



## Activities/Crafts

**Day One:** Plant seeds in a pot

Items Needed: pots, seeds, soil, spray bottle for water, markers

Instructions:

1. Give each child a pot. Let the kids have some time to decorate the pots with markers.
2. As they are done decorating, have each child come to you and help scoop some soil into their pot. You can talk about how this is good soil, great for growing, and tie it in with the lesson they just heard.
3. Leaving some room for more soil, sprinkle some seeds on the soil.
4. Cover the seeds with some more soil.
5. Spray the seeds with some water.
6. Remind the kids how to help their seeds go well with sunlight and water and how we too need to read our Bible, pray, come to church, etc. in order to grow in Jesus.

**Day Two:** Make sheep hiding game with cups and a cotton ball sheep; coloring pages

Items needed: glue, cotton balls, sheep cutouts, markers, small cups, activity pages

Instructions:

1. Have each child take a sheep square. They can color the sheep if they want to.
2. Then have the child glue the sheep to a cotton ball. Pull apart the cotton ball a little bit before gluing.
3. Next give each child 3 small cups. They really can't write their names on the cups because they need to look identical from the outside to play the game properly. They could probably put their name inside the cups or on the sheep. You could take a sheet of paper and write their name on the paper and put the cup next to the name for pick up at the end of club.

4. Show the kids how to play the game where they put the sheep under one cup and switch them around a few times, having a friend guess which cup the sheep is under when they stop.
5. Encourage the kids to tell the story Jesus told about the lost sheep when they play the game with their families or friends at home.

(Idea modified to make more simple from this site:

<https://churchleaders.com/children/childrens-ministry-articles/349008-lost-sheep-craft.html>)

**Day Three:** Play cup stacking game and paint rocks.

Items needed: red cups for stacking, rocks, acrylic markers, wipes

Instructions:

Stacked Cup Relay / Minute to Win It type games

Cup Pyramid relay: Play as pairs or individuals. Place a set number of plastic cups on the ground or a table. Set a time (1-2 minutes) and have the kids race to see either who can stack all of their cups into a pyramid first or whose pyramid is the tallest when time runs out.

Rock Painting with paint pens and flat rocks

Collect stones that have at least one flat side (like river stones). Have the children paint the rocks with words such as "My feet are on the rock" or "I love Jesus" on them. They could draw crosses with hearts, write Scripture references, or simply make a little decoration. The kids can take the rocks home to have as a reminder that Jesus is our Rock, or they can hide the rock somewhere for someone else to find and brighten their day.

**Day Four:** "I can show God's love" flipbook activity

Items needed: flipbooks, markers

Instructions:

Please have the books precut and prestapled. Talk with the kids about the story and what they learned about loving their neighbor. Remind them that their neighbor isn't just someone who lives next door to us. Our neighbor is everyone we encounter! This book reminds us of the many places where we encounter others and can show God's love. Use this time to either write or draw ways to show God's love in each of the places in the flipbook.