

Preschool Small Group Day 2

House Building

SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

Bag of sugar cubes, a bag of popsicle sticks, and a paper plate per child.

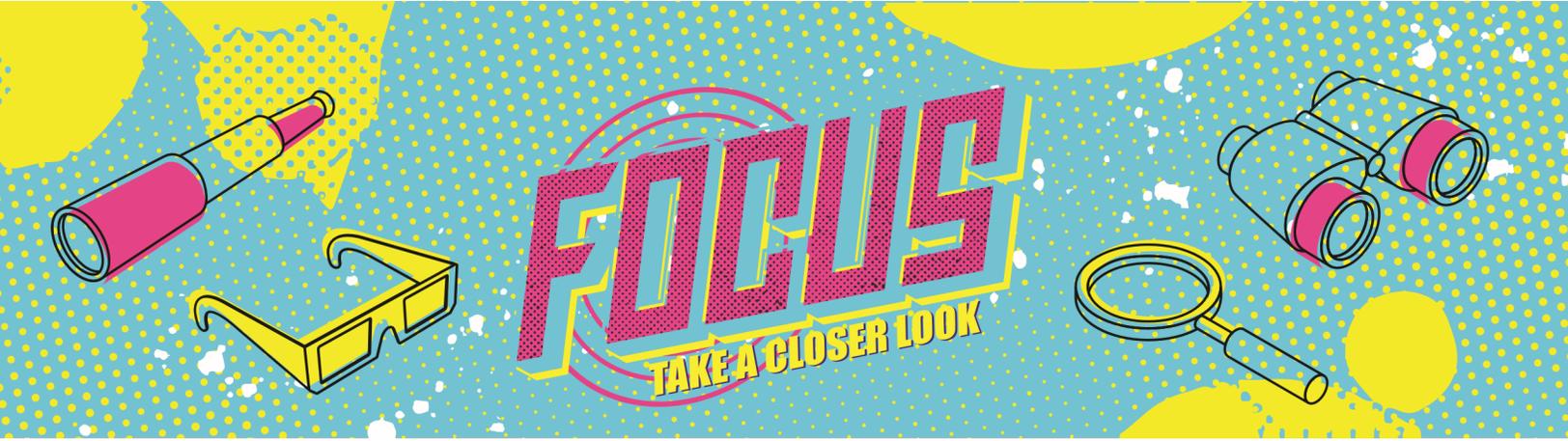
WHAT YOU DO:

Give each child a paper plate. Encourage the children to use the sugar cubes and craft/popsicle sticks to stack and build a house. You may want to show your preschoolers how to place the craft sticks on top of the sugar cubes to build their structures higher and with more stability.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "When Jesus told the story about the two men who built houses, did they build with sugar cubes and popsicle sticks? (Pause.) Nope! One built his house on the rock and one on the sand. Let's do some house building of our own but with some sticks and sugar for fun!"

After the Activity: "Great building, friends! The wise man built his house on the rock. Jesus told this story to show us how important it is to listen to what he teaches so we can make wise choices and stand strong. Jesus is a wise and good friend! Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever."



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Rock Relay

SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

1 bucket of rocks, 1 bucket of sand, a plastic spoon for each person

WHAT YOU DO:

Put the bucket of rocks on one side of the room and the bucket of sand on the other. Put the spoons beside the bucket of rocks. Invite the family to take turns or have one child go back and forth using the spoon to carry the rocks to the other side of the room and drop it into the bucket of sand. Continue until every rock is moved from the first bucket to the second.

WHAT YOU SAY:

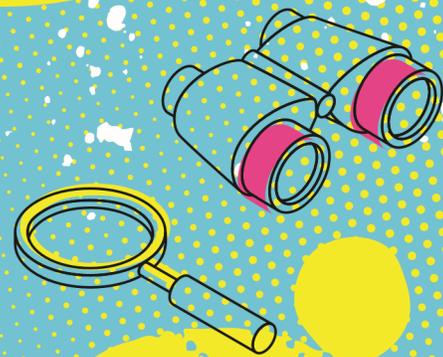
"Have you ever done a relay race before? (Pause.) Today we are going to do a 'Rock Relay.' It will be lots of fun! When it's your turn, place a rock on the spoon. Carefully carry that rock to the other side of the room and drop it into the bucket of sand.

"Today we heard a story about rocks and sand. We learned about a wise man who built his house on a rock. We also learned about a foolish man who built his house on the sand. We want to be like the wise man and look for ways that Jesus teaches us how to be wise! Tell me: Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Yay!"



FOCUS

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



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Journal and Prayer

SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

Notebook, crayons or markers

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Bible

WHAT YOU SAY:

(Open the Bible and lay it where the children can see it.)

“Our story today was a story Jesus told. We can find the stories Jesus told all right here in the Bible. There were two men in the story we heard today. What were the two men building? (Pause.) “Yes! They were both building houses. One man built his house on rock. The other man built his house on sand. What happened to the houses when it started raining?” (Pause.) “Yes! The house on the sand came falling down because the rain washed the sand away. But, the house on the rock stood strong because it was on a strong rock.

“Jesus told us this story to teach us that making wise choices is the best way to live. We can find all kinds of things Jesus teaches us when we look in the Bible. He teaches us how to live because He is a good friend and He loves us. In fact, He loves you SO much, He wants to be your friend forever! Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

“Today we are going to make a list of things Jesus teaches us—things like love one another, be a good friend, help others, tell the truth, be kind, and say I’m sorry. There are so many things! So, tell me one thing Jesus teaches us and I’ll write it down in our journal.”

(Encourage everyone to think of things Jesus teaches and write down what they say.)

“This is a great list! Let’s use it when we pray.”

PRAYER

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. He is such a good friend and teaches us the best way to live. Please help us make wise choices and do what Jesus says like (read the list the you made). We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”