



SESSION 4

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 | Swimming Fish

Do this activity whole group, or with one leader per small group, to demonstrate this activity. Ask for volunteers along the way to participate in each of the instructions.

ACTIVITY | Jump the Waves

Knowing that younger children may have difficulty with controlling their movements, play this game outdoors or ask the children to hop instead of run, to limit chaos or hazard.

ACTIVITY | Spitting Jonah

Have the origami fish pre-created, but allow kids to add the decorations and googly eyes, and play with the pom pom as suggested.

THE BIG IDEA | My faith grows deeper when I share my story.

To help younger children remember the Big Idea, provide hand motions for the words. Example: My faith (hands on heart) grows (move hand from ground up to demonstrate growth) deeper (points downward) when I (points to self) share (move hands outwards) my story (hold hands like holding a book).

OBJECT LESSON | Dominos




Provide [cardboard blocks](#) that can work as dominoes. The kids will need larger areas to draw and these will allow for a whole piece of paper to be stuck to them. Use large crayons instead of permanent markers.

RESPONSE | Sharing Your Story

The child can dictate the name of this person to an adult, who can write the name for the child on the fish. Or, the child can draw a picture to represent the person they are thinking of.

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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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