



PRESCHOOL

JULY WEEK 1-STARTER



Activity Name: Farmer's Field Fun

What You Need: ☐ Farmer Field card set ☐ Pocket dice

What You Do:

- Put one picture into each side of your pocket dice.
- Gather children in an open area.
- Let them take turns rolling the cube.
- When it lands, call out the picture and lead everyone in doing a simple action together.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

Let's play a fun game together! We're going to pretend to be in a farmer's field, just like the one in the story we will hear today!

[Child's name], you roll first! (Child rolls.) It's a bunny! Let's all hop like a bunny! Hop, hop, hop! Good hopping! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (Rolls.) A bird! Let's flap our wings and fly! Flap, flap! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (Rolls.) A watering can! Let's pretend to water our plants. Pour the watering can, great job! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (Rolls.) A shovel! Let's dig a hole in the ground so we can plant a seed. Dig, Dig, Dig! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (Rolls.) The sun! Let's shine like the sun in the sky so our plants can grow! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (Rolls.) A flower! Let's crouch down low and grow like a flower. Now, grow, grow, grow!

Transition:

That was fun pretending to be on a farm! Our Bible Story today is a story Jesus told about a farmer planting seeds. Let's go hear it!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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JULY WEEK 1-SMALL GROUP



MEMORY VERSE: Open the Bible with action card inside. Say the verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

Let's learn our brand-new Memory Verse. It tells us about God's kingdom, and it goes like this: 'Put God's *(point up with two hands)* kingdom *(make crown on head with hands)* first.' *(Hold up one finger.)* Matthew 6:33 *(open hands like a book).*

Activity Name: The Growing Seed

What You Need: ☐ Bible with verse action card ☐ Growing Seed activity page ☐ Flower cutouts ☐ Glue sticks ☐ Coloring supplies ☐ Brown crinkle paper

What You Say:

Let's make some neat story art to help us remember today's Bible Story.

Jesus told a story about a farmer. The farmer threw seeds on the ground! See this line on your paper? *(Point)* This part down here is the ground, and the part up here is the sky. See the seed in the ground? *(Point)* Color the seed. *(Pause.)* Great! Now, glue some of these pieces of brown tissue paper for the soil. For a seed to grow into a big, strong plant, it needs good soil. When the seed is in good soil, and it gets water and sunshine, it starts to grow! Take a green crayon or marker and trace this line. *(Point.)* That's your seed growing. *(Pause.)* Now you can draw a pretty flower at the top of the stem, and some leaves too. *(Pause.)* Everyone's seed grew into something amazing!

In our story today, Jesus talked about a farmer planting seeds. Some seeds fell on the path, some on rocks, and some in thorns, and they didn't grow. But the seeds that fell on the good soil grew into big, healthy plants! Jesus wants us to be like the good soil. When we listen to Jesus and learn that He loves us, we grow! And do you know what else? When we tell others that Jesus loves them, we help God's kingdom grow, too. **Who teaches you about God's kingdom? [Bottom Line] Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom.**

What You Do:

- Give each child an activity page and flower cut out.
- Point out the line across the middle.
- Explain that below the line is the ground/dirt, and above the line is the air.
- Point to the seed in the ground and ask children to color it in.
- Encourage kids to glue brown paper to fill in the dirt/ground area.
- Ask children to trace the line in for the stem.
- Then encourage children to color the flower and glue it to the top of the stem.