

Children and Youth Program

Summer 2015

Week 1 – Elements of Creation – Week 2 – Food in the Bible

Community Events Overview

Beach:

Every Friday, the 5-13 and Generation Next groups head down to the beach for some fun water time. To make this time a little more interesting, we suggest staff bring with them the bucket of sand toys and prepare some water relay games in advance. Face counts are especially important while walking to and from the beach and while at the beach. When at the beach, have everyone sit for rules by the lifeguard. While at the beach, there should be some staff who are in the water with the children as well as some out on the beach observing.

Worship:

Monday to Thursday morning, and two evenings, and Friday afternoon, there is worship. We are responsible for set-up and take down for the worship. Staff members are assigned into small groups, so on the day of set-up make sure you have about 30 minutes before the morning service starts, and 20 minutes before the evening service, to get everything ready. The children's program has the opportunity to take leadership in the music, prayers, sermon and other parts of the services; the 0-4s will make an art for the alter for Friday's Eucharist, the 5-9s will take part in Thursday's morning service, the 10-13s will take part in Wednesday's morning service and the Gen Next will assist on Tuesday morning.

Campfire: Monday Night

Campfire is a time when everyone comes together around the fire at the beach to sing, roast marshmallows, and have a fun and happy evening. As staff we are responsible for bringing the campfire materials and supplies down to the beach each week. Those staff assigned to campfire will lead the group in song, skit, and celebration. Beforehand, make sure you all get together to create a list of 30 or so songs and skits to use. Incorporate both songs from *Spirit of Singing* as well as common repeat-after-me songs and easily taught songs. If you have any other songs, skits or stories you wish to use that are campfire appropriate, we strongly encourage it! Remember that the Children and Youth Staff will be bringing the youth down after 8pm, so coordinate with the leaders about when to leave to go set up.

When creating a list of songs, we suggest that the more up-tempo and repeat-after-me ones are closer to the beginning of campfire while the children are around. As it gets later, the slower songs are more appropriate. Remember, there doesn't always need to be constant singing. A few breaks where guests can roast marshmallows, drink hot chocolate, and chat are HIGHLY encouraged.

Ice-scream and Games: Wednesday Afternoon

The Director's Carnival is a time for the children during the period the Executive Director gathers with guests on site to chat, share and learn about the Sorrento Centre. During this time, we organize games, hand ice cream out and offer face paint with all the children who need support and attention while their parent is in the meeting. If you aren't working and are interested in being part of this gathering, feel free to come by!

Water Fight: Thursday Afternoon

Water Fight happens on the Band Stand field, on Thursday afternoons. Guests of all ages are welcome to come for a time of water fun! Sorrento Centre has lots of buckets, but we don't provide water guns. We also have 1-2 slip and slides set up near the tip of the field. All Children and Youth Staff are paid for this, so everyone helps to set up, clean up and participate.

Variety Night: Thursday Night

Every week there is a Variety Night where guests have the opportunity to show off their talents, tell a story, etc. As staff, we are responsible for coming up with a theme, decorating, set-up and clean-up, and MC-ing the night. The more creative and enthusiastic you can be in your MC-ing and decorating the better, dress up, find judges, ham it up. The MC-ing can set the tone for the entire evening. Each program group will do a presentation (song or skit) at variety night, which will be prepared during program time. As well, the summer youth staff will do a closing presentation each week. Each week it will be decided who will take the lead on planning our presentation.

Dance: Friday Night

Similar to Variety Night, we have a dance every week. This year the themes have been pre-chosen, but the staff in charge of facilitating each dance is responsible for set-up, managing the playlist, and decorating according to the theme. We strongly suggest that all staff dress up for each dance and show their enthusiasm for the themes. Only staff that are working are required to be there for the entire time, however, it is encouraged that everyone make an appearance and it is just always more fun when we all rumba together! Gen Next will be making decorations for the Dance, so feel free to use them while decorating for the night!



Elements
of Creation
Week 1



Summer 2015

0-4 SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in |
| 10:00 am | Games | Games | Games | Games | Games |
| 10:15 am | Story Time | Story Time | Story Time | Story Time | Story Time |
| 10:30 am | Adventure! | Adventure! | Adventure! | Adventure! | Adventure! |
| 10:45 am | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack |
| 11:00 am | Craft | Craft | Craft | Craft | Craft |
| 11:15 am | | | | | |
| 11:30 am | Play Time | Play Time | Water Day! | Play Time | Play Time |
| 11:45 am | | | | | |
| 12:00 pm | | | | | |
| 12:15 pm | Outdoor Game | Variety Night Prep | | Worship Art | Songs/Colouring |
| 12:30pm | Play Time | Play Time | Play Time | Play Time | Play Time |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch |
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| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | |
| 7:30 pm | Play Time | Play Time | Worship Art | Variety Night Prep | |
| 7:45 pm | Story Time | | Play Time | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | |
| 8:00 pm | Sign Out | Variety Night Prep | Variety Night Prep | Sign Out | |
| 8:15 pm | | Worship Art | Variety Night Prep | | |
| 8:30pm | | Sign Out | Sign Out | | |

0-4 Overview

Pool Day:

Every Wednesday, the 0-4s have Pool Day. This requires you to set up the 0-4 Pool and slip and slide with warmish water. A good place to have Pool Day is on the lawn in front of Richardson Lodge. If you need any help setting Pool Day up, the Leadership Team is more than happy to help!

Worship Art:

During the week you can work with the 0-4s on some art to decorate the altar at the Friday afternoon closing Eucharist. This art can be whatever you would like it to be, but if you are struggling for ideas, use the theme of the week for the children's program to get you started.

Campfire: Monday Night

You won't be taking the 0-4s down to campfire with you like the rest of the program groups, so just play games and have play time like usual until their parent's pick them up.

Adventure!:

"Adventure" is time to take the 0-4s on a walk. Go exploring, say hello to staff and guests, and just get outside for a little bit. Feel free to use the wagons in the outdoor space for adventure time.

Variety Night: Thursday Night

0-4s usually sing a song as the first presentation at Variety Night. Make sure you start singing the song with them during the beginning of the week, so they know it well by the end.



Craft: Tissue Paper Fire

Supplies:

- Large sheet
- Glue stick
- Yellow, red, and orange tissue or crepe paper
- Brown paper or card
- Twigs
- Sticky tape

Directions:

1. Cut flames (strips) from the tissue paper and glue them to the card. Try not to glue them flat but bend them and only stick bits down to add texture and make the flames look more real.
2. From brown paper, cut some rectangular “log” shapes and glue these to the bottom of the fire.
3. Finish off by taping on some real twigs to bring the collage to life and add more texture.
4. Let the kids decorate!



Discussion: *The Burning Bush* (Exodus 2:1-10)

(Read from SPARK bible, pages 72-75)

One day, Moses was taking care of sheep and goats and he decided to lead them across the desert to the holy mountain. There an angel appeared to him from a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. “This is strange!” he said to himself. “I’ll go over and see why the bush isn’t burning up.” When God saw Moses coming close to the bush, he called him by name, and Moses answered, “Here I am.” God replied, “Don’t come any closer. Take off your sandals—the ground where you are standing is holy. I am God.” Moses was afraid to look at God, and so he hid his face. Then God said, “I have seen that my people are suffering as slaves, and I have heard them beg for my help because of the way they are being treated badly. I feel sorry for them, and I have come down to rescue them from the bad people. I will bring my people out of Egypt into a place where there is good land, rich with milk and honey. Now go to the king! I am sending you to lead my people out of this bad country.”

Question:

- 1.) God loves us very much. God has promised to take care of everyone. How does God love you?

Activity Suggestion: *Build a “campfire”*

Take the children outside; gather rocks for a fire pit, sticks, leaves and other items you see fit for a fire. Once “fire” is built get some colorful tissues and use them as the flame of the fire. Everyone will then sit around the fire and tell stories, sing songs, or play games.

Song Suggestion: *She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain*

She’ll be coming ‘round the mountain when she comes, She’ll be coming ‘round the mountain when she comes, She’ll be coming ‘round the mountain, she’ll be coming ‘round the mountain, She’ll be coming ‘round the mountain when she comes.

The same structure is repeated with the following verses:

- She’ll be driving six white horses when she comes, etc.
- She’ll be wearing pink pyjamas when she comes, etc.
- Oh we’ll all come out to meet her when she comes, etc.
- She’ll be carrying three white puppies when she comes etc.

Discussion: *God's Peaceful World (Isaiah 11:1-10)*

(Read from SPARK bible, pages 172-175)

God promised a peaceful world for all; God loves us more than all creation. God promised a child that would bring together lambs and lions, leopards and baby goats. This child will show them how to live in peace together.

Questions:

- 1.) How do you experience a peaceful earth?
- 2.) What are some other things we can do to help the earth and make it more peaceful?

Activity Suggestion: *Scavenger Hunt*

Get the children to find the following:

- Something fuzzy
- Two pieces of garbage
- Something straight
- Something round
- Something soft
- Something hard
- Two leaves
- A flower
- Something green
- A stick

The Scavenger Hunt can happen during "Adventure" time. Place objects around in play area for children to collect.

Song Suggestion: *Ten Fingers*

I have ten fingers
 And they all belong to me,
 I can make them do things-
 Would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight
 I can open them wide
 I can put them together
 I can make them all hide.

I can make them jump high
 I can make them jump low
 I can fold them up quietly
 And hold them just so.



Craft: *Colouring Pictures of Nature*

Supplies:

- Paper or colouring sheets
- Crayons, felts, paint, etc.
- Their collection of stuff from the scavenger hunt

Directions:

Have the kids place the stuff they found in front of them and ask to draw, and colour what they found. Make sure the scavenger hunt happens before the craft

Reminders:

Pool Day is tomorrow so make sure the parents know; also make sure to remind the parents to bring water clothes, bathing suit, diaper (if needed), sunscreen, hats, etc.



Craft: Rain Stick

Supplies:

- Paper towel roll
- Glue
- Duct tape
- Stickers and decorative items
- Rice and dry beans

Directions:

1. Collect paper towel roll and decorate using paper, crayons, paint, feathers, anything you'd like!
2. Using duct tape, tape one end of rain stick shut.
3. Pour rice or beans into stick.
4. Tape other end of rain stick shut.
5. Make a rain storm!



Discussion: *Jesus Calms the Storm* (Mathew 8:23-27)

(Read from SPARK bible, pages 286-289)

That evening, Jesus said to his friends, "Let's cross the river." So they left the crowd, and his friends started to cross the lake with him in the boat. Some other boats followed along. Suddenly a storm struck the lake. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink.

Jesus was in the back of the boat with his head on a pillow, and he was asleep. His friends woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're about to drown?" Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm.

Jesus asked his friends, "Why were you afraid? Don't you have any faith?" Now they were more afraid than ever and said to each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Questions:

- 1.) What makes you feel better when you are having a bad day?

Activity Suggestion: *Bubbles and Kites and POOL DAY!*

Find bubbles and/or kites from the supply closet and take the children to the outside play area so the kids can play with them during the pool day.

Song Suggestion: *Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes*

Head and shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes, knees and toes,
Head and shoulders, knees and toes,
Eyes, ears, mouth and nose.

Feet and tummies, arms and chins
Arms and chins, arms and chins,
Feet and tummies, arms and chins,
Eyes, ears, mouth and shins.

Hands and fingers, legs and lips
Legs and lips, legs and lips,
Hands and fingers, legs and lips
Eyes, ears, mouth and hips.

Reminders:

Today is Pool Day! Make sure when parents drop off their kids that their child has everything they need for the day with them (swimsuit, change of clothes, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, diaper (if needed)).

Discussion: *House on the Rock* (Matthew 7:24-28)

(Read from SPARK bible, pages 282-285)

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man that built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

Questions:

- 1.) What do we use to build houses?
- 2.) How does God love you?

Activity Suggestion: *Tree Tag*

One child is "it" and his/her objective is to tag everyone else. When the other children have been tagged they will freeze and pose like a tree. The frozen tree will resume game after being tapped on the shoulder by some one who is unfrozen.

Craft: *Popsicle Stick Frames*

Supplies:

- Large Popsicle Sticks
- Clothes Pins
- Elmer glue
- Pop Tab

Directions:

1. Lay out a line of Popsicle Sticks.
2. Glue three Popsicle Sticks vertically on what will be the back of the frame.
3. Stagger the sticks like the picture below, so you make sure to brace all the vertical sticks.
4. Hot Glue the super-cute clothes pin to the front of the frame... at the top...with the edge hanging off a bit.}
5. Grab a Pop-Top Tab {or some twine} and hot glue on the back for hanging.
6. Clip your photo to the front.



Song Suggestion: *Hokey Pokey*

You put your right hand in,
 You put your right hand out,
 You put your right hand in,
 And you shake it all about,
 You do the hokey pokey and
 You turn yourself around
 That what it's all about.

- 2) Left hand
- 3) Right foot
- 4) Left foot
- 5) Head
- 6) Whole self

Reminders:

Variety night is tonight! Bring the clipboard to Variety Night, and sign the youth out there. Water Fight is this afternoon, so remind parent when they come to pick youth up.





Craft: Paper Bag Jellyfish

Supplies:

- Paper bags
- Scissors
- Paint/crayons
- Googly eyes
- Glue

Directions:

1. Paint/ decorate paper bag.
2. Set aside to dry.
3. Once dry, glue on googly eyes
4. Cut strips in bag to complete jelly fish

paper bag JELLYFISH



Discussion: *Living Water* (John 4:1-14)

(Read from SPARK bible, pages 420-425)

When Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that “Jesus is making and baptizing more people than John” he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. On his way, Jesus stopped at a well at noon. A woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink and I will give you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

Question(s):

- 1.) What kinds of things does God provide for us?
- 2.) How can we say thank you for those things?

Activity: *Ring Around the Rosie*

Children join hands and form a circle. They dance around the circle singing:

“Ring around the Rosie, a pocket full of posies, hush-a, hush-a, we all fall down.” At down, all the children fall down. While sitting, children sway back and forth singing:

“The cows are in the meadow, eating up the buttercups, hush-a, hush-a, we all stand up.” At up, children stand up again. Repeat.

Song Suggestion: *The More We Get Together*

The more we get together
 Together, together
 The more we get together
 The happier we'll be
 Cause your friends are my friends
 And my friends are your friends
 The more we get together
 The happier we'll be

(The more we play together...)
 (The More we dance together...)

Reminders

The piece of art that the 0-4s created will be going to decorate the altar today for the closing Eucharist, so make sure to work on it before all the children leave today.

5-9 SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in |
| 10:00 am | Ice Breakers | Games | Games | Games | Craft/Discussion / Snack |
| 10:15 am | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | |
| 10:30 am | | | | | |
| 10:45 am | Quiet Games | Drama Games | Games | Quiet Games | |
| 11:00 am | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack | Beach Day |
| 11:15 am | Craft | Craft | Craft | Craft | |
| 11:30 am | | | | | |
| 11:45 am | | Worship Prep | Worship Prep | Park Time! (Activity at the Park) | |
| 12:00 pm | Activity | Activity | Activity | | |
| 12:15 pm | | Variety Night Prep | | Variety Night Prep | |
| 12:30pm | Games | Games | Variety Night Prep | Games | |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | |
| | | | | | |
| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | |
| 7:30 pm | Active Games | Wide Game with 10-13s | Drama Games | Variety Night Prep | |
| 7:45 pm | Story Time | | Worship Prep | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | |
| 8:00 pm | Campfire @ 8:00 pm | | Worship Prep | | Variety Night Prep |
| 8:15 pm | Sign Out There | Sign Out | | Sign Out | Sign Out There |
| 8:30pm | | | | | |

**Craft:** *Fire Crowns***Supplies:**

- Red, Yellow, Black, and Orange, construction paper
- Glue
- Masking tape

Directions:

1. Cut out a strip of construction paper to fit the child's head.
2. Cut out a large flame of one colour, a medium flame of another colour and a small flame of the final colour (does not have to be in the order described in the picture).
3. Glue the flames together
4. Glue the flames to the long piece of construction paper
5. Glue or tape the ends of the long piece of construction paper together, fitted to the child's head
6. (Variation): cut out and glue more flames together to fill the entire crown
7. Decorate crown

**Discussion:** *The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-12)*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues made of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder what part of the story you liked the best?
- 2.) I wonder what part of the story you liked the least?
- 3.) Can you speak another language?
- 4.) What kind of things are you passionate about?
- 5.) What kind of gifts has God given you to share with others?

Activity Suggestion: *Fire Starter Tag*

One person starts as the fire, everyone else spreads out and are mobile trees. As soon as the leader yells go, the fire (the "it" person) goes and tries to light other trees on fire. If you are a tree and are tagged by the fire, you too become a fire. The game ends when everyone is a fire.

Story Time: Choose a picture book from the side cupboard and read a story before going down to campfire

Song Suggestion: *On the Day of Pentecost*
(Refer to page 44 of *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: Campfire is tonight! Start taking the kids down to the beach around 8:00pm and have the parents sign the youth out there. Remind youth to bring some warm clothing to evening programming for campfire tonight.

Discussion: *Leviticus 25:23-24*

The land can't be bought or sold forever, for it all belongs to God; it isn't your land, you just live there a little while; you are a tenant. And all the land that you live on, you shall make sure the land is taken care of.

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder what being a "tenant" means to you?
- 2.) Who owns the land in this story?
- 3.) I wonder what caring for the earth looks like.
- 4.) I wonder what we can do to care for the earth.

God wants us to care for the earth like we are renting it. We can use it, love it, but also return it as we found it, so the next person can do so.

Activity Suggestion: *Nature Scavenger Hunt*

- Something fuzzy
- Two pieces of garbage
- Something straight
- Something round
- Something soft
- Something hard
- Two leaves
- A flower
- Something green
- A stick

Song Suggestion: *My Roots Go Down*
(Refer to page 49-50 *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: The 5-9s are helping with worship on Thursday morning, so start coming up with ideas with the group (skits, or songs are a great choice).

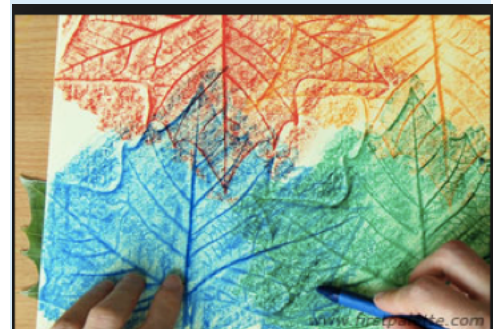
Variety Night is on Thursday so start thinking of group skits and practicing them before Thursday.

**Craft:** *Leaf/Tree rubbings***Supplies:**

- Paper
- Crayons
- Leaves
- Other items (old keys, stamps, etc.)

Directions:

1. Take the group outside and gather leaves sticks
2. Also bring with you paper and crayons
3. Lay the crayon on its side
4. Rub the crayon over the desired surfaces (e.g. trees or roots)
5. Bring paper inside and use crayon rubbing techniques with the other materials available (stamps, old keys, etc.)



**Craft:** *Wacky Birds***Supplies:**

- Stiff paper (old file folders)
- Glue (liquid or stick)
- Googly eyes
- Feathers
- Old magazines
- Tooth Picks
- Other items (old keys, stamps, etc.)

Directions:

1. Help youth make a bird design on stiff paper
2. Collage bits of paper on top using glue. Use as many or as little colours as you want
3. Cut out wings and beak separately from the file folder
4. Colour and collage them
5. Add tooth pick legs and feathers where desired
6. Add googly eyes
7. Leave to dry

**Discussion:** *Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder what you liked best about the story
- 2.) I wonder what you didn't like about the story
- 3.) I wonder how the disciples felt during the storm
- 4.) How would you feel if you were in that storm?
- 5.) What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

Jesus calmed the storm that the disciples were very afraid of. Sometimes it's difficult to have faith that the difficult times in our lives will pass. Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Activity Suggestion: *Parachute Games*

There are lots of parachute games that can be played with the youth. Refer to page 20-21 of the *Games, Songs and Skit List*.

Song Suggestion: *Little Spaceship in the Sky*

(Refer to page 45 in the *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders:

The 5-9s are helping with Worship tomorrow morning, so make sure you remind the youth and the parents when they come to pick their kids up.

Discussion: *The Tree of Life (Daniel 4:10-12)*

While I was dreaming I saw;
 a tree at the center of the earth,
 and it was mighty and tall.
 The tree grew great and strong,
 its top reached to heaven,
 and it was visible from anywhere on earth.
 Its leaves were beautiful,
 its fruit abundant,
 and it provided food for all.
 The animals of the field found shade under it,
 the birds of the air nested in its branches,
 and from it all living beings were fed.

Questions:

- 1.) If you were the tree in this story, what kind of tree would you be?
- 2.) What kind of things does the tree provide for others in this story?
- 3.) Where is God in the story for you?
- 4.) What can we do to be more like the tree in this story?

Activity Suggestion: *Squirrels and Trees*

Have everyone get into groups of threes. Two of the people in each group will be a tree and hold hands above their heads to make a triangle shelter for the third player who is a squirrel in the tree. Pick 1 or 2 people to be foxes. When the fox says "go", all the squirrels must leave their tree and find a new one. If a fox tags a squirrel, they change positions and the squirrel is the new fox. Make sure to switch through who is a squirrel and a tree to make sure everyone gets a turn to be a squirrel.

Song Suggestion: *Tarzan*
 (Refer to pages 38-39 *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders:

This afternoon is the Water Fight, so remind kids to come and drum up some excitement for it.
 Tonight is Variety Night; so don't forget to practice your skit before you head down. Bring your clipboard with you and sign the youth out there!
 Tomorrow is Beach Day so remind kids to bring all beach attire (swimsuit, hat, water, sunscreen, towel, change of clothes and whatever else they might want!)
 Tomorrow we are doing tie dye, so make sure the youth bring something to Tie dye tomorrow!



Craft: *Popsicle Stick Boat*

Supplies:

- Popsicle sticks
- Glue (liquid or hot)
- Scrapbooking paper (or paper to draw on and design)

Directions:

1. Glue together popsicle sticks in a row
2. Use 2-3 popsicle sticks perpendicular to the rest to keep stability
3. Create a sail using scrap booking paper, or have the group design their own

You can save these for tomorrow to take down to the beach, or let them take them home early.





Discussion: *Living Water* (John 4: 4-14)

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get that living water? Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I’ll give will become a spring of water within in them, gushing up to eternal life.”

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder who or what you are in this story?
- 2.) Imagine you are very, very thirsty. You live in a dry desert, and there is no water for miles. Imagine what your mouth feels like.
- 3.) Now imagine walking in this desert for a very long time. I wonder how you’d feel.
- 4.) Imagine a stranger comes along and offers all the water that you could ever imagine, so that you would never be thirsty in the desert again. I wonder how you would feel.

Activity Suggestion: *Beach Day*

Today you are taking your group down to the beach. Co-ordinate with other leaders as when is a good time to go down. Bring craft items with you as well as water related game items. You can also play Capture the flag on the field down by the beach. Before you go down, make sure everyone has gone to the bathroom, is wearing sunscreen, and has a lifejacket (if they need it).

Song Suggestion: *Princess Pat*

(Refer to page 38 in *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: Tonight is the Dance, so encourage youth to come! (Remind them to pick up their tie dye)

Craft: *Tie Dye*

Supplies:

- Dye
- Salt
- Water
- White shirts, cloths, pillowcases, head bands, etc.
- Elastic Bands
- Buckets

Directions:

1. Tie elastics where you would like on the shirt/cloth.
2. Help youth dip into dye of their choice
3. Leave to dry while you are at the beach
4. Let youth pick up shirts at the dance or leave them on portable railing to dry



10-13 SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in |
| 10:00 am | Ice Breakers | Craft | Games | Games | Craft |
| 10:15 am | Discussion | | Drive to the Farm | Discussion | |
| 10:30 am | | | | | |
| 10:45 am | Drama Games | Farm Tour | Snack | Quiet Games | Snack/ Discussion |
| 11:00 am | Snack | | Craft | Snack | Beach Day |
| 11:15 am | Craft | | | Discussion | |
| 11:30 am | | | Drive back from Farm | | |
| 11:45 am | | | | | |
| 12:00 pm | Team Building Games | Activity | Activity | Variety Night Prep | |
| 12:15 pm | Activity | | Worship Prep | Variety Night Prep | <i>Ultimate</i> Ultimate Frisbee with Gen Next |
| 12:30pm | Worship Prep | | | | |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch |
| | | | | | |
| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | |
| 7:30 pm | Active Games | Wide Game with 5-9s | Variety Night Prep | Variety Night Prep | |
| 7:45 pm | Worship Prep | | Wide Game with Gen Next | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | Sign Out There |
| 8:00 pm | Campfire @ 8:00 pm | | | | |
| 8:15 pm | | Worship Prep | | | |
| 8:30pm | Sign Out There | Sign Out | Sign Out | | |



Craft: Campfire Jars

Supplies:

- Mason Jar
- Glow Sticks
- Glitter
- Glue
- Twigs/leaves
- Sand/Rocks
- Tissue Paper
- Paint
- Scissors
- Gloves

Directions:

The craft is all about creativity. You may do whatever you like to create a campfire in a jar. Use glitter, tissue paper and what ever you would like to make a campfire in a jar. Be careful not to get the glow stick juice on your hands.



Discussion: *The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 1-12)*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? We hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

Questions:

- 1.) What are some of your passions?
- 2.) What excites you?
- 3.) What are some of your goals and dreams?
- 4.) What are your gifts?

Activity Suggestion: *Barn’s on Fire*

(Refer to page 14 in *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Song Suggestion: *Pharaoh, Pharaoh*

(Refer to pages 36-37 *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: Campfire is tonight! Start taking the youth down to the beach around 8:00pm and have the parents sign the youth out there.

Discussion: *Leviticus 25:23-24*

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants. Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land.

Questions:

- 1.) We are not owners of earth, it was given to us as a gift. How do we take care of the Earth?
- 2.) What kinds of things do you think harm the earth?
- 3.) What small changes can we make to help the earth?

Activity Suggestion: *Nature Scavenger Hunt*

- Two pieces of garbage
- A clover
- A small flower
- Something delicate
- 3 different kinds of grass
- A gnarly stick
- An oddly shaped stick
- A mystery Item
- A leaf not attached to any tree

Song Suggestion: *Button Factory*

(Refer to page 42 in *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders:

The 10-13s are helping with Worship tomorrow morning, so make sure you have what they need to do ready to go, and remind the youth before they leave about being at Worship tomorrow morning.

Today we are going to the farm, so make sure all the 10-13s have sunscreen, water, hats and closed toed shoes before they sign in.



Craft: *Bird Feeders*

Supplies:

- Milk cartons
- Popsicle sticks
- Paint
- Glue
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Cut a square in front of carton for food/birds.
2. Cut a slit under top hole big enough to fit a popsicle stick through
3. Paint and decorate milk carton
4. Place popsicle stick in slot, glue secure if needed
5. Glue popsicle sticks to carton roof





Craft: *Wind Chimes*

Supplies:

- Scrap wood
- Paint
- Decorative paper
- Old forks/knives/keys
- Fishing line/string
- Toilet paper rolls
- Tape
- Beans/rice
- Beads

Directions:

1. Paint/decorate the stick/jar top/coat hanger.
2. While they are drying create “chimes” attach fishing wire or string to the items the youth want to include on the wind chime.
3. Attach and admire!
This craft is open ended, so do what you want, get



Discussion: *Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Questions:

- 1.) Why do you think Jesus fell asleep in the boat?
- 2.) Why do you think the disciples were scared of the storm?
- 3.) What are some things you are afraid of?
- 4.) What does it mean to “have faith” in this story?

Activity Suggestion: *Relay Races*

Refer to pages 18-19 in *Games, Songs and Skits List* to get some ideas for relay races. You can also get creative, and make up your own!

Song Suggestion: *Rise and Shine*

(Refer to pages 37-38 in *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders:

Tomorrow is Variety Night so make sure to practice your skit today and tomorrow so the 10-13s really know it well.

Discussion: *The Tree of Life* (Daniel 4:10-12)

Upon my bed this is what I saw;
 there was a tree at the center of the earth,
 and its height was great.
 The tree grew great and strong,
 its top reached to heaven,
 and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth.
 Its foliage was beautiful,
 its fruit abundant,
 and it provided food for all.
 The animals of the field found shade under it,
 the birds of the air nested in its branches,
 and from it all living beings were fed.

Questions:

- 1.) In this story, what is giving life to all the living things?
- 2.) What do we use trees for in our lives?
- 3.) What things do we use other things from creation?
- 4.) How do they take care of you?
- 5.) How will you make sure to take care of them?

Activity Suggestion: *Fairy Tale Mafia*
 (See pages 25-27 in *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Song Suggestion: *Fairy Quest*
 (Refer to pages 32-34 in *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders:

This afternoon is the Water Fight, so remind kids to come and drum up some excitement for it.

Tonight is Variety Night; so don't forget to practice your skit before you head down. Bring your clipboard with you and sign the youth out there!

Tomorrow is Beach Day so remind kids to bring all beach attire (swimsuit, hat, water, sunscreen, towel, change of clothes and whatever else they might want!)



Craft: *Scrap Wood Signs*

Supplies:

- Scrap Wood
- Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Stencils
- Stamps
- Glue
- Tissue paper

Directions:

1. Paint a base layer of a colour of their choice
2. While it's drying, have the youth plan out what they want to write and design on a piece of paper
3. Once the wood is dry, design away!



**Craft:** *Tie Dye***Supplies:**

- Dye
- Salt
- Water
- White shirts, cloths, pillowcases, head bands, etc.
- Elastic Bands
- Buckets

Directions:

1. Tie elastics where you would like on the shirt/cloth.
2. Help youth dip into dye of their choice
3. Leave to dry while you are at the beach
4. Let youth pick up shirts at the dance or leave them on portable railing to dry

**Discussion:** *Living Water (John 4: 4-14)*

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get that living water from? Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I’ll give will become a spring of water within in them, gushing up to eternal life.”

Questions:

- 1.) What kind of water does Jesus offer in this story?
- 2.) What do you think “living water” means in this story?
- 3.) Can you think of some other things that are “living”
- 4.) Where do you see God in these “living” things?

Activity Suggestion: *Beach Day*

Today you are taking your group down to the beach. Co-ordinate with other leaders as when is a good time to go down. Bring craft items with you as well as water related game items. You can also play Capture the flag on the field down by the beach.

Song Suggestion: *I’ve got Peace like a River.*

(Refer to page 32 of *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: Tonight is the Dance, so encourage youth to come! (Don’t let them forget to pick up their tie-dye)

Gen Next SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | |
| 10:00 am | Ice Breakers | Variety Night Prep | Card Games | Games | Discussion | |
| 10:15 am | Discussion | | Discussion | Discussion | Craft | |
| 10:30 am | | Drive to the Farm | | | | |
| 10:45 am | Snack | Farm Tour | Snack | Dance Decorations | Snack | |
| 11:00 am | Project | | Engineering Activity | Project | Beach Day | |
| 11:15 am | | | | | | |
| 11:30 am | | | | | | Discussion |
| 11:45 am | | | | | | Drive back from Farm |
| 12:00 pm | Worship Prep | Engineering Activity | Variety Night Prep | <i>Ultimate</i> Ultimate Frisbee with 10-13s | | |
| 12:15 pm | | | Games | | | |
| 12:30pm | Team Building Games | | | | | |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | |
| | | | | | | |
| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | | |
| 7:30 pm | Worship Prep | Ice Cream Trip | Variety Night Prep | Variety Night Prep | | |
| 7:45 pm | | | Campfire @ 8:00 pm | Wide Game with 10-13s | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | |
| 8:00 pm | Sign Out There | | | Card Games | Sign Out There | |
| 8:15 pm | | | Games | | | |
| 8:30pm | | Sign Out | Sign Out | | | |



Project:

This year the Gen Next will be beautifying the Beach Trail. We are going to be raking, snipping, planting a rock garden and making the beach trail a much better and prettier place



Discussion: *The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 1-12)*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Questions:

- 1.) What is part of the story you like?
- 2.) What is part of the story you maybe didn't like?
- 3.) I wonder what kinds of things you are passionate about? What do you like to do? School? Sport? Music?
- 4.) How can you translate passions to help others?

Activity Suggestion: *Goal Setting Activity*

Write down goals for 1, 3 and 5 years, for personal, education and health.

Discuss these goals and talk about how to take steps to achieve them. You may wish to split off into pair so the Gen Next feel more comfortable sharing.

Reminders:

The Gen Next is helping with Worship tomorrow morning. Make sure you have communicated with the Leadership Team or Worship Leaders about what you are doing.

Tomorrow you are going to the farm, so make sure everyone has a sign permission form for tomorrow as well as their hat and sunscreen.

Tomorrow is also Ice Cream in the evening for Gen Next. Make sure they have around \$5.00 and their signed permission form for tomorrow.

Discussion: *Leviticus 25:23-24*

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants. Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land.

Questions:

- 1.) What do “tenants” mean in this story?
- 2.) What are a few examples of things that we buy and sell that are not ours to buy and sell? (e.g. property, water? perhaps food?) Discuss.
- 3.) What does Stewardship mean to you? What does it mean for the earth
- 4.) Give a few examples of everyday things to do to that helps the earth

Write this list on the chalkboard so that it is visible for the week

Reminders:

Today we are going to the farm, so make sure all the Gen Next have sunscreen, water, hats and closed toed shoes before they sign in.

**Activity:** *The Egg Drop*
Supplies

- Raw eggs
- Cardboard
- Tape
- Toilet paper
- Egg cartons
- String
- Straws
- Plastic grocery bags

Directions:

The Gen Next’s goal is to work together and package their egg so well, that when dropped from a high height, the egg won’t crack.

Use whatever materials you want, but limit the Gen Next on how much they get (e.g. only ½ meter tape, 5 straws and 20 pieces of toilet paper)

Drop the eggs from various heights, (e.g. Portable railings, Spes Bona back porch Richardson Deck)





Activity: *Spaghetti Marshmallows Towers*

Supplies:

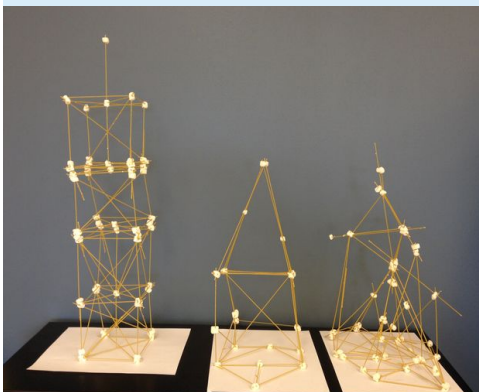
- Uncooked spaghetti
- Marshmallows

Directions:

(can be done altogether or in groups. (e.g. leaders vs. participants))

1. Stick spaghetti in marshmallow and repeat until you have constructed a tower

To make it more difficult, have one member be blindfolded, one have their hands tied in front of them and another who can only use their thumbs.



Discussion: *Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Questions:

- 1.) Imagine you are a disciple in that boat. The wind is howling and the rain is coming down in sheets. How would you be feeling?
- 2.) Where do you think the storm came from? Where did it go?
- 3.) Why do you think Jesus fell asleep on the boat and remained asleep during a violent storm?
- 4.) Do you think the Disciples were ever in danger?
- 5.) Are there storms that we enter that never seem to end, or look like they are going end badly? How can we live in the midst of that?
- 6.) Discuss some times that maybe looked like they were going to end badly, but ended up turning out better than you expected.

Reminders:

Tomorrow is Variety Night so make sure to practice your skit today and tomorrow so the Gen Next really know it well. Perhaps write a story or have a skit. Try and be creative and original!

Discussion: *The Tree of Life* (Daniel 4:10-12)

Upon my bed this is what I saw;
 there was a tree at the center of the earth,
 and its height was great.
 The tree grew great and strong,
 its top reached to heaven,
 and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth.
 Its foliage was beautiful,
 its fruit abundant,
 and it provided food for all.
 The animals of the field found shade under it,
 the birds of the air nested in its branches,
 and from it all living beings were fed.

Questions:

- 1.) What kind of tree do you think the tree in the story is?
- 2.) What do you think the tree represents?
- 3.) Why do you think it was chosen to represent this.

Re-write the verse together as group on some chart paper with something other than a tree. For example, center the verse around a flower, the sun, a cup of tea. Name your verse (e.g. "The Gospel according to Gen Next" or "The Tea of Life") Post the chart paper on the wall.

Reminders:

This afternoon is the Water Fight, so remind the Gen Next to come and drum up some excitement for it.

Tonight is Variety Night; so don't forget to practice your skit before you head down. Bring your clipboard with you and sign the Gen Next out there!

Tomorrow is Beach Day so remind the Gen Next to bring all beach attire (swimsuit, hat, water, sunscreen, towel, change of clothes, deck of cards and whatever else they might want!)

**Activity:** *Dance Decorations*

The Gen Next are going to help make some super cool dance decorations for the dance happening tomorrow!

Make sure the decorations have something to do with the theme. (You make palm trees for the beach theme, make animal masks for the jungle theme or draw rulers, calculators, basketballs, etc. for the mathletes and athletes dance)



**Craft:** Tie Dye**Supplies:**

- Dye
- Water
- Salt
- White shirts, cloths, pillowcases, head bands, etc.
- Elastic Bands
- Buckets

Directions:

1. Tie elastics where you would like on the shirt/cloth.
2. Have Gen Next dip into dye of their choice
3. Leave to dry while you are at the beach
4. Let youth pick up shirts at the dance or leave them on portable railing to dry

**Discussion:** *Living Water (John 4: 3-14)*

Jesus left Judea and started back to Galilee, but he had to go through Samaria to get there. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become a spring of water in them, gushing up to eternal life."

Questions:

- 1.) Why do you think this woman was at the well during the middle of the day? Usually the women went to go get water in the morning, when it was cooler out.
- 2.) What do you think "living water" means?
- 3.) How is it different from regular water?

(discuss different things that may not be "living" but that are alive. (E.g. music, dancing, wind, weather, etc.))

Activity Suggestion: *Beach Day*

Today you are taking your group down to the beach. Co-ordinate with other leaders as when is a good time to go down. Bring craft items with you as well as water related game items. You can also play Capture the flag on the field down by the beach.

Reminders: Tonight is the Dance, so encourage the Gen Next to come! (Don't let them forget to pick up their tie dye)



Food in the
Bible
Week 2



Summer 2015

0-4 Overview

Pool Day:

Every Wednesday, the 0-4s have Pool Day. This requires you to set up the 0-4 Pool and slip and slide with warmish water. A good place to have Pool Day is on the lawn in front of Richardson Lodge. If you need any help setting Pool Day up, the Leadership Team is more than happy to help!

Worship Art:

During the week you can work with the 0-4s on some art to decorate the altar at the Friday afternoon closing Eucharist. This art can be whatever you would like it to be, but if you are struggling for ideas, use the theme of the week for the children's program to get you started.

Campfire: Monday Night

You won't be taking the 0-4s down to campfire with you like the rest of the program groups, so just play games and have play time like usual until their parent's pick them up.

Adventure!:

"Adventure" is time to take the 0-4s on a walk. Go exploring, say hello to staff and guests, and just get outside for a little bit. Feel free to use the wagons in the outdoor space for adventure time.

Variety Night: Thursday Night

0-4s usually sing a song as the first presentation at Variety Night. Make sure you start singing the song with them during the beginning of the week, so they know it well by the end.

0-4 SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in |
| 10:00 am | Games | Games | Games | Games | Games |
| 10:15 am | Story Time | Story Time | Story Time | Story Time | Story Time |
| 10:30 am | Adventure! | Adventure! | Adventure! | Adventure! | Adventure! |
| 10:45 am | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack |
| 11:00 am | Craft | Craft | Craft | Craft | Craft |
| 11:15 am | | | | | |
| 11:30 am | Play Time | Play Time | Water Day! | Play Time | Play Time |
| 11:45 am | | | | | |
| 12:00 pm | | | | | |
| 12:15 pm | Outdoor Game | Variety Night Prep | | Worship Art | Songs/Colouring |
| 12:30pm | Play Time | Play Time | Play Time | Play Time | Play Time |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch |
| | | | | | |
| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | |
| 7:30 pm | Play Time | Play Time | Worship Art | Variety Night Prep | |
| 7:45 pm | Story Time | | Play Time | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | |
| 8:00 pm | Sign Out | Variety Night Prep | Variety Night Prep | Sign Out | |
| 8:15 pm | | Worship Art | Variety Night Prep | | |
| 8:30pm | | Sign Out | Sign Out | | |



Craft: Bird Ornaments

Supplies:

- Finger paint or markers
- Feathers and glue
- String
- Hole Punch
- Scissors
- Paper with bird image on it

Directions:

1. Give each child a piece of paper with the bird outlines on it
2. Have them decorate their birds however they want with paint, markers, crayons, and/or feathers
3. Set aside to dry
4. Once dry, cut out the bird shapes, hole punch a hole at the top of the bird and attach a string, and voila! Ornaments!



Discussion: Genesis 1:29-31

(Read from the SPARK Bible, pages 4-5)

I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat. And I have given the green plants as food for everything else that breathes. These will be food for animals, both wild and tame, and for birds. God looked at what he had done. All of it was very good! Evening came and then morning—that was the sixth day.

Question:

- 1.) What kinds of food do you like to eat?
- 2.) Do you ever see food growing?
- 3.) Do you have a pet?
- 4.) Have you ever given your pet food?
- 5.) What kinds of food does your pet like to eat?

Activity Suggestion: *Going on a Nature Walk to look at the plants*

Song Suggestion: *Pat-a-cake Pat-a-cake*

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,
 Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
 Roll it, and prick it, and mark it with a "B" (you can use the letter of a Child's name)
 And put it in the oven for Baby and me!
 Patty cake, patty cake, baker's man.
 Bake me a cake as fast as you can;
 Roll it up, roll it up; And throw it in a pan!
 Patty cake, patty cake, baker's man.

Reminder:

Tonight is Campfire, so have the 0-4s' parents pick them up before heading down to Camp fire.

Discussion: *Genesis 2:15-16*

(Read from the SPARK Bible, pages 8-9)

God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden."

Questions:

- 1.) Have you ever been to a farm?
- 2.) Have you ever grown food or plants?
- 3.) Do your mums or dads grow food or plants?
- 4.) What kind of food or plants?

Activity Suggestion: Chicken Tag

Everyone plays tag as if they are a chicken. Once you get tagged you become an egg and wait as an egg until someone frees you, and you become a chicken again.

Song Suggestion: *E-A-R-T-H (to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O")*

There is a planet we call home

And "Earth" is its name.

E-A-R-T-H

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And "Earth" is its name.

We must all work to care for it,

To keep it safe and clean

C-L-E-A-N

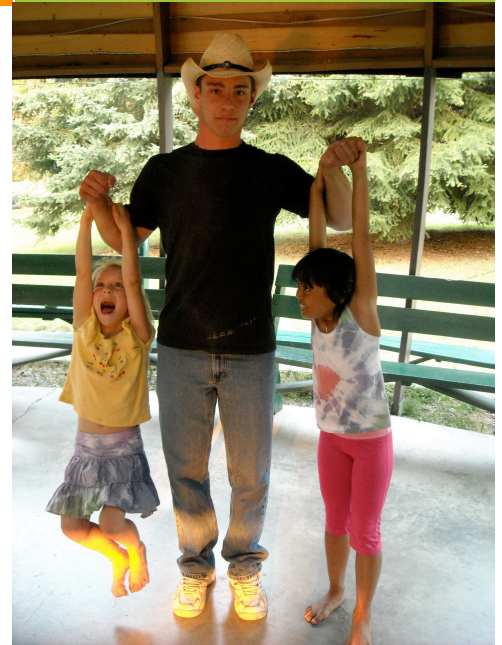
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There is a planet we call home.

Reminder:

Pool Day is tomorrow so make sure the parents know; also make sure to remind the parents to bring water clothes, bathing suit, diaper (if needed), sunscreen, hats, etc.



Craft: *Coffee Filter Flowers*

Supplies:

- Coffee Filters
- Markers
- Water Spray Bottle full of Water
- Green paper for stems
- Paper

Directions:

1. Give each child a few coffee filters and let them colour on them with markers
2. Once they are done, lightly spray the coffee filter with water and let them dry
3. While they are drying, cut out stems from the green paper and place on the piece of white paper
4. When the filters are dry, glue them above the stems





Craft: *Coloring Pictures of fish*

Supplies:

- Colouring Pictures
- Markers or crayons

Directions:

1. Give the children a colouring picture and some markers or crayons and let them colour

Reminders:

Today is Pool Day! Make sure when parents drop off their kids that their child has everything they need for the day with them (swimsuit, change of clothes, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, diaper (if needed)).

Discussion: *Five Loaves and Two Fishes (John 6:1-14)*

(Read from the SPARK Bible, pages 426-431)

Jesus was rowing his boat and when he reached the land, thousands of people were there waiting for him. When it began getting late Jesus' friends got worried because there was no place for all of the people to have dinner. They told Jesus that they must send the people away so that they would have enough food to eat. Then Andrew said to Jesus, "There is a man here who has five loaves of bread and two fish, but what are these for so many people?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Jesus then took the five loaves and the two fish and, looking up toward heaven he blessed the food. He broke the loaves and kept giving them to his friends to hand out to the people. He also divided up the two fish among them all and they ate as much as they wanted. When they were full, Jesus said to his friends, "Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing will be lost." So they gathered up the leftovers and filled twelve baskets. There were about 5000 people who ate and there was enough food for everybody.

Questions:

- 1.) Have you ever shared something with a friend?
- 2.) Has someone shared something with you?
- 3.) Have you ever shared your food?

Activity Suggestion: *Pool Day!*

There are lots of water games that can be played with the children. Refer to page 17 of the *Games, Songs and Skit List* for ideas.

Song Suggestion: *Penny Song*

Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many
They'll roll all over the floor.

For love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

Discussion: *Mustard Seed Parable (Mathew 13: 31-32)*

(Read from the SPARK Bible, pages 292-293)

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.

Questions:

- 1.) Have you ever seen a seed?
- 2.) Have you planted a seed?
- 3.) Have you seen a seed grow into something big?

Activity Suggestion: *Grow Seed Grow!*

Have each kid be a seed in the ground, all curled up on the floor. The leader comes along and pretends to pour water on each of the kids saying "Grow (their name) grow!" and then the grow from a seed into a plant and they have to tell the rest of the group what kind of plant they are.

Song Suggestion: *Johnny Appleseed*

Oh God is good to me,
And so I thank our God,
For giving me the things I need,
The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed,
God is good to me,
Johnny Appleseed, Amen.

Reminders:

Variety night is tonight! Bring the clipboard to Variety Night, and sign the youth out there.
Water Fight is this afternoon, so remind parent when they come to pick youth up.



Craft: *Glue Leaves on Paper and Draw*

Supplies:

- Paper
- Glue
- Leaves
- Markers, crayons, etc.

Directions:

1. Take the kids outside and collect some leaves for their pictures
2. Make sure everyone has a few leaves each
3. Glue the leaves onto the pieces of paper
4. Let the kids draw around/on them as they choose



5-9 SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in |
| 10:00 am | Ice Breakers | Games | Games | Games | Craft/Discussion / Snack |
| 10:15 am | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | |
| 10:30 am | | | | | |
| 10:45 am | Quiet Games | Drama Games | Games | Quiet Games | |
| 11:00 am | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack | Beach Day |
| 11:15 am | Craft | Craft | Craft | Craft | |
| 11:30 am | | | | | |
| 11:45 am | | Worship Prep | Worship Prep | Park Time! (Activity at the Park) | |
| 12:00 pm | Activity | Activity | Activity | | |
| 12:15 pm | | Variety Night Prep | | Variety Night Prep | |
| 12:30pm | Games | Games | Variety Night Prep | Games | |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | |
| | | | | | |
| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | |
| 7:30 pm | Active Games | Wide Game with 10-13s | Drama Games | Variety Night Prep | |
| 7:45 pm | Story Time | | Worship Prep | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | |
| 8:00 pm | Campfire @ 8:00 pm | | Variety Night Prep | | Sign Out There |
| 8:15 pm | Sign Out There | Worship Prep | | | |
| 8:30pm | | Sign Out | Sign Out | | |



Craft: *Teddy Bear Masks*

Supplies:

- Cut out teddy-bear mask template for each child
- Markers or crayons
- String
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Give each child a teddy bear mask and let them decorate it
2. When they are done, tie some string/tape some string into the mask so that it will fit on their head

Discussion: *The Last Supper* (Mathew 26: 26-30)

(Read from the SPARK Bible, pages 462-465)

During dinner Jesus took some bread in his hands. He blessed the bread and broke it in half. Then he gave it to his friends and said, “Take this and eat it. This is my body.” Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He then gave it to his friends and said, “Take this and drink it. This is my blood, given for you. I do this so that many people will be forgiven. Do this to remember me.”

Questions:

- 1.) Have you ever said that you were sorry?
- 2.) Did someone say “I’m sorry” to you?

God forgives us because God loves us so much!

Activity Suggestion:

Today, try to take the group out for their own little picnic. Bring the snack onto the lawn and all sit together then try to play some simple circle parachute games with the small parachute.

Song Suggestion: *The Teddy Bear’s Picnic*

If you go down to the woods today
 You're sure of a big surprise.
 If you go down to the woods today
 You'd better go in disguise.
 For every bear that ever there was
 Will gather there for certain, because
 Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.



Craft: *Make your own puzzle*

Supplies:

- Puzzle Pieces
- Markers, pencil crayons, etc.

Directions:

1. Have the youth colour or design their puzzle piece(s). Make sure they design the front side.
2. Make sure all pieces are being used and designed
3. Work with the 10-13s group to put the puzzle together

Discussion: *Genesis 1:29-31*

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder what part of the story you liked the best?
- 2.) I wonder what part of the story you liked the least?
- 3.) How does God show his love for us in the story?
- 4.) What kind of things does God provide us with?
- 5.) What’s your favourite food to eat?
- 6.) How can we say thank you for the things God gives us?

Activity Suggestion: *Who am I – “Food Edition”*

This game is simple and only requires pens, paper and tape. Have each player get a partner and write the name of a food. (something well known) on the piece of paper. Then, have everyone place that food on the back of their partner. Everyone will then go around asking yes or no questions to try and figure out the food on their back.

Song Suggestion: *“Who Am I/Kumbaya”*

(Refer to page 50 of the *Games, Songs, and Skits List*)

Reminders: Campfire is tonight! Start taking the kids down to the beach around 8:00pm and have the parents sign the youth out there.

Discussion: *Genesis 9:11-13*

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Questions:

- 1.) Have you ever seen a rainbow before? It's God's way of saying that all storms will pass eventually.
- 2.) I wonder how God cares for the earth?
- 3.) I wonder what a promise from God means?
- 4.) I wonder how we care for the earth?

God is giving us his word that he won't destroy the earth for every generation to come. However, we also have to take care of the earth if we want it to survive for generations to come.

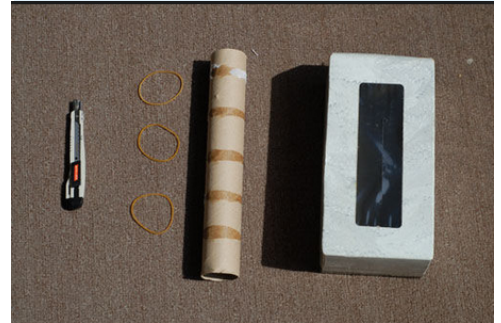
Activity Suggestion: *Musical Chairs*

Put chairs in a circle facing out. Include enough chairs for everyone in your group for the first round. As soon as the music starts playing, the group walks around the chairs. As soon as the music stops, everyone must find a chair to sit on. After the first round is over, take one chair out. Start the music again and have the group walk around the chairs. When the music stops, everyone must find a chair again; there will be one person who will not have a chair. The person who does not have a chair is out. Each round you take one chair away until there is only 1 chair and two people. The winner is the first one to sit on the last chair.

Song Suggestion: *"My God is so Big"*
(Refer to page 5 of *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: The 5-9s are helping with worship on Thursday morning, so start coming up with ideas with the group (skits, or songs are a great choice).

Variety Night is on Thursday so start thinking of group skits and practicing them before Thursday.

**Craft:** *Music Boxes*

Today we are helping the earth by using recycled materials to make music boxes!

Supplies:

- Empty tissue box
- 2 toilet paper rolls
- 3 elastics (different thicknesses)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paint
- Stamps
- Glitter
- Paint brushes

Directions:

1. Decorate the Kleenex boxes with paint, glitter, stamps, etc.
2. Glue two toilet paper rolls together
3. Cut flaps at one end of the toilet paper rolls to tape onto the Kleenex box
4. Put elastic bands over the Kleenex box horizontally
5. Enjoy!



Craft: Water Bottle Fish

Supplies:

- Water Bottle
- Scissors
- Tape
- Tissue paper
- Hot Glue Gun
- Construction Paper
- Large Google Eye

Directions:

1. Take the lid off an empty water bottle and squish the bottle flat from the middle of the bottle all the way to the bottom.
2. Cut the bottom of the bottle to create a fin.
3. Decorate your fish

Reminders:

The 5-9s are helping with Worship tomorrow morning, so make sure you remind the youth and the parents when they come to pick their kids up.

Discussion: *Five Loaves and Two Fishes* (John 6:1-14)

Some time later, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder who you feel like in this story?
- 2.) I wonder where you see God in this story?
- 3.) How do you think the 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed everyone?

Song Suggestion: *Penguins Going to Sea*

(Refer to page 36 of the *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Activity Suggestion: *The Fish of the Shuswap*

Everyone sits in a circle on chair except for one person in the middle. Give each person the name of one of three fishes (salmon, trout, goldfish, etc.). Also make sure to give the person in the middle a fish as well. The person in the middle then calls out the name of one or two fishes. Everyone who is that fish has to get up and change seats while the person in the middle also tries to find a seat. The person who doesn’t find a seat then becomes the person in the middle and the game continues. The person in the middle can also yell out, “TIDAL WAVE,” and everyone has to get up and change seats.

Discussion: *The Parable of the Mustard Seed* (Mathew 13: 31-32)

He spoke of another parable, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder who you are in this story?
- 2.) I wonder what kinds of things God values that may be pretty small?
- 3.) I wonder where else you see the kingdom of heaven?

Activity Suggestion: *Leaderphobia*

One Leader hides and comes up with an irrational fear while the other leader takes the children to find the hiding leader. Once the leader is found, the children have to try and coax the leader with a phobia back to the portables. The kids have to get creative and think of ways of getting back to the portables without touching the leader. Examples of phobias include: the sky, trees, the colour yellow, boys, running shoes, the ground, etc.

Song Suggestion: *"Leanin' on the Lord's Side"*

(Refer to page 50 of the *Games, Songs, and Skits List*)

Reminders: This afternoon is the Water Fight, so remind kids to come and drum up some excitement for it.

Tonight is Variety Night; so don't forget to practice your skit before you head down. Bring your clipboard with you and sign the youth out there!

Tomorrow is Beach Day so remind kids to bring all beach attire (swimsuit, hat, water, sunscreen, towel, change of clothes and whatever else they might want!)

Tomorrow we are doing tie dye, so make sure the youth bring something to Tie dye tomorrow!

**Craft:** *Mystery Seed***Supplies:**

- Collage
- Paint
- Mystery Seed
- Paint brushes
- Other items to decorate paper with

Directions:

1. Distribute seeds and paper to youth
2. Glue seeds to paper
3. Draw whatever you think will grow from that seed (a sunflower, a zebra, a house etc.)



**Craft: Tie Dye****Supplies:**

- Dye
- Water
- Salt
- White shirts, cloths, pillowcases, head bands, etc.
- Elastic Bands
- Buckets

Directions:

1. Tie elastics where you would like on the shirt/cloth.
2. Help youth dip into dye of their choice
3. Leave to dry while you are at the beach
4. Let youth pick up shirts at the dance or leave them on portable railing to dry

Youth may also make friendship bracelets today

**Discussion:** *The Last Supper (Mathew 26: 26-30)*

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Questions:

- 1.) Do you and your family sit down for dinner together? Christmas dinner? Thanksgiving?
- 2.) Have you ever had a meal at a friend's house?
- 3.) What kind of food do you eat at these meals?
- 4.) What kind of food does Jesus offer his friends?
- 5.) How is it similar to the food we eat everyday?

Activity Suggestion: *Beach Day*

Today you are taking your group down to the beach. Co-ordinate with other leaders as when is a good time to go down. Bring craft items with you as well as water related game items. You can also play Capture the flag on the field down by the beach.

Song Suggestion: *"Smelly Socks"*

(Refer to page 42 of *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: Tonight is the Dance, so encourage youth to come! (Don't let them forget to pick up their tie dye)

10-13 SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in |
| 10:00 am | Ice Breakers | Craft | Games | Games | Craft |
| 10:15 am | Discussion | | Drive to the Farm | Discussion | |
| 10:30 am | | | | | |
| 10:45 am | Drama Games | Farm Tour | Snack | Quiet Games | Snack/ Discussion |
| 11:00 am | Snack | | Craft | Snack | Beach Day |
| 11:15 am | Craft | | | Discussion | |
| 11:30 am | | | Drive back from Farm | | |
| 11:45 am | | | | | |
| 12:00 pm | Team Building Games | Activity | Activity | Variety Night Prep | |
| 12:15 pm | Activity | | Worship Prep | Variety Night Prep | <i>Ultimate</i> Ultimate Frisbee with Gen Next |
| 12:30pm | Worship Prep | | | | |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch |
| | | | | | |
| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | |
| 7:30 pm | Active Games | Wide Game with 5-9s | Variety Night Prep | Variety Night Prep | |
| 7:45 pm | Worship Prep | | Wide Game with Gen Next | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | |
| 8:00 pm | Campfire @ 8:00 pm | | | | Drama Games |
| 8:15 pm | | Worship Prep | | | |
| 8:30pm | Sign Out There | Sign Out | Sign Out | | |



Discussion: *Genesis 1:29-31*

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder what part of the story you liked the best?
- 2.) I wonder what part of the story you liked the least?
- 3.) How does God show his love for us in the story?
- 4.) What kind of things does God give us?
- 5.) How can we say thank you for the things God gives us?

Craft: *Make your own Puzzle*

Supplies:

- Puzzle Pieces
- Markers, pencil crayons, etc.

Directions:

1. Have the youth colour or design their puzzle piece(s). Make sure they design the front side.
2. Make sure all pieces are being used and designed
3. Work with the 5-9 group to put the puzzle together



Activity Suggestion: *Evolution*

This game is based on the main idea of rock, paper, scissors. Everyone starts as eggs, crouched down. Find a partner to play a round of rock, paper, and scissors with. Whoever wins evolves into a chicken. The other person stays as an egg. Then more rounds are played. If the chicken wins again, then they become an eagle, and then a firebird. However, if they lose a round, then they go backwards. The game ends when someone reaches firebird. This game can be adapted to different themes and the animals changed to become as silly as you want them to be.

Song Suggestion: *The Bear Song*

(Refer to pages 41-42 in the *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: Campfire is tonight! Start taking the kids down to the beach around 8:00pm and have the parents sign the youth out there. Remind them to wear long pants to evening programming incase it is cold out.

Discussion: 1 Peter 4:10-11

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder what being a "steward" means to you?
- 2.) I wonder what being a "steward of the earth" means to you?
- 3.) I wonder what caring for the earth looks like.
- 4.) I wonder what kind of gifts we have that we can share with others?
- 5.) I wonder what we can do to care for the earth.

Activity Suggestion: *Farm Trip*

Players sit in a circle and are assigned the names of vegetables. (i.e. asparagus, pepper, eggplant, etc.) The storyteller tells a story of a farm tour. As the player tells the story, the vegetables mentioned get up and follow him/her. When the storyteller yells "windstorm" each player scramblers for a seat. The one left out becomes the next storyteller.

Song Suggestion: *"Turkey Song"*

(Refer to page 50 of the *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders:

The 10-13s are helping with Worship tomorrow morning, so make sure you have what they need to do ready to go, and remind the youth before they leave about being at Worship tomorrow morning.

Today we are going to the farm, so make sure all the 10-13s have sunscreen, water, hats and closed toed shoes before they sign in.

**Craft:** *News Paper/Magazine Baskets***Supplies:**

- Magazines
- Hot Glue Gun
- Hard Surface to work on
- Liquid Glue (watered down)
- Paintbrush

Directions:

1. On a hard surface fold each page lengthwise 3-4 times, putting pressure on the creases to make them stay tighter
2. To begin, take one folded page and using the hot glue gun, place glue along part of one side, rolling the paper on top of itself; it should be a circle (Leave a small end free, so the next strip can be glued underneath it, to continue the circle)
3. Keep adding more pages in the same fashion for the bottom of a bowl.
4. To add depth to the bowl: Instead of gluing the strips directly on top of each other this time, you'll need to start gluing the strips 3/4 of the way up the previous strip to begin the wall
5. Cover entire bowl with glue



Craft: Wacky Clothes Pin Fish

Supplies:

- Clothes pins
- Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil crayons

Directions:

1. Carefully colour and cut out the larger and small desired
2. Glue the smaller fish or boat to the clothes pin
3. Cut the bigger fish down the mouth line and glue either side to the clothes pin
4. Open, close, and admire. Encourage the group to design their own as well!



Discussion: *Five Loaves and Two Fishes* (John 6:1-14)

Some time later, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" ⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder who you feel like in this story
- 2.) I wonder where you see God in this story
- 3.) How do you think the 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed everyone?

Activity Suggestion: *Fish Bowl with Gen next*

Arrange with the Gen Next group when a good time to play the game would be. Refer to pages 22-23 of the *Games, Songs and Skits List*.

Song Suggestion: "Bazooka Bubble Gum"

(Refer to page 32 in the *Games, Songs and Skit List*)

Reminders:

Tomorrow is Variety Night so make sure to practice your skit today and tomorrow so the 10-13s really know it well.

Discussion: *The Parable of the Mustard Seed* (Mathew 13: 31-32)

He spoke of another parable, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder who you are in this story
- 2.) What other small things grow to be very large?
- 3.) I wonder what kinds of things God values that may be pretty small
- 4.) If the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, what else is the kingdom of heaven like? Your favorite food maybe? What do you think?
- 5.) I wonder where else you see the kingdom of heaven?

Write with the group your own Mustard Seed Parable. For example: "The kingdom of heaven is like a chocolate cake. It is made up of ingredients that taste much better together than they would apart. Once it is ready, you can cut up the chocolate cake into as many slices as you want and share it with everyone."

Activity Suggestion: *Tarp Game*

Layout a tarp on the ground and have all team members stand on it. The smaller the tarp the more challenging the exercise! No Tarp? Use taped together newspaper sheets - the fragile paper makes the challenge even more interesting!. While standing on top of a completely open tarp, the group must create a plan to get everyone on the opposite side of the tarp without anyone stepping off. The size of the tarp should be defined by the number of individuals in the group.

Song Suggestion: "3 chocolate éclairs"

Refer to page 49 in *Games, Songs and Skits List*

Reminders: This afternoon is the Water Fight, so remind kids to come and drum up some excitement for it.

Tonight is Variety Night; so don't forget to practice your skit before you head down. Bring your clipboard with you and sign the youth out there!

Tomorrow is Beach Day so remind kids to bring all beach attire (swimsuit, hat, water, sunscreen, towel, change of clothes and whatever else they might want!)

**Craft:** *Kingdom of God Treasure Map***Supplies:**

- 11x17 paper
- Pencils and pencil crayons
- Paint
- Any materials for collage

Directions:

1. Have the youth begin drawing out their map.
2. Crumple up piece of paper
3. Flatten out with books around the edges
4. Make interesting cuts around the edges

What you may want to include in the map:

- a trail to the "treasure"
- various obstacles (e.g. Monsters, moats, mountain ranges, deserts, rivers, etc.)
- Geographical sights (e.g. islands, peninsulas, caves, lakes, etc.)
- Names of the different obstacles (e.g. The Dragon of Danger or the Lightning Mountains of Luke)
- Clues on how to get to the "treasure"

**Craft:** *Tie Dye***Supplies:**

- Dye
- Water
- Salt
- White shirts, cloths, pillowcases, head bands, etc.
- Elastic Bands
- Buckets

Directions:

1. Tie elastics where you would like on the shirt/cloth.
2. Help youth dip into dye of their choice
3. Leave to dry while you are at the beach
4. Let youth pick up shirts at the dance or leave them on portable railing to dry

You may also make friendship bracelets**Discussion:** *The Last Supper (Mathew 26: 26-30)*

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Questions:

- 1.) Do you and your family sit down for dinner together? Christmas dinner? Thanksgiving?
- 2.) Why do you think it might be important to share a meal with your family or friends?
- 3.) What kind of food is Jesus offering his friends?
- 4.) How is this different or similar to the food we eat everyday?

Activity Suggestion: *Beach Day*

Today you are taking your group down to the beach. Co-ordinate with other leaders as when is a good time to go down. Bring craft items with you as well as water related game items. You can also play Capture the flag on the field down by the beach.

Song Suggestion: *"I am a Sheep, Ba, Ba"*

(Refer to pages 48-49 of the *Games, Songs and Skits List*)

Reminders: Tonight is the Dance, so encourage youth to come! (Don't let them forget to pick up their tie dye)

Gen Next SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 9:45 am | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in | Sign in |
| 10:00 am | Ice Breakers | Variety Night Prep | Card Games | Games | Discussion |
| 10:15 am | Discussion | | Drive to the Farm | Discussion | Discussion |
| 10:30 am | | | | | |
| 10:45 am | Snack | Farm Tour | Snack | Dance Decorations | Snack |
| 11:00 am | Project | | Engineering Activity | Project | Beach Day |
| 11:15 am | | | | | |
| 11:30 am | | | | | |
| 11:45 am | | | Drive back from Farm | Variety Night Prep | |
| 12:00 pm | Worship Prep | Engineering Activity | Variety Night Prep | <i>Ultimate</i> Ultimate Frisbee with 10-13s | |
| 12:15 pm | | | Games | | |
| 12:30pm | Team Building Games | | | | |
| 12:45 pm | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch | Sign Out/ Lunch |
| 6:45 pm | Prep Craft/Game | Set up for Public Lecture | Prep Craft/Game | Prep Craft/Game | |
| 7:15 pm | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | Sign In | |
| 7:30 pm | Worship Prep | Ice Cream Trip | Variety Night Prep | Variety Night Prep | |
| 7:45 pm | | | Wide Game with 10-13s | Variety Night @ 7:40 pm | Sign Out There |
| 8:00 pm | Campfire @ 8:00 pm | | | | |
| 8:15 pm | Sign Out There | Card Games | Games | | |
| 8:30pm | | Sign Out | Sign Out | | |

**Project:**

This year the Gen Next will be beautifying the Beach Trail. We are going to be raking, snipping, planting a rock garden and making the beach trail a much better and prettier place

**Discussion:** *Genesis 1:29-31*

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Questions:

- 1.) What part of the story you liked the best?
- 2.) How does God show his love for you?
- 3.) What kind of things does God give you?
- 4.) How do you say thanks for all the gifts given?

Activity Suggestion: *Team Building Games*

(See pages 29- 30 in *Games, Songs and Skit List*)

Reminders:

The Gen Next is helping with Worship tomorrow morning. Make sure you have communicated with the Leadership Team or Worship Leaders about what you are doing.

Tomorrow you are going to the farm, so make sure everyone has a sign permission form for tomorrow.

Tomorrow is also Ice Cream in the evening for Gen Next. Make sure they have around \$5.00 and their signed permission form for tomorrow.

Discussion: *1 Peter 4:10-11*

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength, which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Questions:

- 1.) What does being a “steward” mean to you?
- 2.) I wonder what being a “steward of the earth” means to you?
- 3.) What does caring for the earth look like to you?
- 4.) What are some of your special gifts? How will you share them with the world?
- 5.) I wonder what we can do to care for the earth.

God wants us to care for the earth like we are renting it. We can use it, love it, but also return it as we found it, so the next person can do so

Reminders:

Today we are going to the farm, so make sure all the Gen Next have sunscreen, water, hats and closed toed shoes before they sign in.

Tonight is the Ice cream trip into town. Make sure everyone has permission forms and about \$5.00. While you are out, perhaps come up with an idea for variety night.

**Activity:** *Rube Goldberg***Supplies**

- Raw eggs
- Cardboard
- Tape
- Toilet paper
- Egg cartons
- String
- Straws
- Plastic grocery bags
- Other miscellaneous items

Directions:

The objective of this rube goldberg is to transport an egg from one destination to another safely.

Have group use items above to create a machine to transport the egg from point A to point B safely.



Activity: Building Bridges

Supplies:

- Popsicle sticks (various widths)
- White glue
- Construction paper
- Markers and paint

Directions:

1. Place 2 tables about 1 ½ feet apart
2. Use the white glue to stick the popsicle sticks together (any design you want)
3. Name your bridge
4. Make sure your bridge is dry before testing them
5. Place various weights on the bridge to test them
6. The last bridge to break is the winner!



Discussion: *Five Loaves and Two Fishes* (John 6:1-14)

Some time later, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Questions:

- 1.) Who you feel like in this story
- 2.) How do you think the 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed everyone?
- 3.) Where do you see God in this story?
- 4.) How do you think Jesus was testing Phillip?
- 5.) Why is sharing important?
- 6.) When was a time when you shared something of yours?
- 7.) When was a time someone shared something with you?

Reminders:

Tomorrow is Variety Night so make sure to practice your skit today and tomorrow so the Gen Next really know it well. Perhaps write a story or have a skit.

Discussion: *The Parable of the Mustard Seed* (Mathew 13: 31-32)

He spoke of another parable, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Questions:

- 1.) I wonder who you are in this story
- 2.) How have you grown? From when you were a child, from last summer?
- 3.) What kinds of things does God values that may be pretty small?
- 4.) People say "It's the little things in life that matter" what do you think that means?
- 5.) If the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, what else is the kingdom of heaven like? Your favorite food maybe? What do you think?
- 6.) I wonder where else you see the kingdom of heaven?

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**Activity:** *Dance Decorations*

The Gen Next is going to help make some super cool dance decorations for the dance happening tomorrow!

Make sure the decorations have something to do with the theme. (You make palm trees for the beach theme, make animal masks for the jungle theme or draw rulers, calculators, basketballs, etc. for the math-elites and athletes dance)





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- 5.) How is it similar to the food we eat everyday?
- 6.) What makes eating dinner with family and friends special?
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Stencils and Lists for Program

Summer 2015

Scavenger Hunt List

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- Something soft
- Something hard
- Two leaves
- A flower
- Something green
- A stick

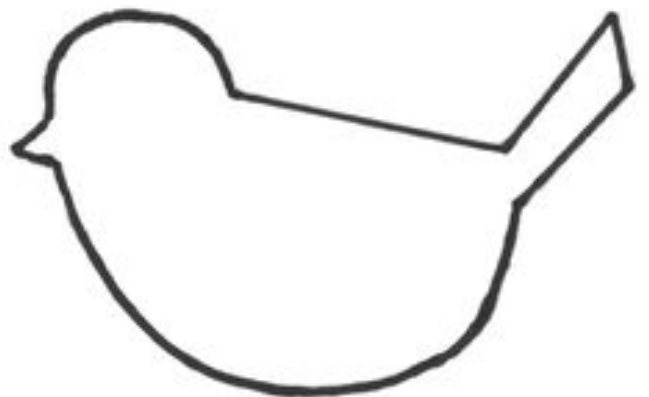
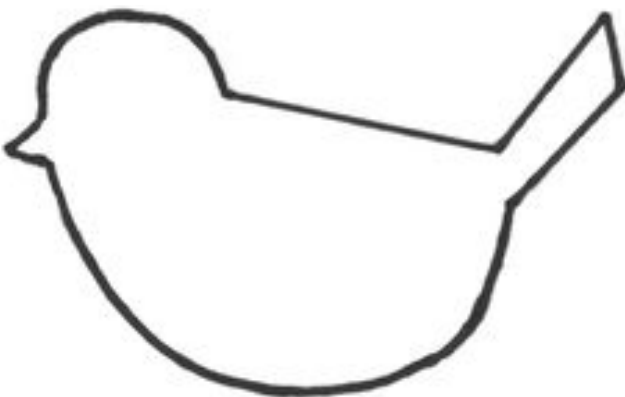
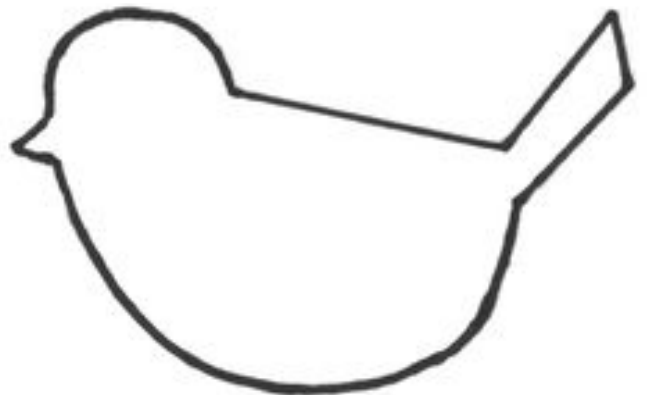
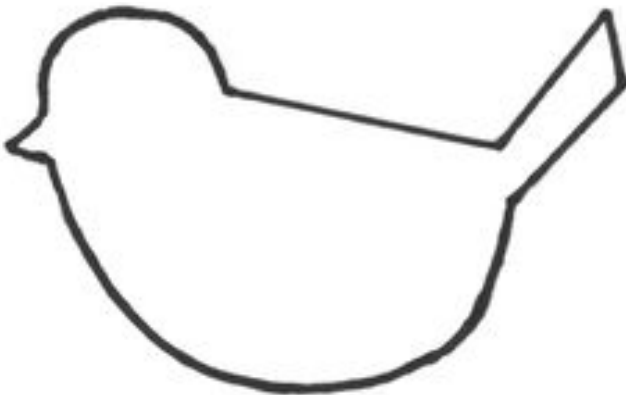
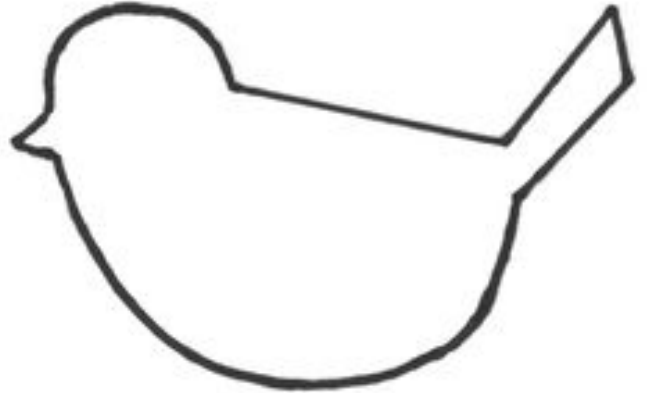
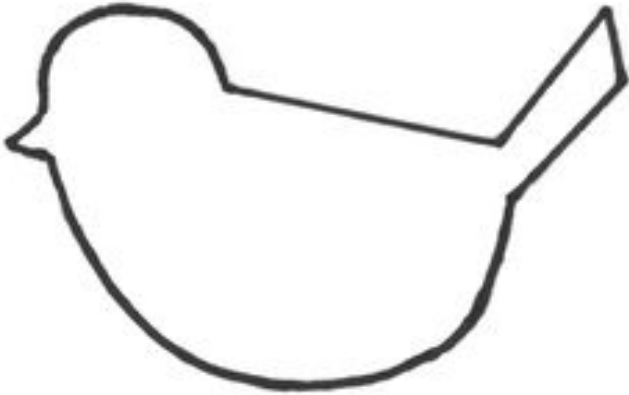
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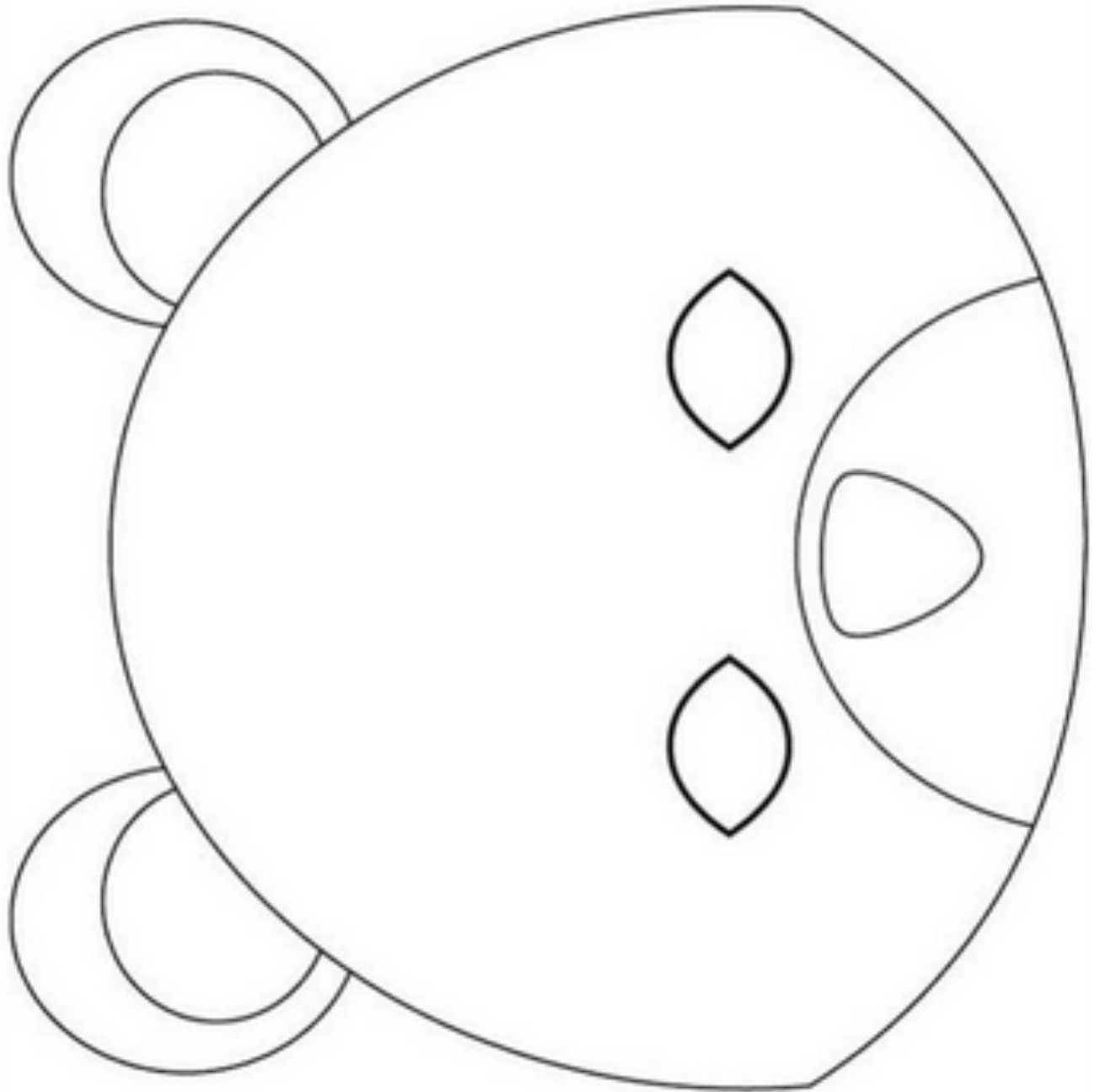
Scavenger Hunt List

- Two pieces of garbage
- A clover
- A small flower
- Something delicate
- 3 different kinds of grass
- A gnarly stick
- An oddly shaped stick
- A mystery Item
- A leaf not attached to any tree

Week 2 – 0-4s – Food in the Bible – Monday - Food is God’s Love



Week 2 – 0-4s – Food in the Bible– Friday – The Last Picnic



Week 2 - 10-13s - Food in the Bible - Wednesday - Five Loaves and 2 Fishes

