

Day 1 Discovery Center: Let's Hear It for Ears!

DIRECTIONS

Shake each container to try to find matching sets of sounds.

TEACHING TIE-IN

God made our ears to hear, and they're a wonderful creation. From the outer shape of them that catches sounds to the ear wax inside that keeps them clean, God thought of **everything!** Read Proverbs 20:12.

Day 1 Touch Table Water: Baby Care

DIRECTIONS

Wash and care for the babies. Monitor water play carefully.

TEACHING TIE-IN

You were a baby when you were little, weren't you? Everyone in the world started as a baby, *except* the

first two people. Who knows their names? (Adam and Eve) God made Adam and Eve as grown-ups, and they were the smartest people ever. That means they were never babies like you and me. But they had babies of their own. Let's take care of these babies!

Day 1 Touch Table Sand: Monkeys and Man

DIRECTIONS

Take turns uncovering the people and monkeys. Decide if each is a person or an animal and put them in two separate piles—all the people in a pile and all the monkeys in a pile.

TEACHING TIE-IN

The Bible is the true account of how people came to be. It tells us that

God made us! But some people don't listen to the Bible and say people didn't start as people but as ape-like creatures, like these monkeys. Isn't that crazy? But remember—God made apes apes and people people. What the Bible says is true, and it tells us *God* created us! They can't make a monkey out of me!

Day 1 Dramatic Play: Doctor's Dress-Up

DIRECTIONS

Dress up and play doctor's office, using baby dolls as the patients.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Do any of you want to be a doctor or nurse when you grow up? Doctors and nurses take care of sick

people. They have to study and train for many years to learn about our bodies. Our bodies are very detailed and amazing! But there is someone who knows *everything* about our bodies—God! That's because he made us! He even knew all about us before we were born!

Day 2 Discovery Center: Touch Time

DIRECTIONS

Children have fun feeling each object and trying to guess what it is just by touching it.

TEACHING TIE-IN

God made our hands and our fingers so they can feel really well. He put something called nerves inside them that send messages to our brains to let us know what we're touching. The

brain gets the message and says, "Oh, that's a hot stove!" or "Ouch, that's prickly." God thought of everything when he gave us the sense of touch.

ALTERNATIVE SUPER SIMPLE IDEA

Use children's books with different textures to feel in place of the small items in the pillowcase.

Day 2 Touch Table Water: Baby Care

DIRECTIONS

Wash the baby dolls and take care of them.

TEACHING TIE-IN

God made you as a precious baby. He made your eyes, your ears, your hair, your body, and every part of you while you were in your mommy's tummy. You're very special

to God and to us. In fact, *every* person is precious to God, whether they haven't even been born yet or they've lived a long life and are now old and sick. God loves every person no matter what age they are, what they look like, or what they can or can't do, and so should we! Life is precious. We should handle every person with care!

Day 2 Touch Table Sand: Bare Bones

DIRECTIONS

The mates find the “bones” (cotton swabs) and “head” (fun foam circles) in the sand and work together to make a skeleton.

TEACHING TIE-IN

God thought of everything when he made our bones. They are super

strong, but they aren’t heavy. It would be hard for us to walk or run if we had heavy bones! God made them so they heal themselves if they break. Our bones make up something called our skeleton. Here’s a picture of a skeleton. We’re going to try to cover the skeleton with play bones and a head.

Day 2 Dramatic Play: Doctor’s Dress-Up

DIRECTIONS

Dress up and play doctor’s office with the baby doll patients. Particularly pretend to check the dolls for tummy aches today.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Have you ever gotten a tummy ache? Sometimes you might eat something that makes your stomach hurt, or you get sick and have a tummy ache. But usually, people’s tummies feel just fine. That’s because God

designed each part of your body to work in a special way, including your tummy. God put a kind of juice in your tummy that breaks your food up. This juice is so strong it could even break up metal! Your stomach would break up, too, with this strong juice. But God thought of everything, and he made your tummy with a special lining that becomes a new lining every few days. That keeps your tummy healthy and well. Isn’t God amazing?

Day 3 Discovery Center: Do You See What I See?

DIRECTIONS

Tell the kids to take a quick picture with their eyes of the items on the tray. ("Open your eyes and click!") Then, have them keep their eyes closed while you remove one item. Have them look again and try to figure out which one is missing. Continue in this manner, eventually

adding in new items if kids want to keep playing.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Aren't you glad God made your eyes? He gave you the best camera ever right on your face to take instant pictures of everything. Thank him for all those wonderful things you see.

Day 3 Touch Table Water: Baby Care

DIRECTIONS

Wash the babies and take care of them.

TEACHING TIE-IN

We've been talking about babies this week, but did you know that God the

Son became a baby? God the Father and his Son, Jesus, lived in heaven, but at just the right time, God sent his Son, Jesus, to earth. Every year at Christmas we take time to remember when Jesus came to earth. Jesus was the most important and special baby ever born!

Day 3 Touch Table Sand: Fun Faces

DIRECTIONS

Use the craft sticks to draw various faces in the sand to symbolize different people.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Isn't it fun to draw different faces? Every person on earth has his or her own special face. That's because

God made each person special, and he loves each one. And because God loves each person, we should love and take care of each other, too—including people who may need help, like babies, people who are sick, people who are older and can't take care of themselves, people who use wheelchairs, ladies whose husbands have died, and on and on.

Day 3 Dramatic Play: Doctor's Dress-Up

DIRECTIONS

Dress up and play doctor's office with the baby doll patients.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Doctors make a very serious promise that they will always do their best to care for and protect each person they treat. Even if we're not doctors, God wants us to be loving and caring to all people, too.

Day 4 Discovery Center: Smell-a-Thon

DIRECTIONS

Children take turns trying to guess the smells without being able to see the items. Give clues, such as “something you might use when you wash your hair.”

TEACHING TIE-IN

God gave you a nose to smell with. From the yummy smell of pizza to the beautiful smell of a rose, your nose can smell thousands of different smells. It helps you breathe and keeps bad germs from going into your body, too. It also warns you of dangers, like smoke. God thought of everything when he made your nose!

Day 4 Touch Table Water: Baby Care

DIRECTIONS

Wash the babies and take care of them.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Do you remember the name of the most special baby who was ever born? Yes, his name was Jesus. After

baby Jesus was born, he grew up and lived a perfect life, then died on a cross to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do. He rose again from the dead on the third day! He still is and always will be the most important person ever. And he loves you and cares about you!

Day 4 Touch Table Sand: Craft Stick Cross

DIRECTIONS

Use the craft sticks to make the impression of a cross in the sand by first pressing the large stick into the sand vertically, then picking it up. Next, press the smaller stick in the sand horizontally to make the crossbar. Model this so they know what to do.

TEACHING TIE-IN

We talked about Jesus growing up, living a perfect life, and dying on a cross like the ones we're going to make in the sand today. He did this because he loves you. Can you draw a heart in the sand using your craft stick to remind you of God's love? Now let's try to make a cross.

Day 4 Dramatic Play: Doctor's Dress-Up

DIRECTIONS

Dress up and play doctor's office with the baby doll patients.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Have you ever had a cut? Do you still have it? God made our bodies so they can fix themselves. Isn't it amazing how our cuts heal on their own and disappear after awhile? God thought of everything.

Day 5 Discovery Center: Edible DNA

DIRECTIONS

Have children use the hand sanitizer, then put their cereal in a long line on their paper towel without looking at anyone else's. When done, compare each other's and see if there are any two in the exact same order (highly improbable).

TEACHING TIE-IN

Just like you had your cereal (pretend DNA) in a certain order that wasn't like anyone else's, God made a special code inside you called DNA. Your hair color, eye color, shoe size, hand size, and many other details about you are all in your special DNA code. When God made you, he thought of everything!

Day 5 Touch Table Water: Baby Care

DIRECTIONS

Wash the babies and take care of them. Pack the diaper bags and take them on a stroll.

TEACHING TIE-IN

You started out as a little baby like these you're washing in the water

table, didn't you? But now you are growing up! And the Bible tells us God has special jobs for each one of us to do, now and when we're grown. God designed each of you with things you will grow to be good at that you can do for God!

Day 5 Touch Table Sand: Sandy Work

DIRECTIONS

Play in the sand with the assortment of items.

TEACHING TIE-IN

It's fun to have lots of different toys to play with, isn't it? They all serve a different purpose. What can we do with the sand bucket? Put sand in it. What can we do with the water

bottles? Spray the sand. How about the rake? Rake the sand. Each item does its own job, doesn't it? And you know what? God has special jobs for each of us to do, too. Whether we're teaching someone or helping someone who's sick or going to another country to tell someone about Jesus, whatever we do, we want to make sure we do it for God and tell other people about God while we're at it!

Day 5 Dramatic Play: Doctor's Dress-Up

DIRECTIONS

Dress up and play doctor's office with the baby doll patients.

TEACHING TIE-IN

God has special jobs planned for each of us to do for him. Some may grow up to be doctors or nurses to

take care of sick people. Others may grow up to be teachers, missionaries, or cooks. We are all different, and God has a special plan for each one of us. It's exciting being a child of God and knowing God has a special job for us!