



SESSION 3

HACKS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

MISSION:
DEEP SEA

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HOW TO HACK THIS SESSION FOR PRESCHOOLERS

In kids ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week. Here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your preschoolers more engaged.

ACTIVITY | Beach Ball Bounce

For pre-readers, use numbers or a picture instead of written questions. When the child catches the ball, they can tell you the number or picture their hand touches. Each number or picture may represent a question for the teacher to ask them from the list provided.

ACTIVITY | Sunken Treasure

Customize the sunken treasure map to lead to three spots around the room. When they arrive at each spot, have a leader ask them, "What is one way we can spend time with God?" They can think and talk it out together, before moving on to the next spot the map suggests where they will be asked the same or a similar question.

THE BIG IDEA | My faith grows deeper when I spend time with God.

To help younger children remember the Big Idea, provide hand motions for the words. Example: My faith (hands on heart) grows (hand moved from ground up to demonstrate growing) deeper (pointing downward) when I (point to self) spend time (points to wrist like their is a watch there) with God (points upward to heaven).

REFLECTION | Water Beads

Water beads take about 8 hours to grow. Explain to young children that the growing process takes time. Have them make predictions about what they think will happen to the water beads when they return the next time.

MEMORY VERSE | Ephesians 3:18




- Leaders can blow bubbles, and kids can try to say the verse before they all pop.

ACTIVITY | Deep Sea Coral Painting Craft

- This activity can get really messy. Be sure to use trays or even shallow cardboard boxes to limit splatter. If available, use smocks for aprons to avoid getting the paint on clothing.

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If you’d like to chat with Tiffany about Preschool Ministry, Children’s Ministry, homeschooling, or just whatever-reach out! She would love to connect with you!

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