



mr. mark's CLASSROOM

Older Preschool

The Idea Hoarder

For the Activity Collector in You



Gather the children in a circle, then roll a large ball to the children, inviting them to say their name and roll the ball back to you. Invite children to tell you something special about themselves that you write on a piece of paper; place the paper in next to you. After everyone has had a turn begin to



Block activity: Tent fun

Gather a flat bed sheet, blankets, or fabric; heavy cord; brown construction paper or small sticks and a flashlight. Children love to build a tent and pretend, use the materials provided to cover a table or several tables pushed together to create the illusion of a tent. Add items that may be used on a camping trip such as a pretend campfire or binoculars. Invite children to pretend while telling the Bible story. Encourage children to tell about their experiences on a trip, whether it be camping or a vacation. Did they see water, mountains, grass, animals, etc.? Share the Bible verse for the session and invite children to find ways to “act” it out.



Art experience in a new dimension:

Footprint designs

Place protective covering on the floor, then place a long piece of butcher paper on the protective covering, taping it in place. Prepare a shallow pan of tempera paint and place it at one end of the paper. Place a tub of sudsy water at the other end of the paper. Invite children to take off their shoes, step in the paint, and walk the length of the paper. Invite them to stop along the path and make designs. When they get to the other end of the paper they can step in the sudsy water to dean their feet. Provide several towels for the children to dry their feet. While walking the length of the paper remind children of God's love and pro-



Nature sorting leaves and rocks

Collect several different types of leaves in a variety of sizes (check for allergies prior to using any nature activity with children) and a variety of rocks, large and small. Provide lids to boxes or trays to keep the nature activity together. Invite the children to group similar leaves together and the same with the rocks. As the children work, remind them that different types of leaves and rocks are found by rivers and some in the mountains. To continue this activity provide marker or crayons along with large sheets of paper inviting the children to trace around the leaves and rocks and find similar ones to fit in the tracing. As children work share the bible story for today and encourage children to say the bible verse with you.



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