

Backyard Bible Club



5 days of lessons, activities, and fun
for the **kids in your neighborhood.**

Day 01

TRUTH:

God Made Everything

The earth, sky, plants, animals, people—everything you can see was designed and created by God. We can thank Him for creating us and celebrate His creativity.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:16, and Psalm 19:1

MEMORY VERSE:

"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him." – Colossians 1:16 (NLT)

ACTIVITY:

Go on a nature walk around the neighborhood and have the kids collect things that God created. Practice the memory verse as you walk and talk about how creative God is through His creation.

Materials needed:

- Plastic bags for each child to collect things in

CRAFT:

Have each kid glue the items they collected onto a piece of card stock and decorate them with paint. Write (or have them write) the memory verse on the top of the page.

Materials needed:

- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Scissors

SNACK:

Make "dirt pudding cups" together. First, fill a cup with chocolate pudding. Crush some chocolate sandwich cookies (the kids can help!) and put the dirt-like crumbs on top of the pudding. Add a couple of gummy worms to each cup, and serve.

Materials needed:

- Cups
- Spoons
- Chocolate pudding
- Chocolate sandwich cookies
- Gummy worms



Day 02

TRUTH:

God Loves Me

Out of all His creation, God especially cares for us. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and He loves us almost more than we can imagine.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Psalm 139:14 and Matthew 10:29-31

MEMORY VERSE:

“So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.” – Matthew 10:31 (NLT)

ACTIVITY:

Before the meeting time, cut out heart shapes from pieces of paper and hide them in various places.

Put a handheld mirror in a box, but don’t tell the children what is in the box. Tell them that they can look inside the box to see something God loves a whole lot. Pass the box around and let each child look inside, one at a time. Make sure they don’t tell anyone what they see! When everyone has had a chance to look inside the box and see themselves, discuss how much God loves each one of us.

Next, send the kids on a “love hunt” looking for the cutout hearts you have hidden. Each time a child finds a heart they are to yell, “God loves me!”

Materials needed:

- Box
- Mirror
- Paper hearts

CRAFT:

Help the kids each make their own “God Loves Me” necklace. You can use alphabet and heart-shaped beads to spell out the message. (Alternatively, you can cut out your own homemade “beads” or “pendants” out of colored card stock or sheets of craft foam.) String them on yarn or elastic cord to make the necklaces.

Materials needed:

- Yarn or elastic string
- Alphabet beads and heart-shaped beads (or card stock/craft foam cut into heart shapes with “God Loves Me” written on them)

SNACK:

Read Matthew 10:30 and explain that you are going to make ice cream “hairs on your head.” Give each child a scoop of ice cream and allow them to add “hair” to it using whipped topping, sprinkles, and/or chocolate syrup.

Materials needed:

- Ice cream
- Whipped topping
- Sprinkles and/or chocolate syrup



Day 03

TRUTH:

God Has a Rescue Plan

We all do things that are wrong sometimes, and we deserve punishment for such sins. However, because God loves us, He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us by suffering that punishment on our behalf. Jesus then rose from the dead. Because of His sacrifice, we can live forever with Him.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

John 3:16, Matthew 27:27-31, and Luke 24:1-12

MEMORY VERSE:

"Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!"

– Luke 24:5-6 (NLT)

ACTIVITY:

Let the kids play with a bunch of newspaper, encouraging them to crumple the pieces into balls and throw them into a hoop or basket. After playing with the newspaper a while, have the kids all look at their hands. Talk about how the ink on their hands is like sin in our hearts. Give each child a wet wipe and have them clean their hands with it. Explain how Jesus takes away our sin and makes our hearts clean when we trust in Him.

Materials needed:

- Newspaper
- Basketball hoop or wastebasket
- Wet wipes

CRAFT:

Have the kids make "gospel bracelets" using colored beads—black, red, white, blue, green, and gold/yellow. Explain to them the meaning behind each color:

- Black represents our sin. It reminds us that all people have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Red represents the blood of Jesus Christ, the perfect sacrifice for our sin.
- White represents how we are made clean through Jesus' blood. By accepting His sacrifice on our behalf, God sees us through the righteousness of Christ, and our sins are forgiven.
- Blue represents being baptized. God's Word tells us this is an outward display of an inward decision; once we decide to make Jesus Christ our Lord, we are to follow that up by obediently being baptized.
- Green represents growing in the Lord. Once we accept Jesus as our Savior, we should want to learn more about Him. We develop a closer relationship to Him through His Word and through prayer.
- Gold (or yellow) represents eternity in heaven with God.

Materials needed:

- Yarn or elastic string
- Colored beads



SNACK:

Read Luke 24:1-12. Tell the kids that they are going to make “empty tomb rolls.” Take crescent roll dough and have the children place a marshmallow on each piece of unrolled dough. Roll up the dough, with the marshmallow in the middle, and seal the edges so that the crescent roll “tomb” is completely closed. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Cut open the crescent rolls – the marshmallow is gone just like Jesus’s body was gone from the tomb!

Materials needed:

- Crescent roll dough
- Marshmallows
- Baking sheet



Day 04

TRUTH:

God Wants to Spend Time With You

God wants us to have a relationship with Him. We should learn about Him through His Word, talk to Him through prayer, praise Him for who He is, and thank Him for all He has done for us.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Mark 10:13-16, Psalm 100, and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

MEMORY VERSE:

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children." – Mark 10:14 (NLT)

ACTIVITY:

Using sidewalk chalk (or crayons and paper), have the kids draw pictures of things that they are thankful for. Ask them to share what they have drawn and why they are thankful for those things. Pray together and thank God for all He has given.

Materials needed:

- Sidewalk chalk (or crayons and paper)

CRAFT:

Read Psalm 100 and tell the kids that you are going to make a "joyful noise" together. Give each child two paper plates. Have them decorate the bottom side of each plate. Put dried beans in one plate, and turn the other plate over on top of it so that the rims touch. Staple or tape the rims together so that the beans can't fall out. Then have the kids shake their "joyful noise" instruments as you all sing praises to the Lord!

Materials needed:

- Paper plates
- Dry beans
- Crayons or markers
- Stapler or tape

SNACK:

Show the children unpopped popcorn and tell them that the kernels are like children who haven't found Jesus or don't know to ever spend time with Him. Without the warmth of God's love, they haven't burst to life. Then pop the popcorn. Explain that when God's love warms our hearts we burst with happiness, and praises to Jesus burst out of us. We can't help but tell others how much we love Him and how great we think He is. This makes us want to spend more time with Him! Eat the popcorn!

Materials needed:

- Unpopped popcorn kernels
- Popcorn popper or microwave popcorn



Day 05

TRUTH:

God Finds Joy in Us

We can joyfully celebrate God's goodness and enjoy His gifts to us.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Psalm 118:24 and Nehemiah 8:10

MEMORY VERSE:

"This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118:24 (NLT)

ACTIVITY:

Plan a fun activity for the whole group as your last-day celebration. Use one of the ideas below or come up with your own way to celebrate.

- Go to the Arboretum or a park and have a picnic.
- Wear bathing suits to run through sprinklers, play in kiddie pools, and throw water balloons. Get soaked and have a blast!
- Have a movie play date: watch "What's in the Bible" or "Veggie Tales" (both available on RightNow Media) while snacking on popcorn and M&Ms.
- Bake and decorate cookies together.
- Go to the zoo or aquarium and talk about what you learned on Day 1 about our Creator.
- Help the children each make a book about their week. Write one of the memory verses on each page and have the kids draw what each verse means to them.

