

CRAFTS | DAY 1

Bible Story: Who is Jesus? • The Gospels

Bottom Line: Jesus loves me.

Memory Verse: "Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NIV)

CRAFTS ROTATION

You may want to consider the following:

- Putting smocks on children.
- Covering tables with butcher paper.
- Covering floors for messier crafts.

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****Allergy Alert**

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Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" and post it at the door to your room.

What You Need: "Allergy Alert Poster," "Play/Pause Paddle" Activity Page, "Shaker Label" Activity Page, cardstock, Avery® #5160 or equivalent, craft stick, glue stick, scissors, plastic eggs, rice, plastic container, plastic spoons, masking tape, washi tape, a permanent marker
Optional: Stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock and hang it where it will be seen by parents.
- Copy "Play/Pause Paddle" on cardstock and cut out.
- Assemble your paddle by sandwiching the craft stick in between the "Play Button" and "Pause Button" pictures.
- Copy "Shaker Label" on label paper—one per child.
- Pour rice into a container and place it on the table with the plastic spoons and eggs.
- Cut or tear masking tape in 4-5" lengths—one per child.

During the Activity:

- Encourage children to pick an egg, put two spoonfuls of rice in their egg, and close it up.
- Wrap the opening with a length of masking tape.
- Have children pick a washi tape to place over the masking tape.
- Add the "Shaker Label" and stickers if desired.
- Write each child's name on their shaker with the permanent marker.
- When you hold up the "Play" side of the paddle, instruct kids to shake their shakers.
- When you hold up the "Pause" side of the paddle, instruct kids to stop shaking and say, "Jesus loves me."
- Repeat as long as desired.

After the Activity:

- Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello friends! Come join me at the table. We are going to make a musical instrument. Can you guess what it is? (Pause.) It is a shaker!"

During the Activity: "Pick an egg and open it up. (Pause.) Use the spoons and put two spoons full of rice in your egg. (Pause.) Now close it up. (Pause.) I'll tape it shut and write your name on it. (Pause.) Pick a washi tape you like and you can wrap it around the tape I put on. (Pause.) Now add your label. (Pause.) These look great! I bet they sound even better. When I hold up the 'Play Button,' I want you to shake your shakers. When I hold up the 'Pause Button,' I want you to freeze. Ready and . . . (hold up the Play Button). Now . . . (hold up the Pause Button). **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** (Hold up the Play Button.) Now . . . (hold up the Pause button). **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** (Repeat as long as desired.) That was great! We will put these up so you can take them home with you today."

After the Activity: "Today we heard a lot of times when Jesus did amazing things. He calmed a storm by telling it to stop. He helped a man walk who couldn't. He fed a whole bunch of people with just a few fish and bread. But the most amazing thing about Jesus is that He wants to be our friend forever. Jesus knows all about each and every one of us and He loves us very much. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**"

2. PICTURE ME

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What You Need: "Picture Label" Activity Page, Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent, wooden craft rectangles, camera, heavyweight copy paper, printer, glue sticks, scissors, washable ink pads, paintbrushes, paper bowls, mod podge, wet wipes

Optional: Use colored labels instead of the white ones for a pop of color.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Copy "Picture Label" on label paper—one per child.
- Take a picture of each child as they arrive to VBS and print immediately.
- Cut pictures to fit as needed and adhere to the center of each wooden craft rectangle with a glue stick.
- Place the craft rectangles at each seat.
- Pour mod podge in bowls and place them on the table with the paintbrushes.
- Place ink pads on the table.

During the Activity:

- Have the children find their picture and fingerprint around the edge and the back by using the ink pads.
- Add the label and then paint over the top with mod podge.
- Set aside to dry.
- Clean hands as needed with the wet wipes.

After the Activity:

- Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Look around the table, can you find your picture? (Pause.) Sit down where your picture is. (Pause.) Remember when you got here and we took your picture? It was for this craft."

During the Activity: "Press your finger on the ink pad and make a border around your picture with your fingerprint. (Pause.) Get more ink as you need. (Pause.) Add your label to the bottom of your picture. (Pause.) And now you get to paint the whole thing with this glue. (Pause.) Super job. We'll set these aside to let them dry so you can take them home later."

After the Activity: "Jesus is amazing and came to do amazing things like calm a storm, or help a man to walk, or even feed lots of people with just a little bit of food. But the most amazing thing about Jesus is that He knows everything about us and wants to be our friend forever. Jesus loves each and every one of us. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**"

GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for crafts today.

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- "Play/Pause Paddle" Activity Page
- "Shaker Label" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Avery Labels #5160, or equivalent
- Craft stick
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Plastic eggs—one per child
- Rice
- Plastic container
- Plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Washi tape
- Permanent marker
- Stickers (optional)

What You Do:

- Copy "Play/Pause Paddle" on cardstock and cut out.
- Assemble the paddle by gluing the "Play Button" and the "Pause Button" together, sandwiching the craft stick in between.
- Copy "Shaker Label" on Avery Labels #5160 or equivalent—one per child.
- Cut a 4-5" length of masking tape for each child.
- Pour rice into the plastic container.

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- Printer
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Washable ink pads

- Paintbrushes
- Paper bowls
- Mod podge
- Wet wipes
- Colored labels (optional)

What You Do:

- Copy “Picture Labels” of Avery Labels #5160 or equivalent—one per child.
- Take a picture of each child at arrival and print immediately.
- Cut to fit and glue each picture to a wooden rectangle using the glue sticks.
- Place at each seat.
- Pour mod podge into bowls and place it on the table with the paintbrushes.
- Place ink pads on table.

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