

June Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

Build a Church

Supplies: pictures of churches, plastic interlocking blocks, craft sticks, masking tape

Discuss pictures. Guide preschoolers to work together to build a church. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Alphin started Cody Cowboy Church so people in Cody, rodeo participants, and tourists can learn about God and Jesus. At church we hear stories about missionaries like the Alphins who help people today know more about Jesus!

Feel and Find

Supplies: plastic tub; 2 each of blocks, plastic cups, crayons, and toys; shredded paper

In advance, mix items in the bottom of the tub. Cover with shredded paper.

Invite preschoolers to place both hands into the tub to feel and find two matching items. Discuss things they might hear, see, feel, and find at church. Say: We go to church to learn about Jesus. Going to church is important.

Picture Time

Supplies: picture of a rodeo cowboy, saddle, digital camera

Show the picture. Place the saddle on the floor for preschoolers to sit on. Lead preschoolers to take pictures of each other on the saddle and as they participate in different interest areas. Say: The Alphins started Cody Cowboy Church so cowboys could learn about Jesus. We can learn about Jesus too!

Caution: Follow church guidelines for taking photos of preschoolers.

Making Music at Church

Supplies: [Sing to the Tune](#), rhythm instruments

Ask preschoolers to choose an instrument to play as you sing songs about church, pages 20-22. Say: We hear and sing pretty music at church. Mr. and Mrs. Alphin started Cody Cowboy Church so cowboys can go to church to sing and learn about Jesus and God.

For Kindergarten

Thank You Pictures

Supplies: paper, markers, crayons, Bible-themed stickers

Name your church staff workers and what they do at church. Invite kindergartners to draw pictures they will give to the staff to thank them for the jobs they do at church. Say: Church is more than a building. A church is the people.

Go together to deliver the pictures.

Surprise Box

Supplies: [Picture 3](#), a Bible and picture of Jesus placed inside a lidded box

Sit in a circle. Show Picture 3. Pass the box around the circle. Ask kindergartners to guess what is inside without removing the lid. After everyone has had a turn, remove the lid to reveal the surprise. Say: The Bible tells us about Jesus. Mr. Alphin teaches the Bible at Cody Cowboy Church.

Open the Bible and read: Jesus went to church (see Luke 4:16).

Create with Play Dough

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#), play dough, rolling pin, craft sticks, plastic fences, plastic horses

Post the allergy alert chart. Invite kindergartners to create places for horses to stay and trails for riding horses with the play dough, craft sticks, and plastic fences. Say: Horses are important for rodeo events. Mr. Alphin and Cody Cowboy Church are a part of God's plan to tell ranchers and rodeo riders about Jesus.

Movement in Pictures

Supplies: electronic tablet

Use the tablet to take individual pictures of kindergartners performing different actions such as: standing on one foot, hopping, crawling, or walking backwards. Show the pictures. Discuss why cameras are an important part of Mr. and Mrs. Alphin's ministry of videotaping cowboys as they ride at the rodeo. Say: Cowboys learn to be better riders when they watch a video of their rides.

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