

July Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

Finger Paint Fun

Supplies: Bible, marker, aprons, finger paint paper and paint, hand wipes

In advance, print the Bible thought on the bottom of finger paint papers.

Help preschoolers don aprons. Invite them to finger paint on finger paint paper. Read the Bible thought before they cover it up. Say: Your hands can do amazing things! The Hawthornes use their hands to speak sign language with the Deaf in Southeast Asia. They show love to others and share about Jesus.

Open the Bible and read: Love one another (see 1 John 4:7).

Basketball

Supplies: indoor child-sized basketball hoop and basketball

Encourage preschoolers to play basketball. Say: The Hawthornes help with a sports ministry to the Deaf in Southeast Asia. The Hawthornes meet new friends through the sports ministry and hope to be able to tell them about Jesus.

Jesus Loves Me

Supplies: electronic tablet

In advance, search online for a video of "Jesus Loves Me" being shared through sign language.

Show the video. Help preschoolers learn the signs for the chorus. Sing along and try to use sign language. Say: Victor and Madeline Hawthorne use sign language when they make friends and tell them about Jesus.

Block Races

Supplies: small traffic cones, blocks, stopwatch

In advance, arrange traffic cones to make block building areas in different corners of the room. Place a pile of blocks inside each building area.

Encourage preschoolers (single or partners) to go to a block building area. Give them two minutes to build something with blocks. Call out "stop" and let them run to the next building area. Repeat. Say: Victor Hawthorne loves to run.

Pray together for Mr. Hawthorne as he tells the Deaf in Southeast Asia about God.

Caution: Supervise carefully.

For Kindergarten

Make Popsicles

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#), tablecloth, popsicle molds, funnels, fruit juices

Post the allergy alert chart. Help preschoolers pour juice through funnels into popsicle molds. Lead them to avoid overfilling molds. Add popsicle mold lids. Place in the freezer. Say: Next week, we are going to enjoy our popsicles. The weather in Southeast Asia is often very hot. I wonder if the Hawthornes like popsicles on hot days?

Note: Remember to serve frozen popsicles to preschoolers the following week after making them.

Nature Drawings

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#); electronic tablet; leaves, flowers, branches, and rocks; construction paper; copy paper; crayons, markers, and pencils

In advance, search online for pictures of animals who live in Southeast Asia. Post the allergy alert chart.

Show the animal pictures and allow preschoolers to investigate the nature items. Invite them to choose paper and drawing materials to draw pictures of nature items. Share that the animals live in Southeast Asia, just like the Hawthornes. Say: Alyse Hawthorne likes to draw!

Yo-Yos

Supplies: yo-yos (one per child)

Lead preschoolers to play with a yo-yo. Show how to make a yo-yo work. Say: Zeke Hawthorne loves to play with his yo-yo. What do you like to play with?

Whisper Time

Supplies: toy phones or old cell phones

Invite preschoolers to use phones to call friends and tell them about the Hawthornes. Encourage preschoolers to speak in a whisper during phone calls. Say: Some people in Southeast Asia are very quiet. They whisper on the phone and when they are out in public because making a lot of noise is considered to be not very nice.