

# March Extra Activities

## For Threes and Fours

### Tissue Paper Balloon

Supplies: picture of a hot-air balloon, card stock, markers, colorful tissue paper, glue

**In advance**, print "Pray for Josh and Val Valdez in New Mexico." on the bottom of card stock (one per child).

Show the hot-air balloon picture. Help preschoolers draw a square basket and a large round balloon. Connect the two with lines. Invite preschoolers to tear and glue tissue paper on the balloon. Read the prayer request and lead preschoolers to pray. Say: Let's take home our hot-air balloon pictures to remind us to pray for Mr. and Mrs. Valdez.

### Coffee Shop

Supplies: tray, toy dishes and coffee cups, toy coffee pot, toy desserts, artificial flowers

Invite preschoolers to set up a coffee shop so they can pretend to have coffee and dessert with their friends. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Valdez enjoy having coffee with friends. They visit and talk about how important people are to God.

### I Am Growing

Supplies: photos of preschoolers

**In advance**, take and print photos of preschoolers. Ask parents to send a baby photo of their child. Lead preschoolers to compare photos of themselves as a baby and as a preschooler. Discuss how they've grown. Say: You are growing just as God planned.

**Open the Bible and read:** God made me (see Psalm 139:14).

### Find the Match

Supplies: digital camera, school supplies, basket

**In advance**, use a digital camera to take and print individual pictures of school supplies. Place pictures in a basket.

Show preschoolers the pictures. Invite them to choose a picture and look around the room to find the same school supply item. Say: Mr. Valdez works with high school students in New Mexico.

## For Kindergarten

### Paint Pottery

Supplies: electronic tablet, craft paint, paintbrushes, small clay pots

**In advance**, search online for New Mexico patterns.

Show the patterns. Lead preschoolers to design a pattern and paint a clay pot with a similar design. Say: God gives us the ability to think and work. He gives some people in New Mexico the ability to make beautiful pottery.

### Observe a Desert Plant

Supplies: electronic tablet, magnifying glasses, cactus

**In advance**, search online for pictures of desert plants. Post the allergy alert chart.

Show pictures. Invite preschoolers to observe the cactus using the magnifying glasses. Say: God created the desert. He planned for there to be a desert in New Mexico filled with amazing plants. Wherever we live, God has a plan for our life.

**Caution:** Supervise carefully.

### Mighty Manipulatives

Supplies: a variety of manipulatives (plastic connecting links, plastic connecting blocks, plastic math cubes, and so on)

Provide items for preschoolers to experiment with and manipulate. Say: There is a museum in New Mexico where visitors can try to solve puzzles that require them to think. God gave us the ability to think, work, and play!

### Matching Supplies

Supplies: pairs of school supplies (such as boxes of crayons, bottles of glue, small note pads, and pencils), reusable bag

**In advance**, place one set of supplies in the bag. Display the others on a table.

Invite preschoolers to choose an item on the table and without looking, stick their hand in the bag to find the matching item. Say: Students use these items when they go to school. Mr. Valdez helps high school students in New Mexico.

**Open the Bible and read:** Help one another (see Gal. 5:13).