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Beginner Year A, Quarter 2, April



Big Service Idea:
We are kind to
our friends.

Big Story:
Breakfast by the
Sea
(John 21:1-13)

Big Question:
How can we
be kind to our
friends today?

Big Verse:

Sing to the tune of Mary had a little lamb:
"Be kind to one another, one another, one another.
Be kind to one another."
Ephesians 4:32 (palms together, then open).



Morning Time:

As you say good morning to your child, tell him/her how much Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend. Tell them that you love them too.

Morning Prayer Time:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for our yummy food and for all the lovely friends that we have"



Play/bath Time:

As you do these activities, talk about being kind.

Play in the sandpit, beach or park. Talk about how Jesus and His friends sat on the beach together and ate breakfast. If possible prepare a special breakfast together and eat it together and/or with friends.

Play a game that requires taking turns and being kind to each other. Invite a friend over to play and use it as a time to teach how to share toys. Talk about the child's friends and what you could do to be kind to them.

Make a boat out of large blocks and pretend play that you are out in the water fishing. In the bath have small plastic fish and use a colander or strainer to catch them.



Bed Time:

- Cuddle your child and read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Tell your child that because we love Jesus, we will always try to be like Him and be kind to people
- Ask your child what do you think we will do tomorrow to be kind?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for His love. Please help me to be kind to my family and friends. Be with us now as we sleep. Amen

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Beginner Year A, Quarter 2, May



Big Worship Idea:

We come to church because we love Jesus.

Big Story:

Jesus Goes to Church
(Luke 4:16-22)

Big Question:

Why do we go to Church?

Big Verse:

"Let's go (Point to self and then out) to the house (make triangle roof shape with hands) of the Lord." (point upwards).

Psalm 122:1 (palms together, then open).



Morning Time:

As you say good morning to your child, tell her/him you are so happy to have a lovely day to spend with them. Today is a good day to tell Jesus how much we love Him and to sing songs and pray to him.

Morning Prayer Time:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for keeping me safe all night. I love you and enjoy letting you know this in as many ways as possible."



Play/Bath Time:

As you do the following activity talk about going to church because we love Jesus:

- Make a steering wheel from a paper plate or use toy cars and pretend you are driving to church. Sing, here is the way I drive to church . . . every Sabbath morning.
- Play church with soft toys and dolls. Let your toddler be the teacher. Sing favourite songs.
- Have a special opening Sabbath tradition, such as lighting Sabbath candles at sunset and after saying a prayer to welcome the Sabbath have a special Sabbath hug. Look at a calendar and cross out the days counting the days until the Sabbath.

In the bath talk 1. about getting nice and clean because tomorrow is Sabbath. 2. How much we love Jesus and going to church.



Bed Time:

As you cuddle your child:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or Gracelink lesson. Encourage the child to do the suggested actions.
- Talk about how wonderful it is that Jesus loves little children and that He loves seeing them go to church.



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for loving and caring for us so much. Thank Him for listening to our songs when we sing. We love you Jesus

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Beginner Year A, Quarter 2, June



Big Community Idea:
I will share with others.

Big Story:
Sarah's Baby
(Genesis 18:1-16;
21:1-8)

Big Question:
How can we share today?

Big Verse:

Say the memory verse together, getting children to repeat the words after you:

**"Let us do good to all people."
Galatians 6:10**

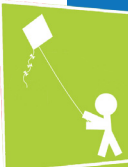


Morning Time:

As you say good morning to your child, tell him/her how much you love them and that today we are going to share some food with someone.

Morning Prayer Time:

"Dear Jesus, thank you that I have lovely food to eat. Thank you for caring for me and knowing that I get hungry."



Play Time:

As you do the following activity talk about sharing:

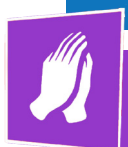
- Pack a special lunch and go to the park for a picnic. Invite a friend to share the food with and play with.
- Play a game that requires taking turns and sharing so that you can have practice experiencing this.
- Make bread or biscuits with your child and share some with your neighbours. Talk about how nice it is to share a smile and then when you are shopping practice giving smiles to the people you meet.

In the bath play with measuring cups and pour water as you pretend to be baking.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson. Encourage them to do the suggested actions.
- Tell them how much you love looking after them and making sure that they have lots of yummy food to eat. Encourage your child to tell you how much they love you and give each other a hug and a kiss.
- Ask: "I wonder what sharing we will do tomorrow?"



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray telling Jesus how much we love him and thanking him for loving us and our family. Please help us to sleep well tonight.