

March Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

Prayer Reminder

Supplies: waxed paper, plastic containers of water, food coloring, coffee filters, permanent marker, pipettes, aprons

In advance, tear waxed paper into 12-inch sections. Add drops of food coloring to plastic containers. Print a prayer request for Aimee Stucke on coffee filters (at least one per child).

After preschoolers don aprons, give each a piece of waxed paper to work on. Let them use pipettes to drop colored water on coffee filters to make colorful prayer reminders. Say: We can help Mrs. Stucke when we remember to pray for her and the refugees she helps.

Boston in the Spring

Supplies: electronic tablet

In advance, search online for pictures of spring in Boston.

Look at the pictures, leading preschoolers to point out the signs of spring they see. Ask them to name signs of spring from your location. Say: Boston is beautiful in the spring. Aimee Stucke loves to go running through beautiful Boston.

Yarn Designs

Supplies: aprons, people stickers, thick paper, pieces of colorful yarn, water-thinned glue in plastic bowls

Help put on aprons. Invite preschoolers to add people stickers to thick paper. Guide preschoolers to dip yarn pieces in the glue mixture and place it on their papers around the people figures to make colorful designs. Dry. Say: People around us are important to God!

Bakery

Supplies: toy baking pans, plastic bowls, whisks, spatula, aprons, picture cookbook

Invite preschoolers to pretend to make cookies. Say: Chocolate chip cookies were first made in Boston! You are doing a great job working together. God wants people to work together.

Open the Bible and read: We work together (see 1 Cor. 3:9).

For Kindergarten

Basketball and Running

Supplies: indoor child's basketball hoop, basketball, safety cones, child-sized sports shirts

In advance, set up the basketball hoop. Use safety cones to create a running course.

Provide shirts for preschoolers to wear as they play basketball and run around the course. Say: Aimee Stucke exercises by going running in Boston. Her husband, Coleman Stucke, plays basketball.

Caution: Supervise carefully.

Taste Cranberry Sauce

Supplies: electronic tablet, [Allergy Alert Chart \(Free Downloads\)](#), canned cranberry sauce, paper plates, spoons

In advance, search online for pictures of a cranberry bog and cranberry harvest. Post the allergy alert chart.

Show the pictures. Share that cranberries grow near Boston. Give preschoolers cranberry sauce to taste. Say: Refugees who move to Boston learn about new foods like cranberry sauce! Aimee Stucke and her volunteers teach refugees how to live in a new place.

Neighborhood Helpers

Supplies: copy paper, markers, pencils, rulers

Lead preschoolers to fold paper to resemble a newspaper. Encourage them to draw pictures of helpers in their neighborhood. Ask preschoolers to name what skills and abilities the different neighborhood workers have. Say: God gives different skills and abilities to people in our neighborhoods.

"Jesus is Our Friend" Book

Supplies: card stock, teaching picture of Jesus, glue stick, Bible, markers, pencils, hole punch, loose-leaf book rings

In advance, mount a teaching picture of Jesus on card stock to make a front cover. Print the Bible thought on the cover.

Lead preschoolers to draw pictures of themselves on card stock. Punch holes along the edge, bind pages together with book rings, and read the book together. Say: Missionaries live in our community and tell people about Jesus. They tell people that Jesus is our friend.

Open the Bible and read: Jesus said, "You are my friends" (see John 15:14).