



WEEK OF JULY 12th

Bible Story: Paul in Athens/Unknown God • Acts 17:16-34

Bottom Line: You can help others know Jesus.

Memory Verse: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

FOR STARTERS: THE PLACES YOU CAN GO

What You Need: "World Map" activity page, "United States Map" activity page, pencil

What You Do: Using the World Map or the United States Map, try to identify as many states or countries as you can. What is one place you would like to visit if you could?

SPREAD THE WORD

What You Need: 3 Paper towels, colored markers, cup of water.

What You Do:

- Stack the 3 paper towels on top of each other
- Using a marker, color a small circle (1-2 inches wide) in the center of the top paper towel.
- Drop a few drops of water at a time on the circle. (a straw works great for this – just 'pick up' about ½ inch of water at a time)
- What happens to that colored circle?

What You Say: "This colored circle represents us and the water represents the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives in us and He helps us to share the Good News about Jesus with other people. The Good News can keep spreading as the Holy Spirit helps us to show Jesus' love to others."



DON'T JUST SAY IT, SHOW IT"

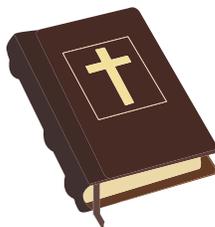
What You Need: "Show It Scenario Cards" Activity Page, Bibles

What You Do:

- Choose a "Show It Scenario" card.
- Discuss what's happening in the picture, then look up and read the verse on the card.
- How would you respond to the scene in the picture based on the verse you read?

What You Say: There are LOTS of ways you can help others know Jesus. Jesus gives you the power to treat others with kindness even when you don't think you can. You have opportunities every day to do this! So, this week, when you find yourself in a situation where you could choose to respond your own way or to follow Jesus' way, think about how you can help others know Jesus.

God Time Pages: Throughout the week, use the activities on the God Time pages to reinforce the story.



THE JESUS RESPONSE

What You Need: "The Jesus Response" Activity Page, markers or colored pencils

What You Do:

- Each square is a conversation.
- Imagine yourself in that conversation – you can draw yourself into the blank person in each box.
- Think about how you could answer the person in a way that would help them know the kindness of Jesus, and write your response in the empty bubble.
- Remember that Jesus showed kindness to everyone, especially the ones who were going through a difficult time.



EVERYWHERE I GO

What You Need: "Everywhere I Go" Matching Cards (Print 2 copies)

What You Do: Mix the cards and lay them face down on a table. Flip over two cards at a time to try and make a match. When a match is found, ask, "How can you help someone know Jesus at that location?" Play until all of the cards have been matched.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

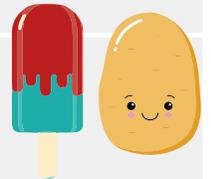
- Has someone ever treated you badly? Share your thoughts about that. Would you be able to show them kindness even if they didn't treat you kindly? (some times the kindness is simply not 'getting them back' for what they did, and Jesus can give us the power to do that)
- Has someone ever been kind to you without expecting anything in return?
- How does remembering Jesus' kindness help us to be kind to others?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: "POPSICLE OR POTATO"

What You Need: "Memory Verse Cards" activity page, cut apart

What You Do: Hide the cards (there are 12 in all) in different places around the room

- As you search for the cards, I will give you hot and cold clues, but instead of saying "hot" I will say "potato" and for "cold" I will say "popsicle."
- When all the cards have been found, put them in verse order.



PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we are thankful that You are not an unknown God to us! You've given us Your Word and You sent Jesus. We want everyone around us to know just how much You love them, too. Give us the courage to tell others about You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."