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LEARNING
CENTERS

3-5

YEAR-OLDS



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BIBLE STORY

God promises to always be with me.

MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH EXODUS 3

FIRST LOOK WEEKDAY exists to enhance your weekday preschool learning community/environment. The Weekday curriculum includes a Large-Group chapel experience as well as developmentally appropriate Learning Centers. Each Learning Center is designed to channel a preschooler's innate desires to move, create, and explore.

First Look Weekday can be used with your existing weekday curriculum and/or to extend your First Look curriculum subscription.

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust the Lord with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5 NCV

LEARNING CENTERS invite and promote active, independent exploration and discovery, creating an atmosphere in which children "learn by doing." Each week, learning centers for 2-year-olds include activities with a focus on Made to Create, Made to Explore, and Made to Move. Learning centers for 3- to 5-year-olds include a focus on Made to Create, Made to Explore, and Made to Think.

KEY QUESTION

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BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

WHAT YOU NEED: Red, orange, and yellow washable tempera paint; large tree branch, paint brushes, paint smocks, plastic tablecloth

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Bring a large tree branch inside or take paints outside. If painting inside, set branch on a plastic tablecloth to protect the flooring or table. The branch should be large enough for all of the children to have space to paint on it.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask children if they can make the branch look like it is on fire by painting it. Allow children to take turns painting the branch.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: After the paint is dry, set the branch in the chapel room or near your large group area to add to the environment décor and keep the conversation about Moses and the burning bush going.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “Have you ever seen something that is on fire—like a campfire? What colors do you see in fire? (Pause.) That’s right, fire is usually red, yellow, and orange. I brought in this big branch off of a tree. This branch is like the one in the story about Moses. The big branch was on fire but wasn’t burning up!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “Let’s paint this big branch the colors of fire. We will take turns painting it red, orange, and yellow. When we are all done, it will look like it’s on fire!”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Wow, I think the branch is looking great. Can you imagine if you heard this branch talking to you? In the story this week, Moses heard someone talking from a burning bush. Who talked to Moses from the burning bush? (Pause.) Great remembering! God did. What did God ask Moses to do? (Pause.) Yes, God wanted Moses to go and save His people from the mean Pharaoh. Moses was afraid, but God promised to be with Moses and help him. **Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises!**”



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THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

WHAT YOU NEED: Red, orange, yellow, green, and blue pom-poms; red, orange, yellow, green, and blue buckets; child tweezers; tray

WHAT YOU DO:

Place the buckets in a line on the table. Spread out several pom-poms in all colors on a tray on the table. Give each child a pair of tweezers. Instruct the children to use the tweezers to pick up the pom-poms one at a time and place them in the bucket that matches the color of the pom-pom. For example, red pom-poms go in the red bucket.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “We are going to sort the pom-poms into the right colored buckets. What color buckets do you see here? Yes! There are red, orange, yellow, green, and blue buckets! What color pom-poms do you see here? You got it! There are red, orange, yellow, green, and blue! Now, using these tweezers, pick up the pom-poms one at a time and drop them in the bucket that matches their color. When you have them all sorted, you can dump the pom-poms back on the tray and do it again!”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Great job sorting today! Can you tell me the color of trees and bushes? Right! Green! Just like this bucket! Can you tell me the color of fire? That’s right! Fire is made up of red, orange, and yellow! These pom-poms are the colors of the burning bush from our Bible story! In our story, God spoke to Moses through a burning bush. He promised to be with Moses and to help him. **Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises!**”