



Meeting 3

God's World Rocks!



Here are some fun activities that encourage Little Lambs to play and explore while learning about rocks. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Little Lambs or create your own activities.



MEETING LENGTH

60-80 MINUTES

- Gather the Flock (5 minutes)
- Lamb Tales (10 minutes)
- Activities (40-60 minutes)
- Good-baa Little Lambs (5 minutes)

Gather the Flock

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MINUTES

Using a lamb puppet or toy lamb, greet each of the children by name and welcome them all to Little Lambs. Have the children sit in a circle.



Listen to a story about rocks.

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED

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Lamb Tales

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MINUTES

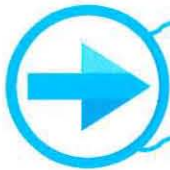
ROCKS

Pass around a variety of rocks for the children to see and touch. Remind the children that God created the land and the rocks. Then read the book you selected. After the story, tell the children that they will be doing lots of fun things with the rocks God created.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- *If You Find a Rock* by Peggy Christian (HMH, 2008) or a book of your choice
- Rocks, a variety of shapes and sizes





The following activities fulfill the requirements for My World I.

Building on the Rocks

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MINUTES

1 ACTIVITY

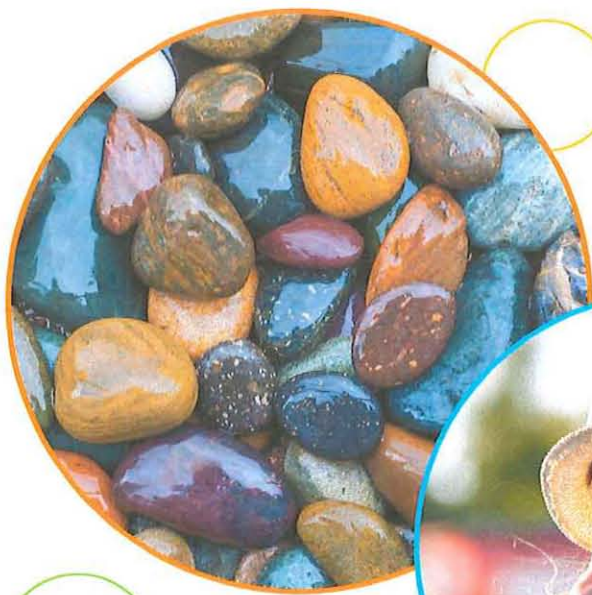
WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Fill tubs or boxes with sand and then bury rocks in the sand. The children will really enjoy this activity if you hide a variety of rocks, such as polished stones, fool's gold, or crystals. Provide a variety of sifters, such as sieves or oatmeal boxes with holes punched in the bottom to allow the sand out but not the rocks.

Begin by singing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rocks." Then let the children sift the sand and find the rocks.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Tubs or boxes
- Sand
- Rocks
- Sieves or oatmeal boxes with holes bunched in the bottoms



ACTIVITY

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Rock Hunt

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MINUTES

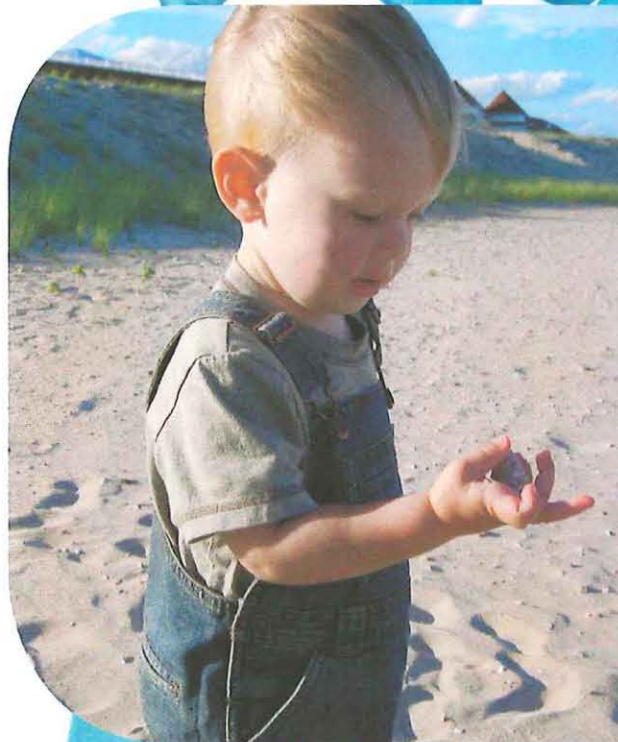
WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Hide polished or smooth river rocks or crystals inside or out. Make sure that the rocks aren't hidden too well because you want the children to find them.

Give each child a small bag and have them hunt for the hidden rocks.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Polished rocks, smooth river rocks, or crystals
- Small bags (plastic baggies or brown lunch bags)



Geology 101

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Set up several rock exploration centers.

Suggested centers

1. Use magnifying glasses to look closely at rocks.
2. Scrape rocks with a nail to see which are hard and which are soft.
3. Weigh rocks that are about the same size but of different densities on kitchen scales.
4. Drop rocks into water to see which ones float and which ones sink (lava rock from your local garden center will float).
5. Sort rocks by size (drop them into different sized holes cut into the lid of a shoe box) or by color (place the rocks onto sheets of construction paper that match their color).

3 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Rocks (hard, soft, big, little, heavy, light)
- Magnifying glasses
- Nails
- Kitchen scales
- Bowls of water
- Shoe boxes
- Construction paper



ACTIVITY

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Rock Sculptures

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MINUTES

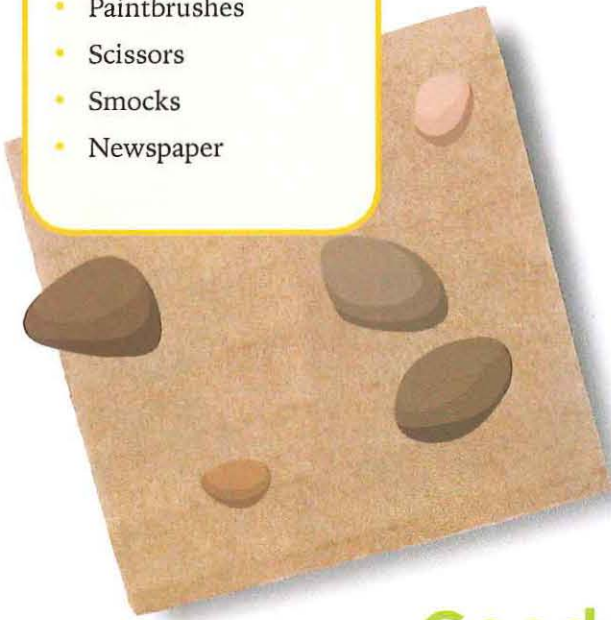
MATERIALS NEEDED

- Rocks
- Craft glue
- Shallow containers
- Cardboard
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Smocks
- Newspaper

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Cut cardboard into 6 × 6 in (15 × 15 cm) squares. Place craft glue in shallow containers (plastic lids work well). Collect rocks in a variety of sizes, including gravel. Cover the work area with newspaper.

Have the children glue the rocks to the cardboard and to each other to create a rock sculpture. You can also let the children paint the rocks and cardboard with acrylic paint.



Good-baa Little Lambs

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MINUTES

Gather the children into a circle and ask them a specific question about what they learned during Little Lambs. Example: What did you learn about rocks? Sing “Jesus Is My Shepherd” (p. 175) and then rejoin the rest of the Adventurers for your closing program.



Requirement: My World I