



PRESCHOOL

WEEK 1 - STARTER



Activity Name: Animal Charades

What You Need: ☐ Animal picture cards

What You Say:

Let's play a game! I have pictures of some amazing animals that God made. Let's see if we can act like them!

Look at this first picture! *(Hold up the lion picture.)* What is it? *(Pause for responses.)* A LION! What does a lion say? Let me hear your biggest ROAR! *(Lead the children in a big roar.)* ROAR! Can you roar and move like a big, strong lion? *(Pause.)* Good job, lions! Okay, what's next? *(Hold up the monkey picture.)* It's a MONKEY! What does a monkey say? Ooh-ooh-aah-aah! *(Make monkey sounds and scratch under your arms.)* Can you act like a monkey? *(Pause.)* Good job! What about this one? *(Hold up the bird picture.)* It's a BIRD! What does a bird say? Tweet, tweet! Can you flap your wings and fly like a bird? *(Pause.)* Flap, flap, flap! Good job, birds! *(Continue with the remaining pictures.)* Wow! You were wonderful animals!

What You Do:

- Hold up an animal card and identify it.
- Ask kids to act like that animal.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.
- Introduce Bible story.

Transition: In our true story from the Bible, we are going to hear about some lions! Can you make a roar like a lion? Great job! Let's go hear our true story about some lions!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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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 goes like this: God (point up) is with you (point to self) wherever you go' (march in place). Joshua 1:9 (open hands like a book).

Activity Name: Feed the Lion Relay

What You Need: ☐ Bible with verse action card ☐ Lion face taped to basket ☐ heart
☐ Paper bag ☐ Card set

What You Say:

Come on over, friends! Let's play a relay game. Our story today is about Daniel and some hungry lions. Let's see if we can figure out what to feed them!

At the other side of the room is our hungry lion, and next to him is a big heart that reminds us of God's love and protection. I have a bag full of pictures. You will take turns drawing one picture out of the bag. If it's something a lion would eat, like a fish, you run down and 'feed' it to the lion by dropping it in the basket! But ... if you pull out the picture of Daniel, do we feed Daniel to the lion? (*Wait for a strong 'NO!'*) No way! God protected Daniel! So, if you get Daniel, you run and put him in the safe heart, because God was with him.

What You Do:

- Place the Lion basket at one end of the room/group. Place the heart near the lion basket.
- Place cards into paper sack.
- Encourage children to pick a card from the bag.
- Ask children to feed the card to the lion if it is food or place it on the heart if it is Daniel.
- Continue with each child.

You all did such a great job! You knew that lions eat fish, but you also knew that God kept Daniel safe! Daniel was not lion food! God was with Daniel in the lions' den, and God is always with you, too. **Who is always with you?** [*Bottom Line*] **God is always with me!**