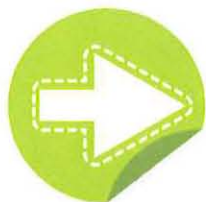




Meeting 5

Little Boy Jesus



Here are some fun activities that encourage Little Lambs to play and explore while learning about Jesus as a child. 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 Jesus.

STAR COMPLETED

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BOY JESUS



Lamb Tales

10

MINUTES

LITTLE BOY JESUS

Begin by explaining that Jesus was a child once, just like them. Then ask them what things they like to do. Next, tell them you're going to read to them about the things Jesus liked to do when He was a little boy. After reading the book of your choice, let the children know that they will be doing things that little boy Jesus might have done.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Learning About Jesus* by Lois Rock (Little, Brown, 2004) or a book of your choice





The following activities fulfill the requirement for My God III, which is to complete the Little Boy Jesus star.

Carpentry Capers

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Bring in various sizes and shapes of wood (scraps of molding, leftover pieces of 2 × 4 lumber, craft sticks). Fill small containers with different colors of tempera paint. You'll also need several bottles of wood or craft glue. Cover the work area with newspaper.

TIP

Pour the glue into baby food jars and have the children use inexpensive disposable sponge paintbrushes to paint the glue onto the wood.

Explain to the children what a carpenter is. Then tell them that Jesus' daddy was a carpenter and that Jesus helped him make things from wood. Then let the children build things out of the wood by gluing and painting the wood.

1 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Wood, various sizes and shapes
- Small containers filled with different colors of tempera paint
- Wood or craft glue
- Baby food jars
- Disposable sponge paintbrushes
- Smocks
- Newspaper



ACTIVITY

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Nose and Ear

10

MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

This Iranian children's game may be similar to games played when Jesus was a boy.

Have the children sit in a circle. Have an adult lightly tug on the hair of the player on his or her right. The player on the leader's right repeats the action on his or her neighbor to the right. The action continues around the circle until it comes back to the adult who then starts another action around the circle. Suggested actions: a funny face, a light poke in the ribs, an easy tug on the ear or nose. Traditionally, any player who laughed, giggled, or made a sound of any kind was out. The winner was the one who showed the most control. You can have the children try not to laugh but it may be too difficult for some kids. So just let them have a good time copying the actions of the leader.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Pictures of Middle Eastern children at play (suggested source: *Children from Australia to Zimbabwe* by Maya Ajmera and Anna Rhesa Versola [Charlesbridge, 2006])



Bible Dress-up

15
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: You'll need pieces of fabric, scarves, old ties (to use as belts), and oversized plain t-shirts for the children to use to dress like children from Bible times. You might want to place pictures of children in biblical dress around for them to see. Place simple toys such as marbles, pick-up sticks, cloth dolls, wooden bowls and spoons, and wooden blocks in the Bible dress-up area.

Encourage the children to dress up like Jesus and His friends. The children can try on multiple outfits or just one. Also, let them play with the simple toys that Jesus and His friends might have shared.

3 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Pieces of fabric
- Scarves
- Old ties
- Oversized plain t-shirts
- Pictures of children in biblical dress
- Simple toys such as marbles, pick-up sticks, cloth dolls, wooden bowls and spoons, and wooden blocks



ACTIVITY

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Baking Bread

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Follow a recipe for making your favorite bread or buy frozen bread dough. Then divide the bread dough into small individual portions. You'll need one for each child.

Share with the children that Jesus not only helped His father, but He also helped His mother. Tell them that He may have helped His mother bake bread. Give each child some of the bread dough that you previously made. Then have them knead the dough. Also, you can have them roll the dough in dried oatmeal, flax seeds, poppy seeds, or sunflower seeds. Place each small loaf in a plastic baggy along with baking instructions for the parents or guardians so they can complete this activity at home.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bread dough
- Dry oatmeal, flax seeds, poppy seeds, or sunflower seeds
- Plastic baggies
- Written instructions for completing the project at home

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: How did Jesus help His father? Sing "Jesus Is My Shepherd" (p. 175) and then rejoin the rest of the Adventurers for your closing program.



Star: Little Boy Jesus



Requirement: My God III