



PRESCHOOL WEEK 3 – STARTER



Activity Name: How Far Can You Jump?

What You Need: □ 3 pieces of yarn

What You Do:

- Gather kids together.
- Create three parallel tape lines on the floor, two to three feet apart, in an open area of the room.
- Encourage children to line up at one end.
- Challenge them to see how far they can jump. Can they jump to the first line? Can they jump to the second line?
- Celebrate every jump, no matter how far.
- Continue with each child.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you. Come over to this line. We are going to see how far our bodies can travel with one big jump!

[Child's name], stand at the starting line and get ready ... set ... jump! Wow! Look how far you jumped! You made it to the second line! Can you jump to the third line? Woohoo! Look at you go! Let's have [child's name] try next! (Continue with each child.) You are all amazing jumpers!

You all jumped so far! Today in our Bible story, we'll hear a story Jesus told about a son who went far away from home. But the best part is what happened when he came home. Let's go get ready to hear all about it!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



PRESCHOOL WEEK 3 - SMALL GROUP



Activity Name: Find the Son

What You Need: 3 party hats 1 ping pong or small ball

What You Say:

When the father saw the younger son coming home, he was so happy to see him that he ran to him. The father threw a big party to celebrate! God celebrates like that over every single person who becomes part of His kingdom. God loves us so much and wants us all to be with Him forever. Who can be part of God's kingdom? **[Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom!**

These party hats remind us of the celebration the family had! We are going to pretend this ball is the son and try to find him. Watch carefully while I hide it under a party hat and move the hats around. Then see if you can guess which hat it is under.

What You Do:

- Gather the kids and sit in a circle.
- Place the ball under one of the hats.
- Move the hats around, switching places several times.
- Allow kids to guess which hat the ball is under.
- Celebrate when the "son" is found.