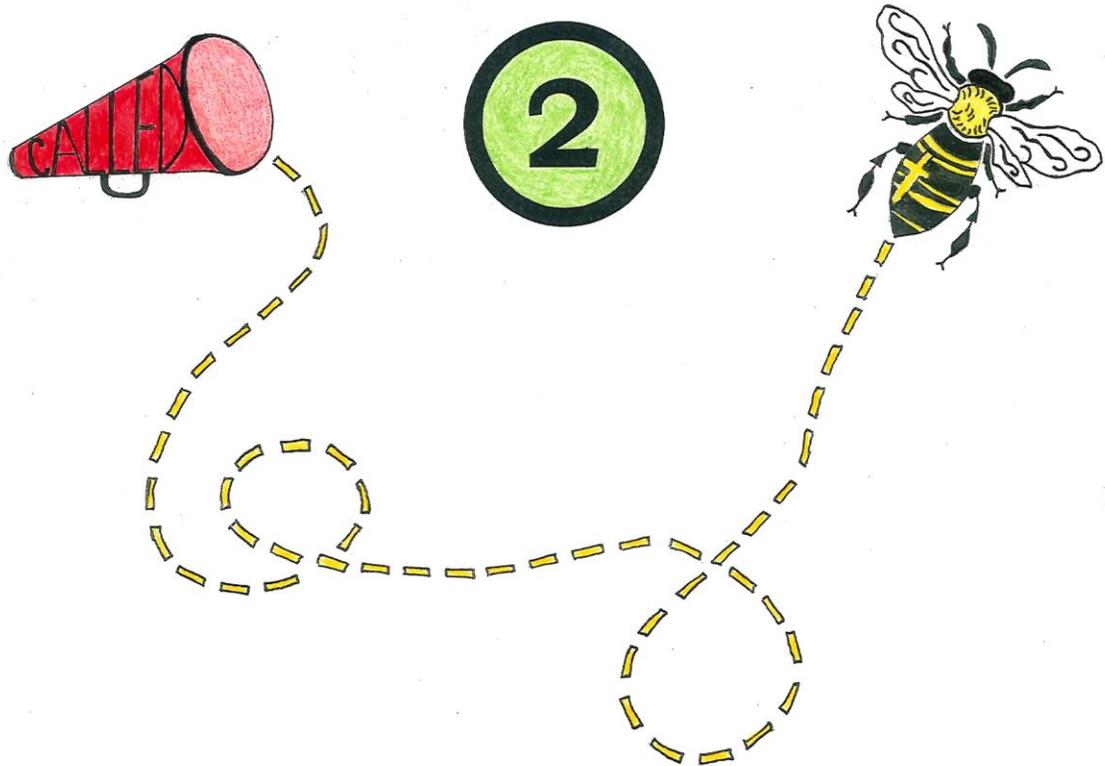


Called To Be

"And he believed the Lord, and He counted it
to him as righteousness."

Genesis 15:6



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Vacation Bible School 2020

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Day 1 Schedule

The Calling of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-8

- + Watch Skit - Online Link
- + YouTube Song - Link in E-mail
- + Watch Bible Reading (David Coulson)
- + Pause for Craft -
 - Walking Stick (Instructions p.4)
- + Snack - Sugar Cookie Sandal (Instructions p.5)
- + Story Retelling with Miss Carol
- + Theme Song
- + Recap with Mr. David
- + Video Surprise



You are called to be ... A FOLLOWER of GOD!

Family Walking Stick

Included in your VBS Kit is a walking stick (one per family). Every day this week you and your family will add a symbol or wording to the walking stick to remember the day's activities. The walking stick will be a reminder of God's love for you and your walk with Him, just as we witness God's love for Abraham and Abraham's walk with the Lord throughout this week.

Our hope is that in the future every opportunity you have to use this walking stick or see it around your house you will be reminded of this week and God's promises fulfilled.

You are placing your last name on the walking stick today because, this is your family's walking stick. You will be taking it with you on your faith journey through VBS this week.

Joshua 24:15 says, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

We are followers of God.

Day 1 Instructions:

1. Open and assemble your family walking stick.
2. Use the provided paint pen to write your families last name on the circular head of the walking stick. Save the rest of the stick to decorate in the next 4 days.



Snack Day 1

Sugar Cookie Sandal

1. Use the Day 1 Snack Pack to construct your sugar cookie sandal.
2. Use additional sprinkle, etc. you may have at home if desired.

*The tub of frosting will be used for this day and also day 3.

While constructing your snack ask and answer these questions.

1. How would you feel if you moved to a new house or city you had never been to before?
2. What are some ways God has blessed you even in a difficult time?
3. How can we show God we are thankful for our blessings?
4. Do you have any favorite VBS memories from past years?

*You may wish to say a family prayer of thanks for all your blessings before eating your snack.



Day 2 Schedule

God's Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 15:1-6

- + Watch Skit - Online Link
- + YouTube Song - Link in E-mail
- + Watch Bible Reading (Steve Burke)
- + Pause for Craft Activities
 - Walking Stick (Instructions p.7)
 - Tissue Paper Stained Glass Star (Instructions p.8-9)
- + Snack - Star Cookie Cutter Fun (Instructions p.10)
- + Story Retelling with Miss Carol
- + Theme Song
- + Recap with Mr. David
- + Video Surprise



You are called to be... **GOD'S CHILD!**

Family Walking Stick Day 2

Today we will add the names of each member of the family to the walking stick. Just as God called Abram to follow Him, we are all called by name to follow God. We are God's Child.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." Isaiah 43:1-3a

Day 2 Instructions

1. Add the first (or first and middle name) of each member of the family on the first section of the walking stick right below the blue and orange grip.
2. If you have a lot of room left over in this section feel free to add more decoration. Please leave the other sections for coming days.



Day 2 Craft Instructions:

Tissue Paper Stained Glass Star

Supplies Needed:

- Day 2 Craft Kit
- Scissors
- Tape



1. Use the provided construction paper to cut out star outlines.
2. Peel the backing off of one piece of Contact Paper and place it sticky side up on your table. Tape the corners down so that it doesn't go sliding all over the place.
3. Place one of your star outlines on the Contact Paper. Try not to get too close to the edge, you'll need a little bit of an overlap.
4. Layer the tissue paper squares inside the star cut-out adhering them to the contact paper. Try to keep all of the tissue paper inside the star outlines.



5. When enough tissue paper is applied, fold the included piece of string in half and adhere it to the top star tip, may want to place a final piece of tissue paper over ends to hide them. Carefully place the second star cut-out on top of the first.



6. Peel the backing off the second piece of contact paper and place it over the top, smoothing out all wrinkles as you go. An adult may want to help with this step because it can get tricky.

7. Cut out your stars leaving a bit of Contact Paper around the edge so that it doesn't start unpeeling.

8. Hang your stained glass star in the window and let the sun shine through.



Snack Day 2

Star Cookie Cutter Fun

1. Use the provided cookie cutter to cut-out star shapes in sandwiches, rice krispies, fruit, etc. See how creative you can be!

While constructing your snack ask and answer these questions.

1. Have you ever been outside on a clear night and seen all the star that light up the sky? Talk about what that was like.
2. Would you be able to count the stars in the night sky?
3. Talk to your kids about what the words heir, offspring, descendant and covenant mean.
4. How does it make you feel to be a child of God?

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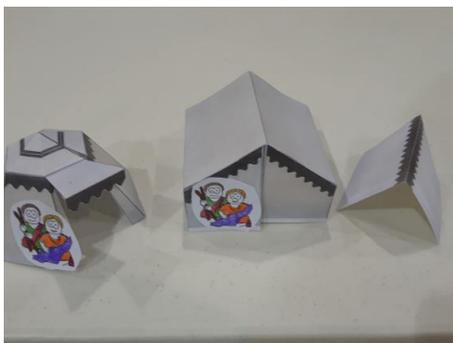


Day 3 Schedule

Sarah Laughs

Genesis 18:1-15

- + Watch Skit - Online Link
- + YouTube Song - Link in E-mail
- + Watch Bible Reading (Pastor Kari)
- + Pause for Craft Activities
 - Walking Stick (Instructions p.12)
 - Abraham and Sarah's Tent (Instructions p.13)
- + Snack - Graham Cracker Smiley Face (Instructions p.14)
- + Story Retelling with Miss Carol
- + Theme Song
- + Recap with Mr. David
- + Video Surprise



You are called to be ... TRUSTING of GOD'S PROMISES!

Family Walking Stick Day 3

Today we heard how God promised to bless Abraham and Sarah with a child. Today we will add each family member's **baptismal** birth date to the walking stick. Through baptism we become one of God's family and we are trusting of God's promises.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

Day 3 Instructions

1. Please add, with the provided paint pen, the baptismal birth dates of each member of the family on the middle section of the walking stick.
2. Decorate this sections remaining space if desired.
3. Save the remaining bottom section for tomorrow's addition.

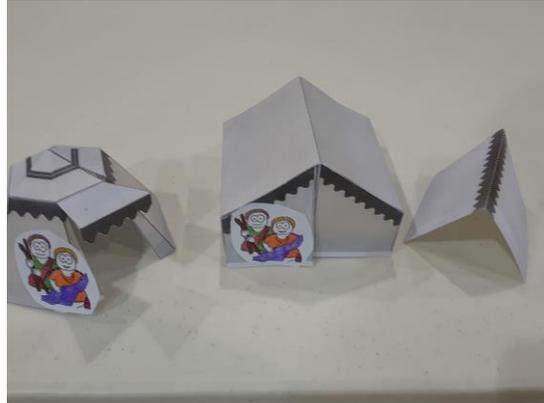


Day 3 Craft Instructions

Abraham and Sarah's Tent

Supplies Needed:

- Day 3 Craft Kit
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Markers or Crayons



1. Decide which tent you want to attempt. Decorate the outside of the tent with markers and/or crayons.
2. Cut out the tent template.
3. Fold along the dotted lines printed on the template.
4. Place glue on tabs and construct your tent.

Snack Day 3

Graham Cracker Smiley Face

1. Use the provided frosting and chocolate chips to create a smiley face on the graham cracker.

While constructing your snack ask and answer these questions.

1. Why would Sarah laugh at *God's* promise?
2. How do you think Sarah and Abraham felt about *God's* promise that they would have a baby?
3. Discuss something that seems impossible to you, but that *God* can do. Who does he use to help us here on earth?
4. How do you show trust in the Lord?

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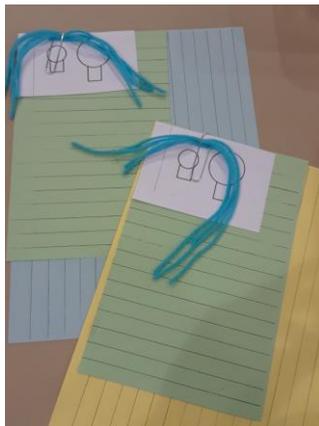


Day 4 Schedule

The Birth of Isaac

Genesis 21:1-7

- + Watch Skit - Online Link
- + YouTube Song - Link in E-mail
- + Watch Bible Reading (Miss Denise)
- + Pause for Craft Activities
 - Walking Stick (Instructions p.16)
 - Sarah and Baby Isaac Paper Craft (Instructions p.17-18)
- + Snack - Marshmallow Baby (Instructions p.19)
- + Story Retelling with Miss Carol
- + Theme Song
- + Recap with Mr. David
- + Video Surprise



You are called to be ... BLESSED by GOD!

Family Walking Stick Day 4

Today we read from Scripture the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah that they would have a child. We are blessed by God when new life enters the world.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13

Day 4 Instructions

1. On the bottom section of the walking stick write with the paint pen every family members birth date.
2. Decorate any remaining room on this section if desired.



Day 4 Craft Instructions

Sarah and Baby Isaac Paper Craft

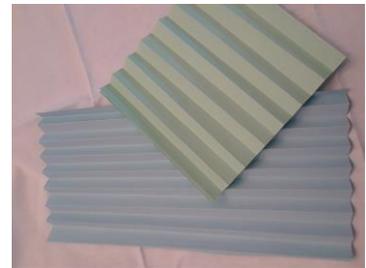
Supplies Needed:

- Day 4 Craft Kit
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Markers or Crayons

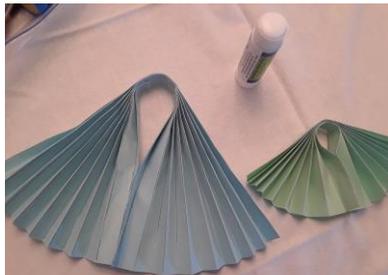


1. Start by accordion folding the half sheet of paper found in your day 4 craft kit. This will be baby Isaac's body.

2. Accordion fold your larger sheet of paper. This will be Sarah's body.



3. Now while keeping your papers in their tight accordion fold, fold each paper in half. Glue the joining middle section together at the bottom. Do NOT glue all the way to the top. You may need to use a clothes pin or your fingers to hold the 2 pieces together while they dry. The hole at the top will be used to insert your head pieces.



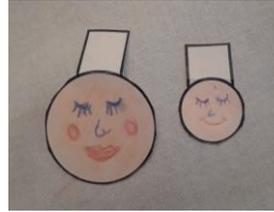
4. Next, thread a piece of yarn through the hole in Sarah (larger craft) and make a knot creating a loop to hang your ornament.

5. Squeeze the accordion closed again. Tie another string around the paper accordion to make a neck, like shown.

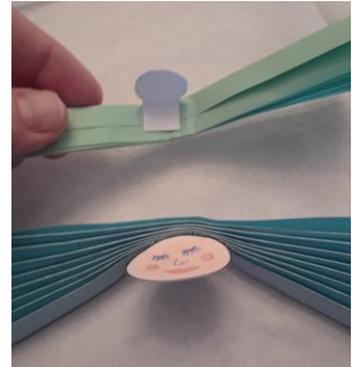
Repeat with Isaac (smaller) piece of paper.



6. Next, grab the printed template and draw your desired face for Sarah and Isaac. Cut them out.



7. Fold the tab over on the Sarah face template and place glue onto the top of the tab. Stick it inside the Sarah "head" opening. If you are having trouble getting the face to fit well inside the paper accordion, try moving the yarn for the neck lower and creating a bigger head hole. Repeat with the Isaac face.



8. Use a third piece of string to secure your Sarah and baby Isaac together.

Snack Day 4

Marshmallow Baby Isaacs

1. Use the provided marshmallows and toothpicks to construct a baby.
2. Decorate with frosting and chocolate chips, etc.

While constructing your snack ask and answer these questions.

1. How do you feel when you have received a gift you have been waiting a long time for?
2. How did Sarah and Abraham feel when Isaac was born?
3. What are some of the blessings that God has given you?

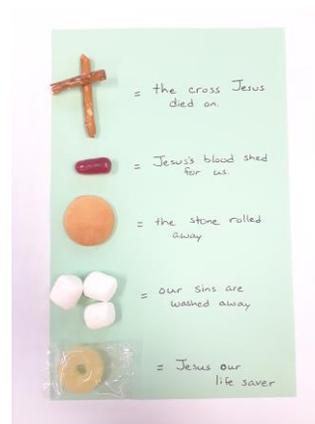
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Day 5 Schedule

The Empty Tomb (Fulfillment of God's Promise) Matthew 28:1-6

- ✚ Watch Skit - Online Link
- ✚ YouTube Song - Link in E-mail
- ✚ Watch Bible Reading (Pastor Eibel)
- ✚ Pause for Craft Activities
 - Walking Stick (Instructions p.21)
 - Cotton Ball Lamb of God (Instructions p.22)
- ✚ Snack - Life Saver Trail Mix (Instructions p.23)
- ✚ Story Retelling with Miss Carol
- ✚ Theme Song
- ✚ Recap with Mr. David
- ✚ Video Surprise



You are called to be ... WITH GOD for ETERNITY!

Family Walking Stick Day 5

Today on our final day of VBS we have been talking about the resurrection of Jesus our Savior. What a joy it is to know the cross and tomb are empty and we will live with God for Eternity!

And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16:6

Day 5 Instructions

1. Today we add a cross or crosses to the opposite side of the circular head at the top of the walking stick (Opposite side of family's last name.) using the paint marker.
2. If you have remaining empty space on the walking stick and wish to do more decorating do that now.

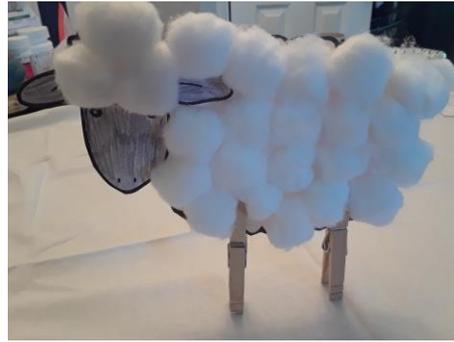


Day 5 Craft Instructions

Lamb of God

Supplies Needed:

- Day 5 Craft Kit
- Scissors
- Craft Glue/Glue Stick
- Markers and Crayons (optional)



1. Cut out the lamb template.
2. Color lambs head.
3. Glue cotton balls on both sides of the lamb.
4. Glue the provided googly eyes on the lambs face.
5. Attach 2 clothes pins onto the lamb body for legs.



Snack Day 5

Life Saver Trail Mix

Before you eat the trail mix talk about each item and what it symbolizes.

Pretzel Sticks = the cross Jesus died on

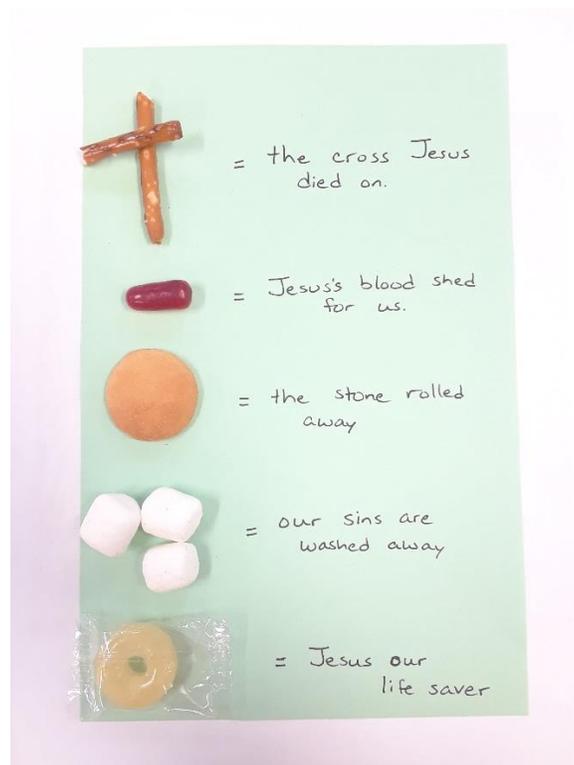
Mike and Ikes = Jesus's blood

Vanilla wafers = the stone rolled away from the tomb

Marshmallows = our sins are washed away.

Life saver = Jesus saves us!

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Thank you for joining us for Living Word Lutheran Church
virtual VBS, Called to Be...

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