the Bible to show children where today's phrase is located.

Kid Connection: Tell preschoolers that helping others learn about Jesus shows love to them.

Kindergarten - Make a Yard Sign

Bible Truth: People show love by telling about Jesus.

Bible Connection: Paul and Barnabas told about Jesus.

Materials: Bible, unmarked cardboard, washable markers, tape, stickers, paint sticks, clear contact plastic, paper

- Cut cardboard into large squares or rectangles. Print these words on paper: *Jesus loves you*. Display the paper with the materials.
- Invite kindergartners to make yard signs. A child can print the words on a piece of cardboard and decorate the sign with stickers or drawings.
- As children work, tell the Bible story. Talk about ways Paul and Barnabas told about Jesus.
- As a child finishes his sign, help him cover it the contact plastic (to make it more weatherproof). He can attach his sign to a paint stick. Suggest he place the sign in his yard.

Kid Connection: Comment that the child's sign will help others learn about Jesus. Say that telling about Jesus shows love to others.

August 11

3s–Pre-K - Scoop and Weigh Rice

Bible Truth: People show love by giving to others.

Bible Connection: The church gave food to show love.

Materials: Bible; plastic dishpan with rice; plastic scoops, funnels, and measuring cups with easy-to-read numbers; small digital scale

- Guide children to scoop and pour rice. Older preschoolers will enjoy weighing rice on the scale.
- Invite boys and girls to talk about eating rice at home.
- Talk about the Bible story, mentioning that people in Jerusalem did not have enough food to eat. Talk about what the church in Antioch gave to help.

Kid Connection: Open the Bible to Nehemiah 8:10 and read the Bible phrase. Emphasize the importance of giving to help and show love to others.

Kindergarten - Build a Community

Bible Truth: People show love by giving to others.

Bible Connection: People gave to help people in the city of Jerusalem.

Materials: Bible, stand-up figures of family and community helpers, wooden blocks, washable markers, 3-by-5-inch cards, tape

- Make your own stand-up figures by cutting pictures of people from catalogs and gluing them to cardboard or poster board; attach figures to cardboard tubes.
- Print these words on index cards, one word per card: *School, Hospital, Church, Grocery Store*.
- Invite children to build different structures in the community and use the index cards to identify them.
- Allow children to use the index cards and markers to draw windows, doors, or other details for structures. They may also want to make their own signs for the buildings. Provide tape for them to attach these items to blocks.
- Briefly tell the Bible story. Talk about ways the Antioch church gave to help the people in Jerusalem.
- Open the Bible to Ephesians 2:10 and read the Bible verse.

Kid Connection: Pray, thanking God for people who show love by giving.

August 18

3s–Pre-K - Construct with PVC Pipe

Bible Truth: People show love by working together.

Bible Connection: Paul worked with his friends to make tents.

Materials: Bible, teaching picture (pack item 12), container of PVC pipes and connectors, pieces of fabric

- Provide short lengths of PVC pipe and some elbows and connectors. Open the Bible to Acts 18. Set the Bible and the teaching picture near the pipes.
- Encourage preschoolers to connect the PVC pipes and build something. Suggest they could build a tent frame and use the fabric to create a tent.
- Compliment the preschoolers for working well together. Say the Bible phrase: “Work together happily.”
- Point to the teaching picture and talk about how Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla worked together.

Kid Connection: Comment that working together shows love for friends.

Kindergarten - Find Words in Sand

Bible Truth: People show love by working together.

Bible Connection: Paul worked with Priscilla and Aquila.

Materials: Bible, sand, plastic storage container, large paper clips, magnet wands, heavy paper, scissors, marker, vinyl tablecloth

- Spread the tablecloth on the floor. Pour about ½ inch of sand in the plastic container and set in the middle of the tablecloth.
- Cut paper into 1-inch-by 3-inch rectangles and print words for the story on the pieces. (Use words like *Paul, Priscilla, Aquila, tents, told, Jesus.*) Make several of each word. Attach a paper clip onto each word and hide the words in the sand. Hide some empty paper clips, too.
- Guide a child to use a magnet wand to find words in the sand. Help them sort the words into sets (all copies of a word) or groups (all different words together).
- After they find all the words, guide them to hide the words and paper clips again.

Kid Connection: Read the words and talk about the Bible story, emphasizing how the people worked together.

August 25

3s–Pre-K - Make a Door Hanger

Bible Truth: People show love by praying for others.

Bible Connection: People remembered to pray for Peter.

Materials: Bible, door hanger shapes, washable markers, assorted foam shapes, glue, ribbon, lace, stickers, address labels

- Print this verse on address labels: *Pray for each other. James 5:16*. Place items on a table.
- Read the words of the verse to a child. Guide her to make a door hanger. She can place one of the address labels on her door hanger and use the other materials to decorate it.
- Talk about the people who prayed for Peter.
- Encourage the child to think of people for whom she could pray. Tell her to hang her door hanger in her room to remind her to pray for those people.

Kid Connection: Say: “We can pray for each other. Praying for other people is a way to show love.”

Kindergarten - Play a Game

Bible Truth: People show love by praying for others.

Bible Connection: People prayed for Peter in a house.

Materials: Bible, pictures of buildings, paper, markers, beanbag

- Attach each picture of a building to paper. Print the name of the place underneath the picture. If you cannot locate pictures of buildings, print these words on paper: *school, hospital, church, house*. Tape the pictures to the floor.
- Invite a child to toss a beanbag onto one of the pictures. Ask: “What building is this? For whom could you pray at this place?” Make a list of people the children mention.
- Continue tossing and listing people for whom to pray. If desired, allow the children to draw pictures of places or print words of places to add to the game.

Kid Connection: Open the Bible to James 5:16 and read the Bible verse; comment that praying for people shows love.