

November Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

I Spy

Supplies: masking tape, Bible

In advance, use masking tape to outline a recreational vehicle (RV) on the floor. Include a door, steering wheel, bench seats, table, and so on.

Welcome preschoolers to enter the RV. Pretend to “drive” the RV with preschoolers riding with you. Say: I spy as I drive in my RV . . . (say the color of an object in the room).

Allow preschoolers to name objects until it is guessed. Repeat with other colors and objects. Say: Mr. Ruesch is a chaplain who helps people in campgrounds and tells them about Jesus.

Open the Bible and read: God gave us eyes to see (see Prov. 20:12).

Chocolate List

Supplies: Bible, small individually wrapped chocolate candy, chart paper, marker

Post the allergy alert chart. Display the chart paper. Say: Mr. Ruesch and his family like chocolate!

Challenge preschoolers to name chocolate things to eat or drink. Print preschoolers’ responses on the chart paper. Give each child a chocolate to taste.

Open the Bible and read: God gives food to us (see Psalm 136:25).

Favorite Fast Food

Supplies: paper, crayons, Bible

Define fast food. Guide preschoolers to draw pictures of their favorite fast food. Say: Many people eat fast food when they travel, especially when they go to campgrounds to camp. What is your favorite fast food?

What Should I Wear?

Supplies: electronic tablet, dress-up clothes for a variety of weather

In advance, search online for pictures of a rainy day, a snowy day, a day at the beach, and a day in the desert.

Show the pictures. Allow preschoolers to dress up in clothes for the different types of weather. Say: Mr. Ruesch and other chaplains drive their RVs to places with different kinds of weather.

For Kindergarten

Packing My Camper

Form a circle. Ask kindergartners to think of what they would pack in their recreational vehicle (RV) camper if they were going on a road trip. Say: I’m packing my camper and bringing my teddy bear.

The kindergartner on your right will say, “I’m packing a teddy bear and . . .” adding something new. Continue around the circle, with each kindergartner repeating the items already mentioned and adding a new item. Say: People must pack their RVs before they travel to campgrounds!

Pack a Box

Supplies: lidded shoeboxes, dress-up clothes, toy toiletries

Give kindergartners a shoebox to pack with items for an RV camping trip. Say: There is not much space in an RV for clothes, toys, books, or food. Pretend you are going camping. You can only pack what fits inside your shoe box.

Discuss items Mr. and Mrs. Ruesch might pack before they travel to campgrounds.

Build a Cheeseburger

Supplies: play dough, rolling pins, plastic butter knives

Post the allergy alert chart. Allow kindergartners to make cheeseburgers with play dough, encouraging them to add buns, burger, cheese, pickles, lettuce, and tomatoes. Say: Mr. Ruesch loves cheeseburgers! What food do you love?

Open the Bible and read: God gives food to us (see Psalm 136:25).

RV Tour

Supplies: church member with an RV

In advance, arrange for a church member to park his RV in the church parking lot.

Say: We have a special treat! We are going to tour an RV to see how Mr. and Mrs. Ruesch might live when they are chaplains at a campground.

Tour the RV, allowing kindergartners to ask questions.

Tip: Alternatively, use an electronic tablet to search online for video tours of RVs. Share one with kindergartners.