







Well (*swing your left arm to the right*), let's get to it, rockhounds!

Before we get started dishing out all the supplies for our tasty tools, we always pray, here at the Picnic Snack Shop, to our amazing, creative, and awesome God...please bow your head and fold your hands. (*Option: You can ask one of the kids to pray.*)

Dear Jesus, thank You that we are part of YOUR family forever! And thank You for being at Jasper Canyon with us helping us make good decisions! We love You! Amen.

A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you part of the supplies you need to assemble Rockhound Tools. (*Give each child 6-8 pretzels – a few to snack on while they are building.*)

You can use your napkin to clean your hands before the next step. And if you are thirsty go ahead and enjoy your water.

Another Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and place grapes and cubes of cheese on your plate. Don't eat them yet!

Insert a cube of cheese on both ends of your pretzel sticks. When you have used all your cheese use the grapes in the same way.

Your Rockhound Tools look really tasty...you did a great job making your Rockhound Tools! Tell your friend next to you about your tools and what they are for. (*Give about 3-5 minutes for kids to talk about digging and chipping...go around and listen to the conversations and give affirmation.*)

Oh, by the way...you can enjoy eating your tasty treat from the Jasper Canyon Picnic Snack Shop.

**TIP:** Make sure to give a few more grapes than needed. Grapes are refreshing!

**Wrap Up**

Rockhounds, YOU are **special**...you are **strong**... you are **smart**...and you are **special** to God and part of His **family forever!**

It's time to clean up! (*sing or say like a jingle*) Be sure all your throwaways are...well...thrown away! (*laugh*) And make sure your hands are clean before you hike on to your next station. (*Give each child a wet wipe and point out the garbage can.*)

Goodbye, my rockhound friends! It was a pleasure having you here today! Remember, today's snack reminds us that we are all part of God's family forever!

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (*hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Thank you for being amazing rockhounds! Bye! Remember...YOU...are made in His family forever!

**Little Rockhound Campsite Closing (transition to Jasper Canyon)**

(*Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as kids come back to their original crew spots.*)

Are we all here? Crew Leaders, do you have all your little rockhounds with you? When I call your group you say, "Dig it!"

Crystals! Dig it!

Geodes! Dig it!

Agates! Dig it!

Garnets! Dig it!

Be sure to stay with your Crew Leader because it is time to join the kids back in Jasper Canyon. Get ready...one Crew at a time...here we go!

(*Wait until one Crew is out the door a few seconds before sending the next Crew.*)

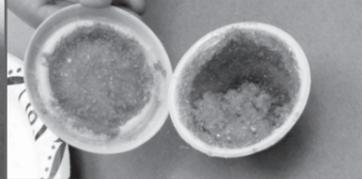
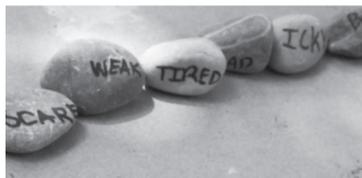
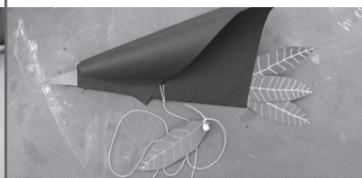
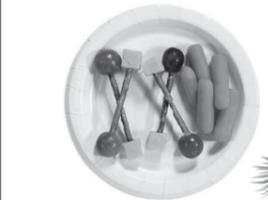
Crew #1 The Crystals. See you later!

Crew #2 The Geodes. Bye bye!

Crew #3 The Agates. Skedaddle!

Crew #4 The Garnets. Hop along!

*You and your team have done an amazing job! Day five is complete. We have been praying for you! What special moments made you smile today? What touched your heart? May God bless you as you lead His little ones to know that they are special to God, and He loves them very much!*

EXCAVATION POST <i>Prayer Station</i>	ARTIFACT CRAFTS <i>Craft Station</i>	TESTING PIT <i>Game Station</i>	PICNIC SNACKS <i>Snack Station</i>
Play-Doh Sculpting & Field Journal 	Jasper Gemstone 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Rock Wall Cracks	Gemstone Parfait 
Carrying Burdens & Field Journal 	Jasper Canyon Fossils 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Obstacle Course	Fossil Crackers 
Mosaic Hearts & Field Journal 	Jasper Mosaic 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Mosaic Tag	Mosaic Trail Mix 
Prayer Links & Field Journal 	Jasper Family Petroglyphs 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Family Four Square	Petroglyph Sweets 
Popsicle Stick House & Field Journal 	Jasper Canyon Eagle 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Eagles Nest Relay Race	Rockhound Tools 





## DAY 1 – NOAH’S ARK (GENESIS 6-9)

**DAILY FIND:** Jesus made me special. (*thumbs up*)  
I dig it! (*cool pose*)

**BIBLE STORY:** Noah

**ANIMAL:** Sheep

### BEDROCK VERSE:

For I am certain (*point to yourself*)  
that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*)  
from God’s love: (*heart shape with fingers*)  
Romans 8:38 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

**NOTE TO CREW LEADERS:** Watch for kids treating each other kind, helpful, caring, sharing. Be sure to tell them they are being super cool when you see them being a special rockhound.



### Crew Leader Backpack Supplies

(*Putting each supply in a separate Ziploc bag makes it easier to quickly find what is needed.*)

- Crew Leader Guide
- Ribbon sticks
- River rock or large crystal (1 per crew)

### Bible Story Supplies

- Bible story video
- TV
- Plastic food (enough for each child)
- Snack size Ziploc with dog food inside (enough for each child)
- Several small blankets, pillows, and water bottles

### Day 1 Supplies

- Whistle — to use for transitions and for when little rockhounds need to get ready to listen
- Colored carpet squares (most carpet stores will donate samples)
- Kiddie swimming pool filled with playground sand
- Colored round glass jewels (Dollar Tree or OrientalTrading.com)
- Sandbox shovels

- Sand sifter, sand bucket or tin bucket
- Sand box cover (plastic tablecloth)
- Ribbon sticks (check with your Beginner Sabbath School department or 3 Pieces Rainbow Hand Kite Ribbon Runner Wrist Ribbons: Amazon.com)
- River rock (Dollar Tree, Walmart, or craft supply stores)

### Ahead of Time

Ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth before the welcome activity and after the sandbox digging activity.



*Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as the little rockhounds are entering the Little Rockhound Campsite.*

### Welcome (10 Minutes)

(*As the children come in from the opening program at Jasper Canyon, welcome them and invite them to choose a colored carpet square and sit down with their Crew Leader.*)

**SAY:** Welcome, little rockhounds! I am so glad you are here to spend some time with me at the Little Rockhound Campsite! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be leading you on our adventures at the Little Rockhound Campsite this week in Jasper Canyon! Isn’t it a lovely day here in Little Rockhound Campsite? Jesus sent us sunshine outside in our happy place! (*Point outside and tap your heart.*) That makes me so happy that I want to sing a song to Jesus! Crew Leaders, hand out the ribbon sticks to each of your kids...ribbon sticks make me feel joyful!

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Sunshine (*use ribbon wands.*)

That was beautiful...and joyful! Hand your ribbon stick to your Crew Leader so we can use them again tomorrow!

Each day after we are finished in Jasper Canyon we come here to our very own campsite (*spread your arms wide*) where we will hear Bible stories, make crafts, play games, and even eat a snack! Yummy! I can hardly wait to get started! (*Clap hands.*)

## PICNIC SNACKS: LITTLE ROCKHOUND CAMPSITE

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Grocery Ingredients

- Pretzel sticks
- Baby carrot sticks
- Cheese cubes (optional: vegan cheese cubes)
- Seedless grapes
- Table Settings
  - Small dessert plate
  - Small water cups
  - Organic brown napkins

### Utensils and Sanitizing

- Pitcher of water
- Bowls
- Plates
- Wet wipes
- Hand sanitizer

### Ahead of Time

- Open pretzels and pour in to several bowls. Cover.
- Cut cheese into small cubes (enough for 4 per child).
- Wash grapes and put in bowls. Cover and refrigerate.
- Pour water into water cups for each child.

### Instructions

1. Place four or five pretzel sticks on your plate with 4 cubes of cheese and 4 grapes.
2. Stick the cheese cubes on either end of the pretzel sticks. Stick a grape on a pretzel stick.
3. Yummy! Do a taste test!
4. Always plan extra to serve to your VBS volunteers!



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back to the Picnic Snack Shop! It has been a delight having you stop by each day! This week you have been discovering all kinds of treasures!...And the best treasure!?! It’s YOU! YOU are a special...you are strong...you are smart...and you are made in God’s family! I am going to miss you for sure!

Here at the Jasper Picnic Snack Shop we like to keep our shop clean and sanitized...as well as our hands! (*wiggle fingers*) A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you a squirt of hand sanitizer. Be sure to rub it all around your hands and in between your fingers!

Hmmm...that reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (*hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle*)

**KIDS’ RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

You are great rockhounds!

You can call me Chef Snack Shop Geologist (*say with passion!*) because I like to create tasty, amazing, sometimes “what is this?” treats!

Today we are going to create a tasty treat that looks like the tools used for rockhounding!



Make sure your name is on the back of your egg carton. Your Crew Leader will come around and help you write your name on the carton. We are going to pretend that our egg carton is an eagle nest! Ready?

First we need to color our little baby birds. Oh my, that is so cute! *(Each child makes 4 baby birds.)*

*(Wait for everyone to finish coloring.)*

Yes indeed, you are working together just like a family! Now it's time to glue a few feathers on our baby birds. They need to stay warm!

All done with your little baby birds? They all look so fluffy and cute. You did an amazing job!

Your Crew Leader will show you how to insert the craft stick into the egg carton. Look at all the baby birds sitting in their nest! They sure are cute!

Look at your neighbors' baby birds and say, "God loves you and your baby birds!"

*(Encourage your helpers to also comment to each child on the uniqueness of their birds.)*

Here comes the fun part! Now you can tell a little story with your baby birds. They can fly up high and sing, "God loves you!" and they can fly down low and whisper, "God loves you!"

Crew Leaders, please help your Crew insert their baby bird stick in the bird nest and show them how to make their baby birds sit in the nest and fly high and low. This is so much fun!

### Wrap-up

It's time to tidy up your area...that is just what we do at the Artifact Craft station so it's ready for the next Little Rockhound Crew. That is being kind!

Each baby bird is special and unique...but His best creation is...YOU! You are the best treasure of all!

Yes, indeed YOU are special! I've enjoyed seeing you all this week, little rockhounds!

I have a special instrument with me. Do you know what this is called?

*(Hold up whistle and softly blow it.)*

You are right! It is a whistle! This whistle is going to be how I let you know that it is time for you to move to a new activity or if I need you to be quiet *(place your finger on your lips: shshsh)* so you can listen. Let's practice and see how it works. When you hear the whistle place your finger on your lips and quietly make the "shhshsh" sound. Ready? *(Quietly blow whistle)...hurray!* You are so smart! You did a perfect job!

Crew Leaders, please help your crew with this activity. *(Allow time for Crews to complete the activity.)*

*(Look at each Crew and smile.)* Do you know the friend sitting next to you? We are going to play little game of getting to know you! You are going to ask your neighbor their name and favorite animal. And... you are going to tell them your name too! And your favorite animal. Remember when you hear my whistle, see how fast you can stop talking and put your finger on your lips, even if you are in the middle of saying a word! Ready, set, talk to your neighbor!

*(Wait 20 seconds and then softly blow the whistle.)*

*(Once everyone is quiet again)* That was really good! I liked the way you stopped right in the middle of your words and put your finger to your lips! I think we could be even faster, though! Let's try it once more. This time choose a different friend. Are you ready? Go!

*(Wait 20 seconds and softly blow the whistle.)*

You are all so amazing and soooo smart! This is going to be a great week! I can tell you are ready to listen.

I want to tell you a little bit about our Little Rockhound Campsite. Does anyone know where Jasper Canyon is? *(Affirm all answers: "You may be right" or "Good answer.")* Jasper Canyon is where there are lots of interesting rocks and fossils to find. And Jasper Canyon is in a canyon!

*(Laugh with the kids and point to the rocks and trees.)*

Do you like to go camping? *(Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Joshua likes to go camping and so does Natalia.")* That is super awesome! Oh,

I know a good question, do you like to sleep in a tent? *(Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Brandon likes to sleep in a tent and so does Julie.")*

Here in the Little Rockhound Campsite we are all friends and like to help each other find treasures, play with friends, hear Bible stories, play games, and I am pretty sure we all love to eat yummy food too!

I need three helpers to come up and help me find some treasures. *(Choose one from each Crew.)* You can use a shovel and dig in the sand carefully so that you do not damage the treasure. When you find a treasure bring it over here and show the rest of the kids. *(Ask the volunteer kids to put the jewels in sand sifter or sand bucket. Allow time for the kids to complete the activity.)*

Wow, these sure are special! Tomorrow I will ask for different volunteers! All of you will get a chance to dig for treasures this week!

*(Ahead of time ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth.)*

This week we are going to learn all about special treasures and the best treasure of all is that YOU are a treasure to God! He loves you soooo much! Can you cross your arms over your heart? When I say, "God loves you so much," you cross your arms over your heart.

God loves you so much! *(Cross your arms over your heart.)* Great job, everyone!

### Crew Leader Activity (2-3 Minutes)

**SAY:** Crew Leaders, take out the river rock that is in your backpack. As you pass it around talk about how smooth, hard, and interesting the rock is. God made such wonderful treasures for us to find.

*(Give 2-3 minutes for Crews to pass around the rock, talking about the rock and how amazing God is to create such treasures for us to find. Then put the rock back in their backpack.)*

Who made the little hard rocks we like to hold? Yes! Jesus did! And who made the great big rocks we like to climb? Yes! Jesus did! Let's clap our hands and sing "Jesus Made the Hard Rocks."

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Hard Rocks

Jesus made the (hard rocks, hard rock,  
hard rocks);  
Jesus made the (hard rocks); I'm so glad!



(can sing: big, big rocks or little bitty rocks)

Stand up, everyone! Let's wiggle and giggle and stretch up tall! (*Wiggle, giggle, and stretch arms up high.*)

Each day we will learn a new Daily Find that tells us more about God's treasures. Let's do today's Daily Find. Do the actions with me!

Ready!

Jesus made me special. (*put both thumbs up*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*strike a cool pose*)

Whoa! You've got this!

While you are still standing we are going to say a little prayer thanking God that He loves us so much! Stand with your head bowed and your hands folded like this (*show hands together in prayerfulness*).

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for the big animals and the little animals. Thank you for the big rocks and the little rocks! Thank you for loving us so much! We love You, Jesus. Amen.

It's time to do our Bedrock Verse. Do you know what? Our brains have special receptors that help us to remember and learn things. Wiggle your fingers on top of your head! (*Wiggle your fingers, tapping the top of your head.*) That is like our brain receptors working to help us remember our Bedrock Verse.

Raise your hands over your head.  
Stretch up as tall as an elephant.  
Put a hand on your left shoulder.  
Put your other hand on your right shoulder.  
Give yourself a squeeze.  
Be like a rabbit and take two little hops toward me.  
Take two steps backwards back to your spot.  
Turn around in a circle.  
Bend your legs and squish down small.  
Sit on your spot, ready to go.  
1...2...3...Memory receptors, on! (*Wiggle your fingers on top of your head.*)

I can see your memory receptors are ready. I will say each part and then you say it after me.

For I am certain (*thumbs point to yourself*)  
that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*)  
from his love. (*heart shape with fingers*)  
Romans 8:38 (*hands together open like a book*)

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

You can sit down now on your special carpet square. Do you think that God made animals special? He did! There are some amazing animals that live right here at our Little Rockhound Campsite. Do you see any?

(*Let kids share which ones they see.*)

Use your eyes and stay on your carpet square.

I want to tell you about one of the brave animals that lives here at our Rockhound Campsite. Can you guess which one I am thinking of?

(*Have kids call out their guesses.*)

I will give you a hint. Today's animal is big and fluffy. And has curly horns.

(*Have kids call out more guesses.*)

It's a curly horn sheep! Do you see it? There it is, standing by the rock. Curly horn sheep might not be as big as a horse but they sure can climb all over the rocks, jumping from one rock to the next rock!

When something scares them, they run away faster than you or I can run! Whew! They are really fast. God made them to run and jump and play! They are special that way!

Let's see if you can jump high like a curly horn sheep!

(*Jump as high as you can and invite the Crew Leaders to jump too.*)

Wow! You can really jump high! You can sit back down on your carpet square now.

It's almost time for our Bible story. We are going to learn about Mr. Noah and a big boat he built — he even built a room for the curly horned sheep!

## ARTIFACT CRAFT STATION: JASPER CANYON FLYING EAGLE

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.

(*Your little preschoolers will love this craft! It will take help from the Crew Leaders and any caregivers who stay with their little one.*)



### Supplies

- Baby bird in egg template
- White cardstock
- Small feathers
- Large colored craft sticks (4 per child)
- Glue sticks
- Colored markers
- Egg cartons
- Green paint (for prep only)
- Sharpie to write children's names on their projects
- Wet wipes and bowl with soapy water for washing hands and cleaning area

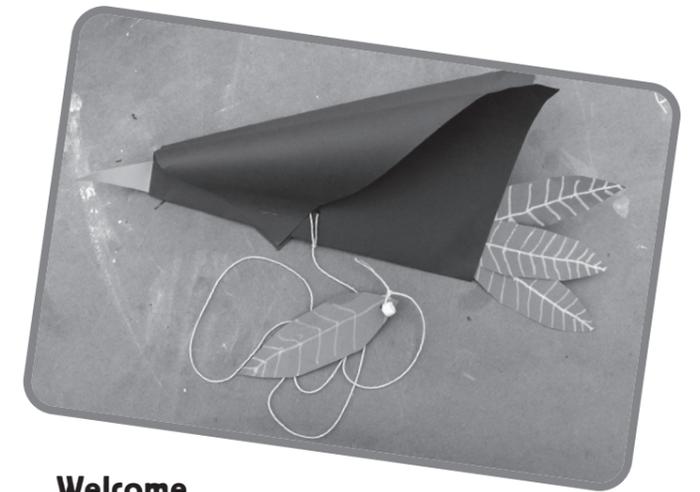
### Ahead of Time

- Cut out cardstock baby birds and glue to large craft stick.
- Cut each carton in half.
- Paint the outside of carton green.
- cut a slit in each egg holder on the outside.

### Instructions

1. Crew leaders write name of the child inside the carton.
2. Color the baby bird cutouts.
3. Glue a few feathers on the baby birds.
4. Show how to insert the craft stick into the slit so the baby birds are sitting in their nest.

**TIP:** Make one ahead of time to gauge your time and adjust the instructions as needed.



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasureers!...Wait! YOU (*point to the kids*) are a treasure to God...and to me! (*thumbs point to yourself*)

That reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (*hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle*)

**Kids' Response:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! I've heard you saying it! You are great rockhounds!

Remember my name? I am Rockhound \_

Today we are going to make some fun baby eagle art! Our baby eagle art will remind us that we can be kind and loving...and we are all part of God's family! Remember the story of Elijah and Elisha? They are part of God's family and they wanted to be sure everyone knew that God loves them!

### Instructions

(*While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!*)

Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.



## TESTING PIT GAMES

### GET-TO-KNOW-YOU GAME: BEACHBALL GAME: OBSTACLE COURSE

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.

You may have time to run through the obstacle course several times.



#### Supplies

- Large pool noodles (Dollar Tree, Walmart)
- Small hula hoop
- 2x4 wood
- Several large boxes
- Small chairs

Be creative and use your imagination for a fun obstacle course for your kids.

#### Setup

1. Use masking tape to make a starting line.
2. Arrange your obstacle course:
3. Set two small chairs facing back to back 2 feet apart with a pool noodle between the chairs. You may need to tape the pool noodle down. Children crawl under the pool noodle.
4. Place the hula hoop on the ground about 3 feet away.
5. Arrange two pool noodles about 1 foot apart laying on the ground so children have to jump over the pool noodles.
6. Place the 2x4 wood so children have to balance and walk the length of the wood.
7. Cut the box bottoms and tops off and place them on the ground for the children to crawl through. You may want to use tent stakes to secure them to the ground, or use masking tape to tape them to the floor if you're indoors.

When it is time for the obstacle course ask a Crew Leader to demonstrate each of the challenges.



**SAY:** Welcome to Jasper Canyon Testing Pit!

I love it every time you come to the Jasper Canyon Testing Pit! *(Give each child an elbow bump.)*

Today we are going to test our strength and see if we can complete the obstacle course! Stay with your Crew Leader right here. Your Crew Leader will tell you when it is your turn.

*(Instruct Crew Leaders to wait until the child in front is half way through before sending the next child through.)*

Ready? Let's go!

*(When everyone has had a turn gather the group together.)*

Wow! You were flying through that obstacle course like an eagle flying high in the sky!

#### Wrap-up

Whew! That was fun! I love playing games with you! You are a fun group! Thank you for being my friend!

Are you thirsty? I sure am! Let's get a cool drink of water.

Before we go to our next station let's say our Daily Find together.

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. *(hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

That was fun! Thank you for coming to play today. Follow your Crew Leader! See you in Jasper Canyon, my little friends!

## BIBLE STORY

#### Background

God tells Noah to build a big boat. Animals and Noah's family enter the ark. It rains for 40 days, and the earth is covered with water. God keeps Noah, his family, and the animals safe in the ark. Noah thanks God for keeping them safe. God places a rainbow in the sky as a sign that He will never again cover all the earth with a flood. This is a lesson about worship. We worship God when we thank Him for His care. We also worship God when we listen to Him, follow His directions, and trust Him to keep His promises. Nothing can separate us from God's love.



#### Supplies

- Play tools *(plastic hammer and saw)*
- Pieces of smooth wood *(enough for each child at the Bible station)*
- Variety of plastic food *(enough for each child)*
- Snack size Ziploc with a few pieces of dog food in it and zipped tight
- 3-4 large baskets for the plastic food, animal food, blankets, pillows, and water bottles



**SAY:** Come with me to the Gemstone Mine. Bring your carpet square and follow me!

Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Where we learn *(clap 2x)* about God's love!  
Yeah!

Make sure you sit with your Crew Leader! Are you comfy? Good! I have a really good story to tell you!

One day God told Noah that a big rain was coming. Noah was a man who talked to God all the time. God said water would cover all the ground. *(Be expressive.)* Then God told Noah to make a big boat so he and his family and the animals would be safe. Noah built the ark just the way God told him to.

Let's pretend we are building a great big boat!

*(Distribute play hammers and saws. Demonstrate softly pounding or sawing the piece of wood.)*



Noah and his sons worked very hard building the big boat using the directions given to them by God. They were careful to follow God's directions. They worked hard just like you are working hard!

Whew! That was hard work! After the ark was built, God told Noah to fill it with all kinds of different food for the animals and for Noah and his family. Let's help Noah fill the ark with food. Come put your food in this basket.

*(Distribute the plastic food to each child.)*

Now we need some food for the animals! Put the animal food in this basket.

*(Distribute the baggies of dog food to each child.)*

What else do you think they need? *(Listen and respond to the kids' answers.)*

Yes, a pillow and blanket, and some water! Good answers.

*(Distribute various things: blanket, pillows, and water bottles for several children to bring up.)*

We have some puppet friends who are going to tell us a story about Noah. Go ahead and get comfy on your carpet square.

Video *(5 Minutes)*

Old Shep sure was working hard trying to find some treasures, wasn't he? Our Bedrock Verse tells us that nothing can separate us from God.



He loves us so much! I know, let's say it again together, stand up!

For I am certain (*thumbs point to yourself*) that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*) from his love. (*heart shape with fingers*) Romans 8:38 (*hands together open like a book*)

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

Are you still standing? Get up and let's do our Daily Find. Ready?

**LEADER:** Jesus made me special. (*put both thumbs up*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*strike a cool pose*)

Whoa! I dig it! You've got this!

God wanted Noah and his family to know that never again would He cover the earth with water. He put a beautiful rainbow in the sky to remind you and me that He loves us. It's a special promise that He will take care of us just like He took care of Noah and his family...and all the animals too!

Kneel with me as we pray to God to say thank you for taking care of Noah and the animals and thank Him for the beautiful rainbow promise.

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for always loving us and taking care of us! We love You too! Amen.

It's time to go do some treasure hunting! Let's get ready. Crew Leaders, are you ready? Do you have your Discovery Treasure Map (*station rotation guide*)? I will dismiss Crews one at a time. When I say your Crew name, follow your Crew Leader.

## DISCOVERY SENSORY STATION

Arrange a plastic tarp beneath each table. Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Supplies

**JASPER HOUSE:** Being good helpers

- Small kids table and chair
- Plastic dishes, food, and plastic baby doll bottles
- Baby baskets, baby dolls, small blankets, and pillows
- Small broom and dustpan

(*check with your Beginner Sabbath School leader for items for playing house; add a new one each day*)

**DISCOVERY ART:** God's treasures are all beautiful creations (*this center may need two tables covered with plastic table covering or Kraft paper*)

- Play Doh, cutting and rolling supplies, and small plastic animals (set several places with a food tray or craft tray for kids to work on their art)
- Watercolor paints, paint brushes, heavy watercolor paper, small cups of water, and paper towels
- 3-4 plastic colorful colanders (Dollar Tree)
- Pipe cleaners and large beads
- Add something new each day such as large pom poms with matching bowls or cups for kids to separate pom poms into, etc.

**DIG SITE TREASURES:** Learning that treasures come in all shapes and sizes

- Plastic bins — 28 Qt. (about 6" tall, 23" long, and 16" wide) — 3-4 of these bins depending on number of children expected (local dollar discount store) (can use several kiddie pools and keep covered during Welcome time)
- 3" of sandbox sand in each container (if using kiddie pools, add 2-3 bags of sand to each pool)



### Discovery Station (15 Minutes)

**SAY:** Welcome to the Discovery Station! Let me tell you what you will find at each of the stations.

At the Jasper House you can take care of the baby dolls. You can set the table and sweep the floor too!

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And then there is Dig Site Treasures where you can dig in the sand and find all kinds of treasures.

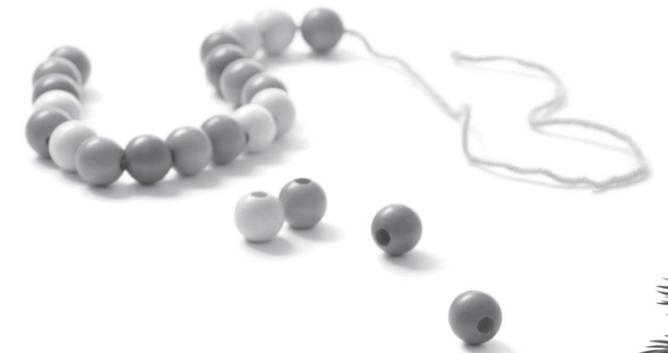
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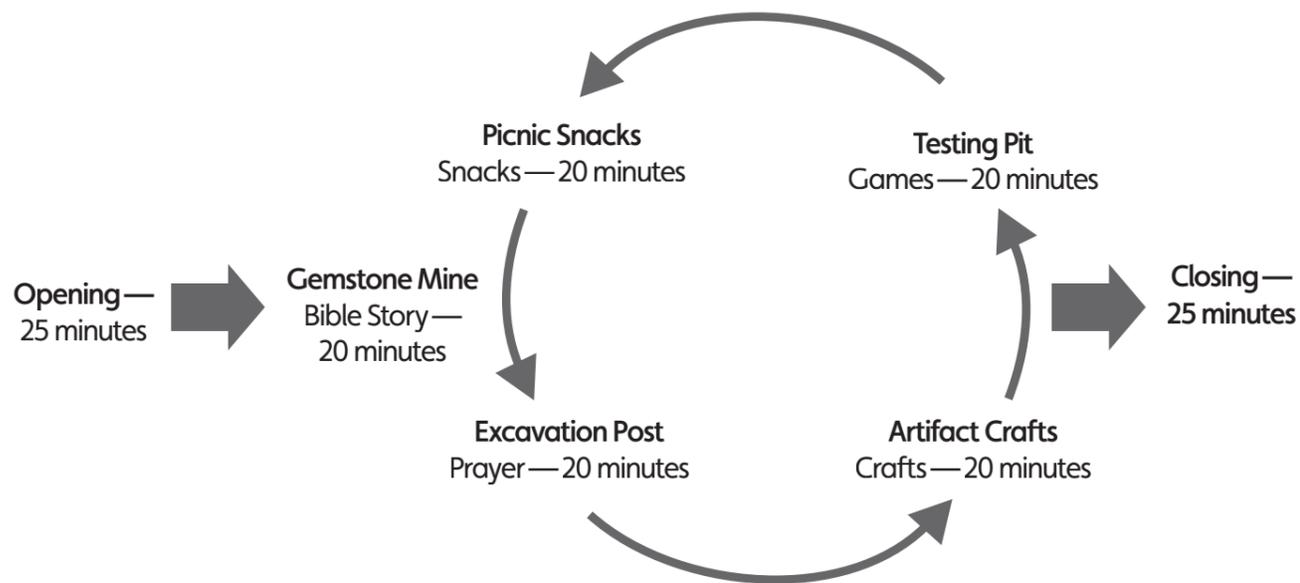
### Wrap-up

I love how you played so nicely with your friends! And created beautiful and colorful designs!

Thank you for coming to the Discovery Station! Follow your Crew Leader and I've loved seeing you this week, little rockhounds!



### Discovery Treasure Map Station Rotations and Suggested Schedule





Elisha loved God too! He wanted to obey everything God told him to do, just like Elijah obeyed everything God told him to do. Elisha loved Elijah and wanted to go wherever Elijah went because he knew that Elijah loved God!

Elijah loved God and Elisha loved God and it made them very happy!

*(Ask crew leaders to hand out a scarf to each child.)*

Wave your scarf and sing with me.

I am happy as can be!  
I am happy as can be  
For ev'rything that Jesus does for me!

Yes, I am so happy that God loves me! And He loves you too!

Soon it was time for Elijah to leave and he wanted to be sure his friend was going to be OK. Elisha said he wanted to be a messenger for God just like Elijah.

It was time for Elisha to take over for Elijah. Stand up with me and pretend to walk. *(Walk in place, then gently jog in place.)* Keep walking! Keep walking! Oh, God needed Elisha to hurry *(jog in place)*. Keep jogging! Keep jogging! Let's jog over there! *(Jog to corner of the room.)* Elisha has a message to tell the people. What message do you think God wanted him to tell the people? Yes, you are right! God loves you! Now let's walk, walk, walk back to our Gemstone Mine.

Did you know that God wants you to be His messenger too? You can tell people that God loves them! And God wants them to be part of His family. Wow! What a story! God says we are always part of His big family. I want to be a messenger too! What about you?

Let's say our Daily Find.

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. *(hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

We have some puppet friends who are going to tell us a story about Solomon. You can wear your crowns as you watch the puppets.

**Video (5 Minutes)**

Did you see that big geode? It was amazing!

It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

In our Bible story Elijah was a messenger for God. What was his message? *(Affirm answers.)* He taught his friend Elisha to be a messenger too.

We can be God's messenger too. Let's talk to Him now.

Kneel with me as we pray to God to say thank You for showing us how to be kind.

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for always loving us and taking care of us! We love You too! Amen.

It's time to go do some treasure hunting! Let's get ready. Crew Leaders, are you ready? Do you have your Discovery Treasure Map *(station rotation guide)*? I will dismiss Crews one at a time. When I say your Crew name, follow your Crew Leader. This is so exciting!

**DISCOVERY SENSORY STATION**

Arrange a plastic tarp beneath each table. Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



**Supplies**

**JASPER HOUSE:** Being good helpers

- Small kids table and chair
- Plastic dishes, food, and plastic baby doll bottles
- Baby baskets, baby dolls, small blankets, and pillows
- Small broom and dustpan

**DISCOVERY ART:** God's treasures are all beautiful creations (this center may need two tables covered with plastic table covering or Kraft paper)

- Play Doh, cutting and rolling supplies, and small plastic animals (set several places with a food tray or craft tray for kids to work on their art)
- Watercolor paints, paint brushes, heavy watercolor paper, small cups of water, and paper towels
- 3-4 plastic colorful colanders (Dollar Tree)
- Pipe cleaners and large beads

**DIG SITE TREASURES:** Learning that treasures come in all shapes and sizes

- Plastic bins — 28 Qt. (about 6" tall, 23" long, and 16" wide) — 3-4 of these bins depending on number of children expected (local dollar discount store)  
(can use several kiddie pools and keep covered during Welcome time)
- 3" of sandbox sand in each container (if using kiddie pools, add 2-3 bags of sand to each pool)



**Discovery Station (15 Minutes)**

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2. And then there is Dig Site Treasures where you can dig in the sand and find all kinds of treasures.

There is one thing I need you to remember...all the treasures you find needs to stay inside the bin or on the tray. Ok, let's have some fun! *(Kids may need to be encouraged to explore the tables.)*

I heard the whistle! It's time to clean up and get ready to go to the next station.

**Wrap-up**

I love how your played so nicely with your friends!

Thank you for coming to the Discovery Station! Follow your Crew Leader and see you tomorrow, little rockhounds!



## TESTING PIT GAMES

### GET-TO-KNOW-YOU GAME: BEACHBALL

### GAME: ROCKHOUND RELAY (EGG AND SPOON RELAY)

#### Supplies

- Egg and spoon race set (Amazon.com – Egg and Spoon Race Game)
- Bright colored masking tape (if playing inside) or chair or box to race around (if playing outside)
- Large beach ball

#### Setup

- Use masking tape to mark your starting line. Place the chair or box 6'-8' away from the starting line.
- When it is time for the relay ask a Crew Leader to demonstrate walking around the chair and back to the starting with the egg balanced on the spoon. If the egg falls off just pick it up and put back on the spoon and keep going.

**SAY:** Welcome to Jasper Canyon Testing Pit! Come and sit in a circle with your legs spread out. Touch your friend's foot. This will make a big circle. I'm going to sit with you and so is your Crew Leader!

I have a big beach ball and I am going to gently roll it to someone. When it comes to you, pick it up and shout out, "I dig it!" and then gently roll it to someone else.

Ready? Here we go.

*(Play this game just for a few minutes, trying to make sure everyone gets a turn.)*

Wowee! That was fun!

Now we are going to play a relay game. Your Crew Leader will help you line up in a straight line. Straight as an arrow! Watch while your Crew Leader balances an egg on a spoon and takes it down and around the box. Look at him/her go! *(If your group is large you may want to form two or three lines.)*

Now it's your turn! Make sure you cheer on your friends!

What fun! I really liked the way you cheered for each other!

#### Wrap-up

Before we go to our next station, let's say our Daily Find together.

Jesus made me special. *(put both thumbs up)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(strike a cool pose)*

Thank you for coming to play today. Follow your Crew Leader and see you tomorrow, little rockhounds!



## BIBLE STORY

#### Background

Elijah was a friend of God. He was a prophet. He would bring messages from God to the people of Israel and even to kings and queens. Sometimes the people would forget about God and Elijah would have to remind them that God wanted to be their friend too. Sometimes Elijah would have to bring sad news and the people would get upset. But Elijah was always faithful to God and did what He asked him to do.

#### Supplies

Craft rolls (round cardboard tubes, white, Amazon.com)

Religious stickers (FunExpress.com)

**SAY:** Come with me to the Gemstone Mine. Bring your carpet square and follow me!

Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Where we learn *(clap 2x)* about God's love!  
Yeah!

Make sure you sit with your crew leader! Are you comfy? Good! I have a really good story to tell you!

Elijah was a friend of God. He would bring messages from God to the people of Israel and even to kings and queens. Wow! He had an important job! Sometimes the people would forget about God and Elijah would have to remind them that God wanted to be their friend too. Sometimes Elijah would have to bring sad news and the people would get upset. But Elijah was always faithful to God and did what God asked him to do.

We are going to make some trumpets.

*(Hand out the craft tubes and a variety of stickers.)*

Choose a sticker and decorate your tube. Your Crew Leader will come around and write your name on your trumpet.



*(Just give a few minutes to decorate the tubes and then go on with your story.)*

Beautiful job! Your trumpets look ready for you to give an important message.

*(Hold a tube up to your mouth and "God loves you!")*

You have a message too! Put the tube to your mouth and "God loves you!"

That is an important message! Give your trumpet to your Crew Leader and she/he will keep it safe for you.

Come close, my little friends! Elijah worked hard for God. He went wherever God told him to go and did what God asked him to do.

Stand up with me and pretend to walk. *(Walk in place, then gently jog in place.)* Keep walking! Keep walking! Oh, God needed Elijah to hurry *(jog in place)*. Keep jogging! Keep jogging!

Whew! I am tired! Come and sit with me. God knew that Elijah was getting tired from working so hard for Him. He told Elijah to find a man named Elisha and teach him how to be a messenger for God too. And so he did!

*(Crew Leaders hand each child their trumpet.)*

Elijah taught Elisha how to give a message – just like we learned! What message did we learn? *(Hold your trumpet up and "God loves you!")* Hold your trumpet up and give God's message: God loves you! *(Point your trumpet in several different directions and "God loves you!")*

Be like a rabbit and take two little hops toward me.  
 Take two steps backwards back to your spot.  
 Turn around in a circle.  
 Bend your legs and squish down small.  
 Sit on your spot, ready to go.  
 1...2...3...Memory receptors, on!  
 (Wiggle your fingers on top of your head.)

I can see your memory receptors are ready. I will say each part and then you say it after me. (Say each part slowly to allow children to mimic your actions.)

For I am certain (point to yourself) that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger) from God's love: (heart shape with fingers) Now let's say part two.  
 Neither death nor life, (jump up and down) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (fold arms over chest) or powers, (muscle arms pose)

Next we will say part three.  
 neither the present nor the future, (point down then stretch arm out and point) neither the world above (hands shape a circle and raise up) nor the world below – (hands shape a circle and push down)

Now for part four!  
 there is nothing in all creation (spread arms wide apart) that will ever be able to separate us (hug yourself) from the love of God (form a heart shape with your hands and fingers)

And now let's add part five!  
 which is ours (both thumbs point to the chest) through Christ Jesus our Lord. (ASL sign for Jesus: touch the tip of the middle finger of the dominant hand into the center of the palm of your non-dominant hand; repeat with other hand)  
 Romans 8:38-39 (put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us! Let's give God a clap! (Clap hands hooray!)

You can sit down now on your special carpet square. Do you think that God made animals special? You are right! He sure did! There are some amazing animals that live right here at our Little Rockhound Campsite. Do you see any? (Let kids share which ones they see.) Just use your eyes and stay on your carpet square as you spy an animal.

I want to tell you about one of the strong animals that lives here at our Rockhound Campsite. Can you guess which one I am thinking of?

(Have kids call out their guesses.)

I need a volunteer to come and help find the animal I am thinking of. (Choose a volunteer.) Thank you for volunteering, \_\_\_\_\_. Your friends will help you by giving you directions. (Encourage the rest of the kids to stay in their spot but give directions.) I will give you a hint. Today's animal flies high in the sky! And it has a white head and yellow beak.

(Have kids call out more guesses.)

Yes, you are right! It's a big bald eagle! There it is, on the top of that tree! I can help you get it down. Bring it to the front and you can hold it while we talk about the bald eagle. The bald eagle is a big and strong bird! Spread your arms out and fly like an eagle. The bald eagle is even bigger than your arms spread out! And mine too!

That daddy bald eagle is very protective of his family. He protects his family from harm. And the mommy and daddy eagles take care of their baby eagles by making sure they are well fed.

Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_ for finding the bald eagle way up in the tree! (Ask your volunteer to put the eagle on the tree and go back to their spot.)

Wow! You can really spread your arms out wide and fly! That was fun. Sit back down on your carpet square now.

It's almost time for our Bible story. We are going to hear a story about Elijah, friend of God!...I wonder...do you think Elijah talked to God about the eagles? Listen carefully and let's see!

## ARTIFACT CRAFT STATION: JASPER GEMSTONES

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.

(Your little preschoolers will love this craft! It will take help from the Crew Leaders and any caregivers who stay with their little one.)



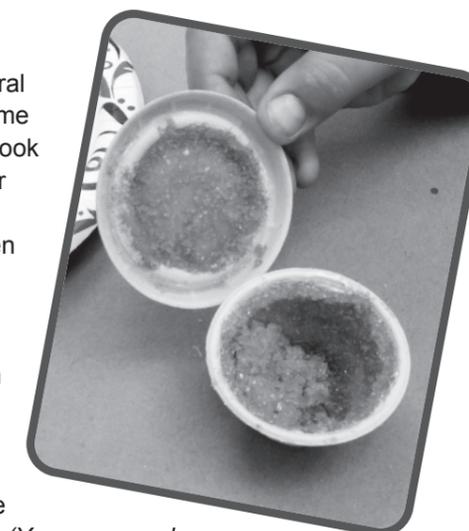
### Supplies

- Epsom salt
- Sandwich bags with Ziploc seal
- Paper plate (one per child)
- Markers
- Small gemstone and religious stickers
- Liquid food coloring
- Egg carton
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paintbrush
- Spoon
- Easy peel masking tape
- Glossy Mod Podge or similar topcoat
- Wet wipes
- Magnifying glass (one for 2-3 children) (Orientaltrading.com)

### Ahead of Time

- Pour about 1/4 to 1/2 cup of Epsom salt into sandwich bags. (Enough for total number of children attending plus a few extra. Your volunteers will love doing this craft on their own too!)
- Cut apart egg carton, separating into individual cups. You will have 12 cups from the top of the carton and 12 from the bottom.
- Pair up a cup that came from the top and one that came from the bottom of the carton. You will have 12 whole rocks.
- If necessary, trim edges of each half so the pieces fit together flush.

- Make several ahead of time for kids to look at with their magnifying glass. When finished making the gemstone, brush each finished gemstone with the Mod Podge and let dry. (You may need to blow dry each gemstone so that it is ready to go home with the children.)
- Set up the table with plastic table covering, tins with markers, and the magnifying glasses scattered so that 2-3 kids can share.



### Instructions

1. Add a few drops of liquid food coloring into each bag. Seal and shake till salt is evenly colored. Add more food coloring if more saturated color is desired.
2. Generously coat the inside of each cup with glue. It's important to generously coat the inside. Don't be skimpy on the glue.
3. Add a scoop of Epsom salt to both egg carton cups.
4. Tape together the top and bottom of the rock, crisscrossing the tape over the top and down to under the bottom.
5. Shake the egg.
6. Open the egg, dump out the excess, and save it for the next rotation.
7. After geodes dry, add a coat of Mod Podge or similar topcoat to increase shine. You may need to blow dry gemstones so they are ready to go home with the children.

**TIP:** Make one ahead of time to gauge your time. If you have extra time you can instruct your children to be creative with the outside design of their gemstone cup (egg carton) using markers and stickers before creating their gemstone.



## Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasures!... Wait! YOU (*point to the kids*) are a treasure to God... and to me! (*thumbs point to yourself*)

That reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me special. (*put both thumbs up*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*strike a cool pose*)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists! But I would prefer to be called a rockhound because I like to "sniff" (*laugh*) out good places to find amazing...beautiful...unique...rocks!

I know...let's make a beautiful gemstone today to help remind us of our Bible story and all the beautiful and special rocks Jesus created during the seven days of creation. His best creation...is YOU! Jesus made you special and unique...one of a kind!

## Instructions

*(While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!)*

We are going to make a beautiful Jasper Canyon Gemstone! Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

You are going to use the paper plate in front of you as your artifact board. Your Crew Leader will come around and write your name on the plate. Ready?

Ready? First you are going choose the color of gemstone you want to make using the food coloring.

Gently shake your gemstone to get the color mixed in. (*Demonstrate gently shaking even though this step has already been done. The kids will enjoy shaking the Ziploc bag.*)

Ok...looks like all the gems are nicely coated with color.

Put your baggie to the side and lay your gemstone cups empty side up.

Using your paintbrush, spread glue all over the inside of your gemstone cup. Give it a real good coat of glue.

When you are finished painting the glue, be sure to place your paintbrush beside the glue bowl and use a wet wipe to clean your hands.

Ready? Carefully open your Ziploc bag and pour half your gemstones in one cup and the other half in your other cup. Be careful.

My Artifact Craft helpers are coming around to tape your two cups together. Wait patiently.

Looks like everyone has their cups taped shut. Now give your cups a little shake. Back and forth, up and down, and back and forth again. Your gems are adhering to the glue...be gentle so they stay glued in place.

This is so much fun! I can't wait to see your gemstone! Place your gemstone cup on your paper plate and carefully remove the tape. Next, open your gemstone. If there are gems that did not stick, just dump them onto your plate.

Ohhhh...how beautiful. (*Encourage your helpers to also comment to each child the beauty of their gemstone.*) Take turns with your friends and look at your gemstone through the magnifying glass.

You are going to leave your Artifact Craft here to dry. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!

## Wrap-up

It's time to tidy up your area...that is just what we do at the Artifact Craft station so it's ready for the next Little Rockhound Crew. Your beautiful gemstone will remind you of the beautiful rocks that Jesus created just for us to enjoy! Each one is special and unique...but His best creation is...YOU! You are the best treasure of all!

Yes, indeed YOU are special! See you tomorrow, little rockhounds!

I need three helpers to come up and help me find some treasures. (*Choose one from each Crew.*) You can use a shovel and dig in the sand carefully so that you do not damage the treasure. When you find a treasure bring it over here and show the rest of the kids. (*Ask the volunteer kids to put the jewels in sand sifter or sand bucket. Allow time for the kids to complete the activity.*)

Wow, these sure are special! Look what (*volunteers' names*) found! Beautiful treasures! Thank you for digging up these treasures. You can put them in my sand bucket.

*(Ahead of time ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth.)*

This week we have learned all about special treasures and guess what!? The best treasure of all is...can you guess? It's YOU! You are a treasure to God! He loves you sooooo much! Can you cross your arms over your heart? When I say, "God loves you so much," you cross your arms over your heart.

God loves you so much! (*Cross your arms over your heart.*) Great job, everyone! When we cross our arms over our heart that is just like God giving us a hug! (*Cross your arms over your heart.*)

## Crew Leader Activity (2-3 minutes)

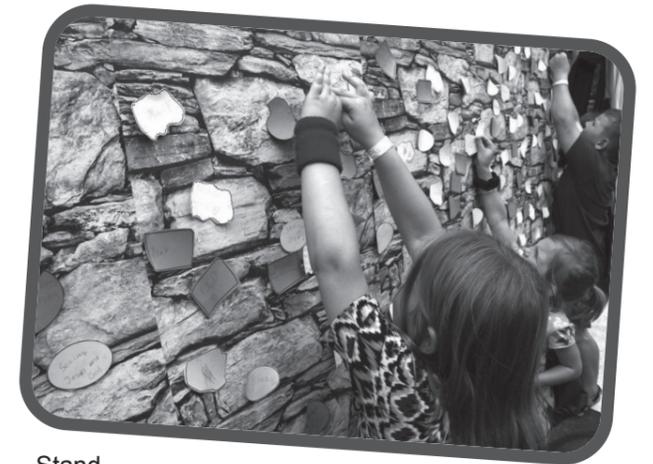
Crew Leaders, take out the precious gems and little magnifying glasses that are in your backpack. As you pass it around talk about how smooth, colorful, hard, and interesting the rock design is. Encourage your group to look at the beauty of the design with their magnifying glasses. God made such wonderful treasures for us to find.

*(Give 2-3 minutes for Crews to pass around the rock, talking about the crystal and how amazing God is to create such treasures for us to find. Then put the crystal in their backpack.)*

Who made the little hard rocks we like to hold? Yes! Jesus did! And who made the great big rocks we like to climb? Yes! Jesus did? Let's clap our hands and sing or chant, "Jesus made the hard rocks."

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Hard Rocks

Jesus made the (hard rocks, hard rock,  
hard rocks);  
Jesus made the (hard rocks); I'm so glad!  
(*can sing: big, big rocks or little bitty rocks*)



Stand up, everyone! Let's wiggle and giggle and stretch up tall! (*Wiggle, giggle, and stretch arms up high.*)

Each day we will learn a new Daily Find that tells us more about God's treasures. Let's do today's Daily Find. Do the actions with me!

Ready!

Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (*hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Whoa! You've got this!

While you are still standing we are going to say a little prayer thanking God that He loves us so much! Stand with your head bowed and your hands folded like this (*show hands together in prayerfulness*).

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for the big animals and the little animals. Thank You for the big rocks and the little rocks! Thank You for loving us so much! We love You, Jesus. Amen.

It's time to do our Bedrock Verse. Do you remember from yesterday? Our brains have special receptors that help us to remember and learn things. Wiggle your fingers on top of your head! (*Wiggle your fingers, tapping the top of your head.*) That is like our brain receptors working to help us remember our Bedrock Verse.

Raise your hands over your head.  
Stretch up as tall as an elephant.  
Put a hand on your left shoulder.  
Put your other hand on your right shoulder.  
Give yourself a squeeze.



Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as the Little Rockhounds are entering the Little Rockhound Campsite.

### Welcome (10 Minutes)

(As the children come in from the opening program at Jasper Canyon, welcome them and invite them to choose a colored carpet square and sit down with their Crew Leader.)

**SAY:** Welcome back, little rockhounds! This is our last day at Rockhound Campsite! I am so glad you are here to spend some time with me! Remember my name? Yes, you remembered! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be leading you on our adventures at the Little Rockhound Campsite! Isn't it a lovely day here in Little Rockhound Campsite? Jesus sent us sunshine outside and sunshine in our happy place! (Point outside and tap your heart.) That makes me so happy I want to sing a song to Jesus! Crew Leaders, hand out the ribbons to each of your kids. Your ribbons are so colorful and make me feel joyful! Stand up with me!

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Sunshine (Sing a couple of times and use jingle bells.)

That was beautiful...and joyful! Hand your jingle bells to your Crew Leader.

You can sit down now on your carpet square. Did you have fun in Jasper Canyon singing songs with the big kids? And adding your prayer papers to the Prayer Wall? (Affirm responses.) We are going to have fun in our Little Rockhound Campsite listening to exciting Bible Stories, making fun crafts, playing games, and even eating a yummy snack just like we did yesterday! I can hardly wait to get started! (Clap hands.)

I have a special instrument with me. Do you know remember?

(Hold up whistle and softly blow it.)

When I blow the whistle it lets you know it's time for you to move to a new activity or if I need you to be quiet (place your finger on your lips: shshsh) so you can listen. Let's practice and see how it works. When you hear the whistle place your finger on your lips and quietly make the "shshsh" sound. Ready? (Quietly blow whistle)...hurray! You are so smart! You did a perfect job!

Crew Leaders, please help your crew with this activity. (Allow time for Crews to complete the activity.)

(Look at each Crew and smile.) Do you know the friend sitting next to you? We are going to play little game of getting to know you! You are going to ask your neighbor their name and favorite cookie. And... you are going to tell them your name too! And your cookie. Remember when you hear my whistle, see how fast you can stop talking and put your finger on your lips, even if you are in the middle of saying a word!

Ready, set, talk to your neighbor!

(Wait 20 seconds and then softly blow the whistle.)

(Once everyone is quiet again) That was really good! I liked the way you stopped right in the middle of your words and put your finger to your lips! I think we could be even faster, though! Let's try it once more. This time choose a different friend. Are you ready? Go!

(Wait 20 seconds and softly blow the whistle.)

You are all so amazing and...did you know that God made you to live with Him forever? That's right! God loves you so much!

This is going to be a great day! I can tell you are ready to listen.

Let's see if you remember each of the areas of our Rockhound Campsite. Does anyone know where the Gemstone Mine Bible story station is? (Affirm all answers.) Now where is our Discovery Sensory Station? Wow! You have good memory! What about our yummy Picnic Snack Shop area? And who likes Artifact Crafts? Oh wait, I know, what about Testing Pit games? Hooray!

We sure have been having fun at our Rockhound Campsite! I like camping. Do you like to go camping? (Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Joshua likes to go camping and so does Natalia.") That is super awesome! Oh, I know a good question, do you like to sleep in a tent? (Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Brandon likes to sleep in a tent and so does Julie.")

Here in the Little Rockhound Campsite we are all friends and like to help each other find treasures, play with friends, hear Bible stories, play games, and I am pretty sure we all love to eat yummy food too! Right?

## PICNIC SNACKS: GEMSTONE PARFAITS

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Grocery Ingredients

- Low-fat vanilla yogurt (option: vegan vanilla yogurt)
- Cool Whip (option: So Delicious Coconut Whipped Topping)
- Strawberries
- Blueberries
- Clementines peeled and divided into sections
- Sliced bananas
- Melon balls
- Water for drinking
- Table Settings
- Clear squatty cups - 9 oz heavy duty tumblers
- Small dessert plates
- Small water cups
- Organic brown napkins
- Plastic spoons
- Utensils and Sanitizing
- Pitcher of water
- Bowls to separate cleaned and prepared fruit
- Large mixing bowl
- Mixing spatula
- Serving spoon
- Melon scoop
- Paring knife
- Serving tray
- Wet wipes
- Hand sanitizer

### Ahead of Time

- Clean and prepare fruit. Mix Cool Whip and vanilla yogurt. Refrigerate fruit and Cool Whip mixture.
- Set at each place setting: small dessert plate with tumbler on top, napkin, spoon, and cups of water.



### Instructions

1. Clean and prepare fruit and put into separate bowls. Place bowls on serving tray.
2. Mix one large container of Cool Whip with one container vanilla yogurt and refrigerate.
3. Picnic Snacks Host #1: Serve each child's choice of fruit each in their cup and add a small spoonful of fruit on their dessert plate.
4. Picnic Snacks Host #2: Top with yogurt mixture.
5. Instruct children to decorate with their Gemstone fruit.

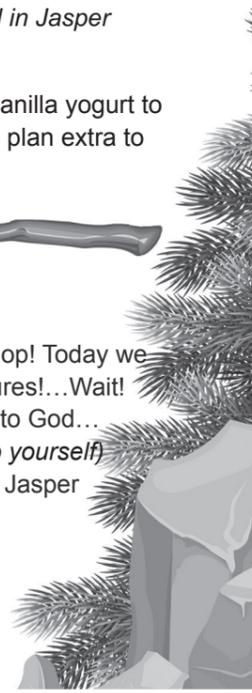
\* Fruit represents gemstones found in Jasper Canyon.

**TIP:** Make a batch of Cool Whip and vanilla yogurt to gauge the amount it will serve. Always plan extra to serve to your VBS volunteers!



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome to the Picnic Snack Shop! Today we are going to discover some real treasures!...Wait! YOU (point to the kids) are a treasure to God... and a treasure to me! (thumbs point to yourself) You look kind of thirsty! It's hot here in Jasper





Canyon...you are welcome to drink your water anytime you choose.

Here at the Jasper Canyon Picnic Snack Shop we like to keep our shop clean and sanitized...as well as our hands! A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you a squirt of hand sanitizer. Be sure to rub it all around your hands and in between your fingers!

Jesus made me special. *(put both thumbs up)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(strike a cool pose)*

Wow! That was amazing! You are great rockhounds! A rockhound likes to hunt for gems! Just like you are doing today...hunting to God's treasures!

I like to be called a Snack Shop geologist *(say with passion!)* because I like to create tasty gemlike treats!

Do you like to eat tasty gemlike treats? Well, let's get to it, rockhounds!

A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you the choice of fruit you want in your Gemstone Parfait. You can choose one kind or choose all of them! It's your choice and I know you make good choices. The host will also place a little fruit on your plate...don't eat it yet!

Another Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and offer you some Jasper Canyon Cool Whip! You have a choice again!...You can choose to have the Jasper Canyon Cool Whip or choose not to have any. If you choose the Jasper Cool Whip you can then decorate your Cool Whip with the gemstones on your plate or just add them to your gem mix.

Before we get started dishing out the gems, we always pray, here at the Picnic Snack Shop, to our amazing, creative, and awesome God. Please bow your head and fold your hands. *(Option: You can ask one of the kids to pray.)*

Dear Jesus, thank You for the tasty fruits You have provided! Oh, I mean gems! And thank You for being at Jasper Canyon with us! We love You! Amen.

Ok, here we go, rockhounds...make good choices and remember YOU are a special to God! Enjoy your tasty treat from the Jasper Canyon Picnic Snack Shop.

### Wrap-up

It's time to clean up! *(sing or say like a jingle)* Be sure all your throwaways are...well...thrown away! *(laugh)* And make sure your hands are clean before you hike on to your next station. *(Give each child a wet wipe and point out the garbage can.)*

Hope you enjoyed making and eating your Gemstone Parfait today, and that it helped to remind you that you are a special treasure to God!

Jesus made me special. *(put both thumbs up)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(strike a cool pose)*

Bye for now, little rockhounds! Remember to make good decisions today...and...YOU...are special!

### Little Rockhound Campsite Closing *(transition to Jasper Canyon)*

*(Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as kids come back to their original crew spots.)*

Are we all here? Crew Leaders, do you have all your little rockhounds with you? Be sure to stay with your Crew Leader because it is time to join the kids back in Jasper Canyon. Get ready...one Crew at a time... here we go...

*(Wait until one Crew is out the door a few seconds before sending the next Crew.)*

Crew #1 The Crystals. See you later!

Crew #2 The Geodes. Bye bye!

Crew #3 The Agates. Skedaddle!

Crew #4 The Garnets. Hop along! See you tomorrow.

*Whew! Day one is complete, and we know you did an awesome job! Please feel free to adapt the stations and lessons to fit the age of your group. May God bless you as you lead His little ones to know that they are special to God, and He loves them very much!*

## DAY 5 – ELIJAH, FRIEND OF GOD (2 KINGS 2:1-17)

**DAILY FIND:** Jesus made me to live with Him forever. *(hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle)* I dig it! *(cool pose)*

**BIBLE STORY:** Elijah

**ANIMAL:** Bald Eagle

**BEDROCK VERSE:** For I am certain *(point to yourself)* that nothing can separate us *(shake your index finger)* from God's love. *(heart shape with fingers)* Neither death nor life, *(jump up and down)* neither angels nor other heavenly rulers *(fold arms over chest)* or powers, *(muscle arms pose)* neither the present nor the future, *(point down then stretch arm out and point)* neither the world above *(hands shape a circle and raise up)* nor the world below – *(hands shape a circle and push down)* there is nothing in all creation *(spread arms wide apart)* that will ever be able to separate us *(hug yourself)* from the love of God *(form a heart shape with your hands and fingers)* which is ours *(both thumbs point to the chest)* through Christ Jesus our Lord. *(ASL sign for Jesus: touch the tip of the middle finger of the dominant hand into the center of the palm of your non-dominant hand; repeat with other hand)* Romans 8:38-39 *(put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)*

### NOTE TO CREW LEADERS:

Watch for kids being kind, helpful, caring, and sharing. Be sure to tell them they are being super cool when you see them being a special rockhound.



### Crew Leader Backpack Supplies

*(Putting each supply in a separate Ziploc bag makes it easier to quickly find what is needed.)*

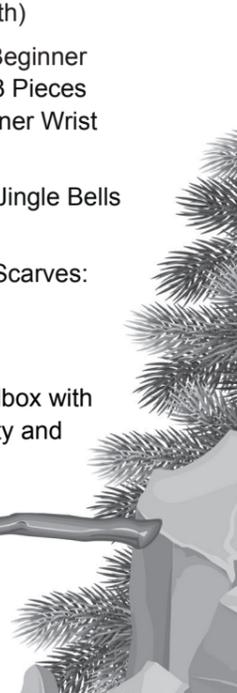
- Crew Leader Guide
- Dance scarves
- Jingle bells
- Variety of precious stones (1 per Crew)
- Small magnifying glass (1 per Child)

### Bible Story Supplies

- Bible story video
- TV
- Craft rolls (one per child)
- Religious stickers
- Day 5 Supplies
- Whistle — to use for transitions and for when little rockhounds need to get ready to listen
- Colored carpet squares (most carpet stores will donate samples)
- Kiddie swimming pool filled with playground sand
- Colored round glass jewels (Dollar Tree or OrientalTrading.com)
- Sandbox shovels
- Sand sifter, sand bucket or tin bucket
- Sand box cover (plastic tablecloth)
- Ribbon sticks (check with your Beginner Sabbath School department or 3 Pieces Rainbow Hand Kite Ribbon Runner Wrist Ribbons: Amazon.com)
- Jingle bells (20 Pcs Wrist Band Jingle Bells Musical Rhythm: Amazon.com)
- Dance scarves (Square Dance Scarves: Amazon.com)

### Ahead of Time

Ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth before the welcome activity and after the sandbox digging activity.





slices on top of your canvas...which is really a graham cracker!

You can use your napkin to clean your hands before the next step.

Another Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and place a spoonful of Teddy Grahams on your plate. Do not eat them yet!

Insert the Teddy Grahams into the banana strips so that they are standing up.

**SUGGESTION:** The Picnic Snack Shop host can use a small spoon to scoop out 4-5 Teddy Grahams and put them on the children's plates. Be ready to add more if a child says they have more than 5 in their family.

Are you finished making your family picture treat? It's time to eat!

### Wrap-up

Rockhounds, YOU are **strong**...you are **smart**...and you are **special** to God and part of His family!

It's time to clean up! (*sing or say like a jingle*) Be sure all your throwaways are...well...thrown away! (*laugh*) And make sure your hands are clean before you hike on to your next station. (*Give each child a wet wipe and point out the garbage can.*)

I hope you enjoyed making and eating your petroglyph...and that it will remind you that you are a special treasure to God! You are part of His family! Remember...Jesus made me in His family. (*hug yourself and/or a neighbor*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Thank you for being amazing rockhounds! Bye for now! Remember to make good decisions today... and...YOU...are made in His family!

## Little Rockhound Campsite Closing (transition to Jasper Canyon)

(*Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as kids come back to their original crew spots.*)

Are we all here? Crew Leaders, do you have all your little rockhounds with you? When I call your group you say, "Dig it!"

Crystals! Dig it!

Geodes! Dig it!

Agates! Dig it!

Garnets! Dig it!

Be sure to stay with your Crew Leader because it is time to join the kids back in Jasper Canyon. Get ready...one Crew at a time...here we go!

(*Wait until one Crew is out the door a few seconds before sending the next Crew.*)

Crew #1 The Crystals. See you later!

Crew #2 The Geodes. Bye bye!

Crew #3 The Agates. Skedaddle!

Crew #4 The Garnets. Hop along! See you tomorrow.

*You and your team are doing an amazing job! Day four is complete. Please feel free to adapt the stations and lessons to fit the age of your group. It is an honor leading these little ones to know and love Jesus and you are the perfect leader for this job. May God bless you as you lead His little ones to know that they are special to God, and He loves them very much!*



## Day 2 – ABIGAIL AND KING DAVID (1 SAMUEL 25)

**DAILY FIND:** Jesus made me strong. (*put both arms up and flex your biceps*) I dig it! (*strike a cool pose*)

**BIBLE STORY:** Abigail

**ANIMAL:** Big black bear

**BEDROCK VERSE:**

For I am certain (*point to yourself*) that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*) from God's love. (*heart shape with fingers*) Neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*) or powers, (*muscle arms pose*) Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

**NOTE TO CREW LEADERS:** Watch for kids being kind, helpful, caring, and sharing. Be sure to tell them they are being super cool when you see them being a special rockhound.



### Crew Leader Backpack Supplies

(*Putting each supply in a separate Ziploc bag makes it easier to quickly find what is needed.*)

- Crew Leader Guide
- Dance scarves
- Jingle bells
- Crystal (1 per crew)
- Small magnifying glass (1 per child)

### Bible Story Supplies

- Bible story video
- TV
- Little stuffed sheep
- Plastic food (enough for each child)
- Baskets for plastic food

### Day 2 Supplies

- Whistle — to use for transitions and for when little rockhounds need to get ready to listen
- Colored carpet squares (most carpet stores will donate samples)

- Kiddie swimming pool filled with playground sand
- Colored round glass jewels (Dollar Tree or OrientalTrading.com)
- Sandbox shovels
- Sand sifter, sand bucket or tin bucket
- Sand box cover (plastic tablecloth)
- Ribbon sticks (check with your Beginner Sabbath School department or 3 Pieces Rainbow Hand Kite Ribbon Runner Wrist Ribbons: Amazon.com)
- Jingle bells (20 Pcs Wrist Band Jingle Bells Musical Rhythm: Amazon.com)
- Dance scarves (Square Dance Scarves: Amazon.com)
- River rock (Dollar Tree, Walmart, or craft supply stores)
- Crystal (Okuna Outpost Desert Rose Selenite Mineral Stone: Amazon.com)
- Stuffed little lambs (check with your Beginner Sabbath School department or Stuffed Lambs of God - 12 Pc: OrientalTrading.com)

### Ahead of Time

Ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth before the welcome activity and after the sandbox digging activity.

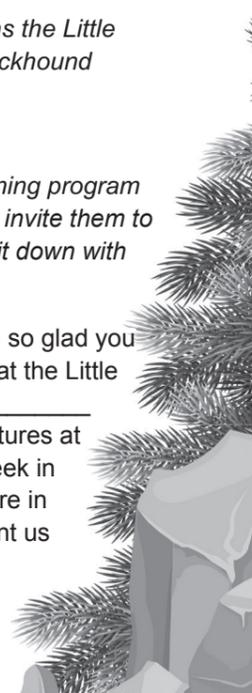


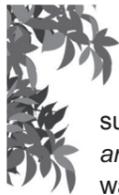
*Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as the Little Rockhounds are entering the Little Rockhound Campsite.*

### Welcome (10 Minutes)

(*As the children come in from the opening program at Jasper Canyon, welcome them and invite them to choose a colored carpet square and sit down with their Crew Leader.*)

**SAY:** Welcome, little rockhounds! I am so glad you are here to spend some time with me at the Little Rockhound Campsite! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be leading you on our adventures at the Little Rockhound Campsite this week in Jasper Canyon! Isn't it a lovely day here in Little Rockhound Campsite? Jesus sent us





sunshine outside in our happy place! (*Point outside and tap your heart.*) That makes me so happy that I want to sing a song to Jesus! Crew Leaders, hand out the dance scarves to each of your kids...dance scarves make me feel joyful!

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Sunshine (*Sing a couple of times and use dance scarves.*)

That was beautiful...and joyful! Hand your dance scarves to your Crew Leader so we can use them again tomorrow!

Each day after we are finished in Jasper Canyon we come here to our very own campsite (*spread your arms wide*) where we will hear Bible stories, make crafts, play games, and even eat a snack! Yummy! Just like we did yesterday! I can hardly wait to get started! (*clap hands*)

I have a special instrument with me. Do you know remember?

(*Hold up whistle and softly blow it.*)

You are right! It is a whistle! This whistle is going to be how I let you know that it is time for you to move to a new activity or if I need you to be quiet (*place your finger on your lips: shshsh*) so you can listen. Let's practice and see how it works. When you hear the whistle place your finger on your lips and quietly make the "shhshsh" sound. Ready? (*Quietly blow whistle*)...hurray! You are so smart! You did a perfect job!

Crew Leaders, please help your crew with this activity. (*Allow time for Crews to complete the activity.*)

(*Look at each Crew and smile.*) Do you know the friend sitting next to you? We are going to play little game of getting to know you! You are going to ask your neighbor their name and favorite color. And... you are going to tell them your name too! And your favorite color. Remember when you hear my whistle, see how fast you can stop talking and put your finger on your lips, even if you are in the middle of saying a word!

Ready, set, talk to your neighbor!

(*Wait 20 seconds and then softly blow the whistle.*)

(*Once everyone is quiet again*) That was really good! I liked the way you stopped right in the middle of your words and put your finger to your lips! I think we could be even faster, though! Let's try it once more.

This time choose a different friend. Are you ready? Go!

(*Wait 20 seconds and softly blow the whistle.*)

You are all so amazing and soooo strong! This is going to be a great week! I can tell you are ready to listen.

I want to tell you a little bit about our Little Rockhound Campsite. Does anyone know where Jasper Canyon is? (*Affirm all answers: "You may be right" or "Good answer."*) Jasper Canyon is where there are lots of interesting rocks and fossils to find. And Jasper Canyon is in a canyon!

(*Laugh with the kids and point to the rocks and trees.*)

Do you like to go camping? (*Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Joshua likes to go camping and so does Natalia."*) That is super awesome! Oh, I know a good question, do you like to eat outside? (*Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Brandon likes to eat outside and so does Julie."*)

Here in the Little Rockhound Campsite we are all friends and like to help each other find treasures, play with friends, hear Bible stories, play games, and I am pretty sure we all love to eat yummy food too!

I need three helpers to come up and help me find some treasures. (*Choose one from each Crew.*) You can use a shovel and dig in the sand carefully so that you do not damage the treasure. When you find a treasure bring it over here and show the rest of the kids. (*Ask the volunteer kids to put the jewels in sand sifter or sand bucket. Allow time for the kids to complete the activity.*)

Wow, these sure are special! Tomorrow I will ask for different volunteers! All of you will get a chance to dig for treasures this week!

(*Ahead of time ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth.*)

This week we are going to learn all about special treasures and the best treasure of all is that YOU



## PICNIC SNACKS: FAMILY SWEETS

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Grocery Ingredients

- Graham crackers
- Bananas
- Orange juice
- Teddy Grahams

### Table Settings

- Small dessert plates
- Small water cups
- Organic brown napkins

### Utensils and Sanitizing

- Pitcher of water
- Tin pail
- Paring knife
- Wet wipes
- Hand sanitizer

### Ahead of Time

- Cut bananas lengthwise the length of a graham cracker square, and place in shallow dish of orange juice. Refrigerate.
- Open graham cracker packages and separate into squares (2 squares per child).
- Set at each place setting: Two graham cracker squares on small dessert plate, napkin, and cup of water.
- Open Teddy Grahams and pour into tin pail.

### Instructions:

1. Place one or two banana strips on each graham cracker square.
2. Insert Teddy Grahams into the banana so that the grahams are standing up.
3. Talk about how this represents your family.

**TIP:** Cut bananas to size ahead of time and place in shallow bowl of orange juice so they do not turn brown. Always plan extra to serve to your VBS volunteers!



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome to the Picnic Snack Shop! This week you have been discovering some real treasures!... But wait! You already know, I'm sure! YOU are a treasure to God...and a treasure to me! (*thumbs point to yourself*)

Here at the Jasper Picnic Snack Shop we like to keep our shop clean and sanitized...as well as our hands! (*wiggle fingers*) A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you a squirt of hand sanitizer. Be sure to rub it all around your hands and in between your fingers!

Hmmm...that reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me in His family. (*hug yourself and/or a neighbor*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

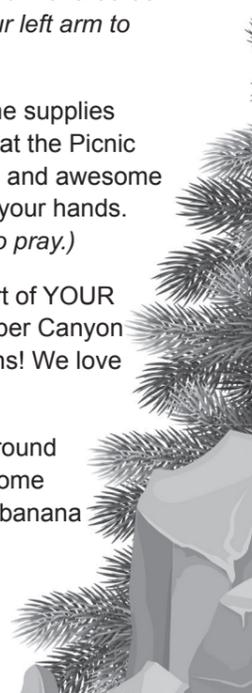
You can call me Chef Snack Shop Geologist (*say with passion!*) because I like to create tasty treats for rockhounds like you!

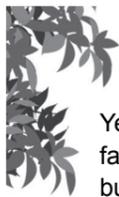
Today we are going to create a tasty work of art that is like a family picture! Well (*swing your left arm to the right*), let's get to it, rockhounds!

Before we get started dishing out all the supplies for our tasty art, we always pray, here at the Picnic Snack Shop, to our amazing, creative, and awesome God...please bow your head and fold your hands. (*Option: You can ask one of the kids to pray.*)

Dear Jesus, thank You that we are part of YOUR family! And thank You for being at Jasper Canyon with us helping us make good decisions! We love You! Amen.

A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you tasty art canvases and some banana slices. Carefully arrange your banana





Yes indeed, you are working together just like a family! Now it's time to glue the cotton balls to your bunny stick.

All done with gluing on the cotton balls? They all look so fluffy.

We are ready to choose googly eyes and glue them to the face of your bunny. This is your design, and you are going to make it amazing!

Ready for the nose? First, we need to glue the whiskers and then the little orange pom pom on the whiskers.

Look at your neighbors' bunny and say, "I like your bunny!"

Ohhhh! Wow, all these bunnies are so cute! (Encourage your helpers to also comment to each child on the uniqueness of each bunny.)

Here comes the fun part! Color your paper plate blue on the top and green on the bottom.

Crew Leaders, please help your Crew insert their bunny stick in the paper plate and show them how to make their bunny hop. This is so much fun!

### Wrap-up

It's time to tidy up your area...that is just what we do at the Artifact Craft station so it's ready for the next Little Rockhound Crew. That is being kind!

Each bunny is special and unique...but His best creation is...YOU! You are the best treasure of all!

Yes, indeed YOU are special! See you tomorrow, little rockhounds!



are a treasure to God! He loves you sooooo much! Can you cross your arms over your heart? When I say, "God loves you so much," you cross your arms over your heart.

God loves you so much! (Cross your arms over your heart.) Great job, everyone!

### Crew Leader Activity (2-3 Minutes)

Crew Leaders, take out the crystal and little magnifying glass that is in your backpack. As you pass it around talk about how smooth, hard, and interesting the crystal is. Encourage your group to look at the beauty of the crystal with their magnifying glasses. God made such wonderful treasures for us to find.

(Give 2-3 minutes for Crews to pass around the crystal, talking about the crystal and how amazing God is to create such treasures for us to find. Then put the crystal in their backpack.)

Who made the little hard rocks we like to hold? Yes! Jesus did! And who made the great big rocks we like to climb? Yes! Jesus did? Let's clap our hands and sing "Jesus Made the Hard Rocks."

### SONG: Jesus Made the Hard Rocks

Jesus made the (hard rocks, hard rock,  
hard rocks);  
Jesus made the (hard rocks); I'm so glad!

(can sing: big, big rocks or little bitty rocks)

Stand up, everyone! Let's wiggle and giggle and stretch up tall! (Wiggle, giggle, and stretch arms up high.)

Each day we will learn a new Daily Find that tells us more about God's treasures. Let's do today's Daily Find. Do the actions with me!

Ready!

Jesus made me strong. (put up both arms as if showing off your biceps)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (cool pose)

Whoa! You've got this!

While you are still standing we are going to say a little prayer thanking God that He loves us so much! Stand with your head bowed and your hands folded like this (show hands together in prayerfulness).

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for the big animals and the little animals. Thank You for the big rocks and the little rocks! Thank You for loving us so much! We love You, Jesus. Amen.

It's time to do our Bedrock Verse. Do you remember from yesterday? Our brains have special receptors that help us to remember and learn things. Wiggle your fingers on top of your head! (Wiggle your fingers, tapping the top of your head.) That is like our brain receptors working to help us remember our Bedrock Verse.

Raise your hands over your head.  
Stretch up as tall as an elephant.  
Put a hand on your left shoulder.  
Put your other hand on your right shoulder.  
Give yourself a squeeze.  
Be like a rabbit and take two little hops toward me.  
Take two steps backwards back to your spot.  
Turn around in a circle.  
Bend your legs and squish down small.  
Sit on your spot, ready to go.  
1...2...3...Memory receptors, on! (Wiggle your fingers on top of your head.)

I can see your memory receptors are ready. I will say each part and then you say it after me.

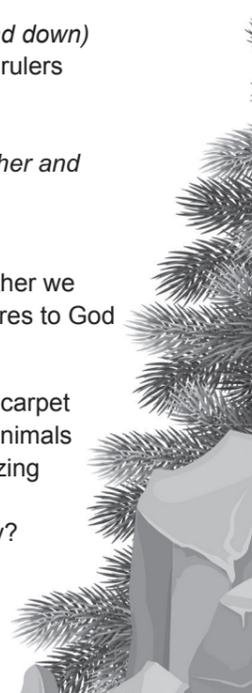
For I am certain (thumbs point to yourself)  
that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger)  
from his love. (Heart shape with fingers)  
Romans 8:38 (hands together open like a book)

That was just the first part! Today we are going to add to our Bedrock Verse.

Neither death nor life, (jump up and down)  
neither angels nor other heavenly rulers  
(fold arms over chest)  
or powers, (muscle arms pose)  
Romans 8:38-39 (put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

You can sit down now on your special carpet square. Do you think that God made animals special? He did! There are some amazing animals that live right here at our Little Rockhound Campsite. Do you see any?



*(Let kids share which ones they see.)*

I want to tell you about one of the strong animals that lives here at our Rockhound Campsite. Can you guess which one I am thinking of?

*(Have kids call out their guesses.)*

I will give you a hint. Today's animal is big, brown, and sometimes growls really loud. And it likes to eat honey and berries!

*(Have kids call out more guesses.)*

It's a big brown bear! Do you see it? There it is, by that tree! Big brown bears like to eat honey, berries, and fish! They like to sleep a lot too!

When something scares them, they stand up on their two back feet and growl! God made them to hunt for yummy berries to eat! They are special that way!

Let's see if you can growl like a big brown bear!

*(Cup your hands around your mouth and gently growl.)*

Wow! You can really growl like a bear! You can sit back down on your carpet square now.

It's almost time for our Bible story. You are going to learn about Abigail today!



## ARTIFACT CRAFT STATION: JASPER CANYON HOPPING BUNNY

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.

*(Your little preschoolers will love this craft! It will take help from the Crew Leaders and any caregivers who stay with their little one.)*



### Supplies

- Bunny template
- White cardstock
- Cotton balls
- Mini orange pom poms
- Googly eyes
- Twine
- Large craft stick
- Glue sticks
- Paper plates
- Pink, green, blue, and yellow markers
- Wet wipes and bowl with soapy water for washing hands and cleaning area

### Ahead of Time

- Cut out cardstock bunny and glue to large craft stick.
- Cut slit 4" above bottom and horizontally across center of paper plate.
- Cut three pieces of twine for each child. Cut 2" in length each.

### Instructions

1. Crew Leaders write name of child on back of each plate.
2. Color the bunny's toes and ears pink.
3. Glue cotton balls to bunny cutout.
4. Glue googly eyes to bunny face.
5. Glue twine (whiskers) centered where the nose will go.
6. Glue mini orange pom pom to twine.
7. Color top of paper plate above slit blue and below the slit green.
  - Optional: add flowers and butterflies.

**TIP:** Make one ahead of time to gauge your time and adjust the instructions as needed.



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasure hunters!...Wait! YOU *(point to the kids)* are a treasure to God...and to me! *(thumbs point to yourself)*

That reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me in His family. *(hug yourself and/or a neighbor)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists! I like being a rockhound because I like to "sniff" out good places to find amazing...beautiful...unique...rocks!

Remember my name? I am Rockhound \_\_\_\_\_.

Today we are going to make some fun bunny rabbit art! Our bunny rabbit art will remind us that we can be kind and loving...and we are all part of God's family! Remember the story of Ruth and Naomi? They were family and they loved God very much!

### Instructions

*(While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!)*

Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

Make sure your name is on the backside of your paper plate. Your Crew Leader will come around and help you write your name on the plate. Ready?

First we need to color the ears and toes pink. Oh my, that is so cute!

*(Wait for everyone finish coloring the ears and toes.)*



## TESTING PIT GAMES

### GET-TO-KNOW-YOU GAME: BEACHBALL

### GAME: WATER RELAY

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



#### Supplies

- Large plastic cup (Dollar Tree, Walmart)
- 2 large buckets, 1 filled with water or pom poms
- Pom poms (optional)
- Masking tape
- Large beach ball

#### Setup

Use masking tape to make a starting line. Place a bucket at the starting line and fill it with water (or pom poms if you are indoors). Place the other bucket 6-8 feet away from the starting line.

When it is time for the relay ask a Crew Leader to demonstrate dipping the cup into the water (or pom poms) and running to the other bucket, dumping the contents in the bucket, and then running back to the starting line. This game may get a little wet. Play in an area where it doesn't matter if water is spilled.



**SAY:** Welcome to Jasper Canyon Testing Pit! Come and let's make a circle by standing next to each other. This will make a big circle. I'm going to stand with you and so is your Crew Leader!

I have a big ball and I am going run across our circle and give it to someone else, then run back to my spot. Then the friend with the ball will run across the circle and give it to someone else! We are going to share! When it comes to you shout out "I dig it!" and then run it to someone else. (*Encourage Crew Leaders to help.*)

Ready? Here we go.

(*Play this game just for a few minutes, trying to make sure everyone gets a turn.*)

Wowee! That was fun!

I think we are ready to play a fast running game! Stay with your Crew Leader right here. I'm going to go way over there (*point about 8 feet away*). When I yell, "Dip and run!" you dip a cup in the water and run as fast as you can and dump the water in this bucket.

Ready? One at a time. Dip and run!

What fun! You are really fast!

Wow! You ran as fast as a momma bunny rabbit!

#### Wrap-up

Whew! that was fun! I love playing games with you!

Are you thirsty? I sure am! Let's get a cool drink of water. Thank you for being kind to your friends!

Before we go to our next station let's say our Daily Find together.

Jesus made me in His family. (*hug yourself and/or a neighbor*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

That was fun! Thank you for coming to play today. Follow your Crew Leader and see you tomorrow, little rockhounds!



## BIBLE STORY

### Background

Children can understand the story of Abigail and Nabal because it is a story about sharing. David and his army of 500 soldiers lived peaceably beside Nabal and even helped protect his land and sheep. However, when David asked Nabal to share some food with his army, Nabal was selfish and said no! Nabal had enough food to share with David but he didn't want to. David's men got angry and would have attacked if Abigail hadn't intervened and given food to the army.



### Supplies

- Variety of plastic food (enough for each child)
- Little stuffed lambs
- 3-4 large baskets for the plastic food



**SAY:** Come with me to the Gemstone Mine. Bring your carpet square and follow me!

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Where we learn (*clap 2x*) about God's love!  
Yeah!

Make sure you sit with your Crew Leader! Are you comfy? Good! I have a really good story to tell you!

David and his men were camping out in the woods. Just like our campsite here at the Little Rockhound Campsite. (*Point to campsite.*) They were very helpful to the other shepherds who would camp nearby and would help to keep them and their sheep safe. (*Give each child a sheep to hold and keep safe.*)

Hold your little lamb gently and keep it safe.

There were 500 people in David's camp. That's a lot of people to feed! Sometimes they would run low on food and would need help finding food. So, this is what they did! (*Be expressive.*)

David sent his men to the home of a man named Nabal to see if they had any food they could spare.



David and his men had helped Nabal's shepherds and hoped that Nabal would be kind to them.

They said, "We need food, can you share?"

Say that with me, "We need food, can you share?" Oh wait...I'm sure they said "please"...let's say it again.

"We need food. Can you share **please?**"

But guess what! Nabal was not a very nice man. Even though Nabal had plenty of food, he didn't want to share with David and his men. Nabal got angry and yelled, "Go, AWAY!" (*Point.*)

Oh no! That was not very nice! (*Put your hand over your mouth.*)

Nabal's shepherds knew that David was a kind man. And they were worried now because Nabal had been unkind to David. They covered their mouths and said, "Oh no!"

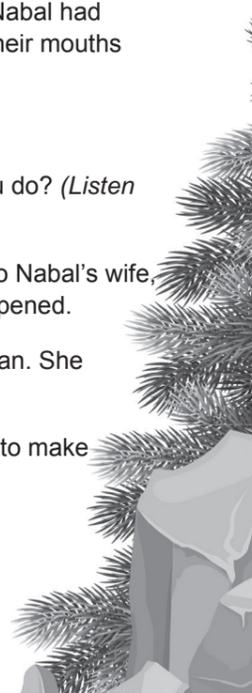
Cover your mouth and say "Oh no!"

What should they do? What would you do? (*Listen and affirm answers.*)

Yes! One of Nabal's shepherds went to Nabal's wife, Abigail, to tell her about what had happened.

Abigail was a very kind and wise woman. She knew that David was a good man.

Abigail knew what needed to be done to make peace between David and Nabal!





She gathered a whole lot of food and took it to David's campsite.

*(Distribute food to all the children and instruct them to put it into the baskets.)*

She had lots and lots of baskets of food and she needed help carrying it all! She loaded the baskets up on donkeys and she even rode on a donkey.

Slowly they clip clopped over to David's campsite. Use your hands and clip clop with me. *(Gently make a clip clop sound by patting your leg or knee.)* Clip clop, clip clop, keep clip clopping! Over the rocky path they went. Clip clop, clip clop through the canyon they went.

Abigail said to David, I will share food with you. I am sorry that Nabal did not share! Thank you for taking care of our sheep and land.

And do you know what David did? He said, "I forgive you!" And they become great friends!

Hug your little lamb close. David and his 500 soldiers praised God and thanked God for a brave friend like Abigail.

We have some puppet friends who are going to tell us a story about Abigail. You can cuddle with your little lamb as you watch our puppet friends.

### Video (5 Minutes)

Did you see the beautiful rock on the inside of that ordinary rock? That was amazing! Just like our Bedrock Verse is so amazing! It tells us that nothing can separate us from God. He loves us so much! I know, let's say it again together. Stand up!

For I am certain *(thumbs point to yourself)*

that nothing can separate us *(shake your index finger)*

from his love. *(Heart shape with fingers)*

Romans 8:38 *(hands together open like a book)*

That was just the first part!

Neither death nor life, *(jump up and down)*

neither angels nor other heavenly rulers *(fold arms over chest)*

or powers, *(muscle arms pose)*

Romans 8:38-39 *(put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)*

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

Are you still standing? It's time to put our little sheep to bed. Bring your sheep up front and put them in the basket then go back to your Crew Leader.

Let's wiggle our arms. *(Demonstrate wiggling your arms.)* Ok! Now we are ready to do the Daily Find. Ready?

Jesus made me strong. *(put up both arms as if showing off your biceps)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

Whoa! I dig it! You've got this!

Abigail showed kindness when she shared her food with King David and his hungry men. God wants us to be kind to each other too.

Kneel with me as we pray to God to say thank you for showing us how to be kind.

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for always loving us and taking care of us! We love You too! Amen.

It's time to go do some treasure hunting! Let's get ready. Crew Leaders, are you ready? Do you have your Discovery Treasure Map *(station rotation guide)*? I will dismiss Crews one at a time. When I say your Crew name, follow your Crew Leader.

## DISCOVERY SENSORY STATION

Arrange a plastic tarp beneath each table. Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Supplies

**JASPER HOUSE:** Being good helpers

- Small kids table and chair
- Plastic dishes, food, and plastic baby doll bottles
- Baby baskets, baby dolls, small blankets, and pillows
- Small broom and dustpan (check with your Beginner Sabbath School leader for items for playing house; add a new one each day)

**DISCOVERY ART:** God's treasures are all beautiful creations

*(This center may need two tables covered with plastic table covering or Kraft paper.)*

- Play Doh, cutting and rolling supplies, and small plastic animals (set several places with a food or craft tray for kids to work on their art)
- Watercolor paints, paint brushes, heavy watercolor paper, small cups of water, and paper towels
- 3-4 plastic colorful colanders (Dollar Tree)
- Pipe cleaners and large beads

Add something new each day such as large pom poms with matching bowls or cups for kids to separate pom poms into, etc.

**DIG SITE TREASURES:** Learning that treasures come in all shapes and sizes

- Plastic bins — 28 Qt. (about 6" tall, 23" long, and 16" wide) — 3-4 of these bins depending on number of children expected (local dollar discount store) (can use several kiddie pools and keep covered during Welcome time)
- 3" of sandbox sand in each container (if using kiddie pools, add 2-3 bags of sand to each pool)



### Discovery Station (15 Minutes)

**SAY:** Welcome to the Discovery Station! Let me tell you what you will find at each of the stations.

At the Jasper House you can take care of the baby dolls. You can set the table and sweep the floor too!

At Discovery Art there are supplies to create beautiful patterns of color with our special supplies of Play Doh and water color. You can even create something with pipe cleaners! Your Crew Leader will be here to help you.

And then there is Dig Site Treasures where you can dig in the sand and find all kinds of treasures.

There is one thing I need you to remember...all the treasures you find needs to stay inside the bin or on the tray. Ok, let's have some fun! *(Kids may need to be encouraged to explore the tables.)*

I heard the whistle! It's time to clean up and get ready to go to the next station.

### Wrap-up

I love how you played so nicely with your friends! And created beautiful and colorful designs!

Thank you for coming to the Discovery Station! Follow your Crew Leader and I'll see you tomorrow, little rockhounds!



children get up and follow you for 5 steps. Then stop.)

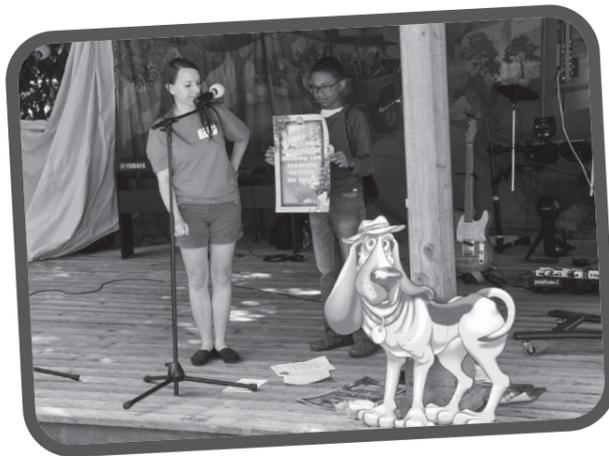
Then Ruth and Naomi stopped and waved goodbye to their friends. (*Wave and say, "Goodbye, friends."*)

Ruth said, "I am staying with you, Naomi! Where you go, I will go, and where you live, I will live. Your family will be my family and your God will be my God forever!" She loved Naomi, and she loved Naomi's God.

Ruth and Naomi began their long journey back to Bethlehem. (*Lead children around the room on a journey. Stop to look at the River Jordan. Cross over into the land of Judah, and then on to Bethlehem.*)

When Ruth and Naomi finally made it to Bethlehem their new friends and family were excited to see them. They waved and called out, "Hello, Naomi!" Ruth worked hard to find food for her and Naomi to eat. God helped her find a field to gather grain for making bread. The people there were kind and made sure she always had enough.

(*Have the kids sit down on their carpet squares and take off their backpacks.*)



The field was owned by a man named Boaz. I like that name! Say it with me: BOAZ.

He was a kind man. Boaz took care of Ruth and Naomi and they became part of his family.

Wow! What a story! God says we are always part of His big family.

Let's say our Daily Find.

Jesus made me in His family. (*hug yourself and/or a neighbor*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

We have some puppet friends who are going to tell us a story about Ruth. You can stay on your carpet square as you watch the puppets.

### Video (5 Minutes)

Did you see that rock that looked like it had a painting on it? It was amazing!

It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

Leave your backpacks here and let's go back to your fun Crew Leader.

In our Bible story Ruth and Naomi loved God and prayed to Him. We can pray to God too!

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## TESTING PIT GAMES

### GET-TO-KNOW-YOU GAME: BEACHBALL

### GAME: POM POM RELAY TOSS

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



#### Supplies

- Various colors of extra-large pom poms or medium balloons blown up and tied (Very Large Assorted Pom)
- Poms: Amazon.com or medium size balloons of various colors)
- Bright colored masking tape (if playing inside) or chair or box to race around (if playing outside)
- Large beach ball

#### Setup

- Use masking tape to mark your starting line. Place the chair or box 6'-8' away from the starting line.
- When it is time for the relay ask a Crew Leader to demonstrate grabbing a pom pom or balloon and running around the chair and back to the starting line. If a pom pom or balloon is dropped, pick it up and keep going.



**SAY:** Welcome to Jasper Canyon Testing Pit! Come and sit in a circle with your legs spread out. Touch your friend's foot. This will make a big circle. I'm going to sit with you and so is your Crew Leader!

I have a big beach ball and I am going to gently roll it to someone. When it comes to you, pick it up and shout out, "I dig it!" and then gently roll it to someone else.

Ready? Here we go.

*(Play this game just for a few minutes, trying to make sure everyone gets a turn.)*

Wowee! That was fun!

I think we are ready to play a running game! Your Crew Leader will help you line up in a straight line. Straight as an arrow! Watch while your Crew Leader grabs a *(pom pom or balloon)* and takes it down and around the box. Look at him/her go! Let's clap and cheer! *(If your group is large you may want to form two or three lines.)*

Now it's your turn! Make sure you cheer for your friends!

What fun! I really liked the way you cheered for each other!

#### Wrap-up

I love playing games with you! You are so strong and can run really fast! And best of all, you are kind to your friends!

Before we go to our next station let's say our Daily Find together.

Jesus made me strong. *(put up both arms as if showing off your biceps)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

That was fun! Thank you for coming to play today. Follow your Crew Leader and see you tomorrow, little rockhounds!

## BIBLE STORY

### Background

Ruth was all alone. She had lost her family and yet did not want her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi, to go alone to Naomi's country. Ruth loved and cared about Naomi. She took care of Naomi on the long journey to Naomi's country and made sure that Naomi and she had food to eat. She worked hard gleaning the corners of the field, diligently taking full advantage of the law God had made for people who had lost their family. Ruth was kind, loving, patient, and diligent. Boaz, a field owner, noticed her and admired her loving attention to his relative, Naomi.



#### Supplies

- Jasper Canyon Backpacks
- Small towel (1 per child)
- Small pillow (1 per child)
- Plastic fruit and vegetables
- Stuffed animal (1 per child)
- Small bottle of water (1 per child)



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Make sure you sit with your Crew Leader! Are you comfy? Good! I have a really good story to tell you!

Each of you are part of a family. Not all families are the same. Some are really big and have lots of brothers and sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. And sometimes families are small – just a momma or a daddy.

Families are important no matter what your family is like.

A family is people who love you. Families are there to help each other and take care of one another.



Today's Bible story is about a family who loved each other and took care of each other even when things were really hard.

Ruth was a young woman who lived in the country of Moab.

She married a man who had come with his parents and brother from a town far away in Israel, called Bethlehem.

Ruth loved her new family very much. They taught her about God and how much God loved her.

But there was a sad, sad day and Ruth was all alone without a family. But she did have her mother-in-law. Her mother-in-law's name was Naomi.

Momma Naomi said they needed to take a trip to go and be with her family. So that is what they did! They packed up their things and started on a long, long walk to Naomi's family.

Hmmm I wonder what they packed? What would you take on a long, long, walk? *(Encourage kids to respond.)*

That's a good idea!

I have some backpacks for each of you. Let's pack for a long, long, walk. We can put a blanket in our pack and what about a pillow? Here are some more items you can add.

*(Give time for the kids to add a stuffed toy, water bottle, and plastic fruits and vegetables.)*

Naomi and Ruth were ready to set off on the long trip to Bethlehem. *(Put pack on and have*

1...2...3...Memory receptors, on! (*Wiggle your fingers on top of your head.*)

I can see your memory receptors are ready. I will say each part and then you say it after me. (*Say each part slowly to allow children to mimic your actions.*)

For I am certain (*point to yourself*) that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*) from God's love. (*heart shape with fingers*) Now let's say part two. Neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*) or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)

Now let's say part three.

neither the present nor the future, (*point down then stretch arm out and point*) neither the world above (*hands shape a circle and raise up*) nor the world below – (*hands shape a circle and push down*)

Now let's say part four.

there is nothing in all creation (*spread arms wide apart*) that will ever be able to separate us (*hug yourself*) from the love of God (*form a heart shape with your hands and fingers*) Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

You can sit down now on your special carpet square. Do you think that God made animals special? He did! There are some amazing animals that live right here at our Little Rockhound Campsite. Do you see any? (*Let kids share which ones they see.*) Just use

your eyes and stay on your carpet square as you spy an animal.

I want to tell you about one of the strong animals that lives here at our Rockhound Campsite. Can you guess which one I am thinking of?

(*Have kids call out their guesses.*)

I need a volunteer to come and help find the animal I am thinking of. (*Choose a volunteer.*) Thank you for volunteering, \_\_\_\_\_. Your friends will help you by giving you directions. (*Encourage the rest of the kids to stay in their spot but give directions.*) I will give you a hint. Today's animal is soft and likes to hop hop hop!

(*Have kids call out more guesses.*)

Yes, you are right! It's a soft, cuddly bunny rabbit! There it is, *under the tree!* Bring it to the front and you can hold it while we talk about the bunny rabbit. The bunny rabbit hops all around and if there is danger the bunny uses her paw to thump thump thump the ground! Use your hand to thump thump thump the ground. Yes, that is exactly what it would sound like.

Momma bunny takes good care of her little babies and keeps them safe! She loves her bunnies because they are all part of her family.

Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_, for finding the bunny rabbit! (*Ask your volunteer to put the bunny rabbit back under the tree and go back to their spot.*)

Wow! You can really thump loud! That was fun. Sit back down on your carpet square now.

It's almost time for our Bible story. We are going to hear a story about Ruth and her long walk...I wonder...do you think she saw any bunny rabbits? Listen carefully and let's see!

## ARTIFACT CRAFT STATION: JASPER CANYON FOSSILS

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.

(*Your little preschoolers will love this craft! It will take help from the Crew Leaders and any caregivers who stay with their little one.*)



### Supplies

- White Crayola air-dry clay (Amazon.com, craft stores, Walmart)
- Mini plastic animals (Dollar Tree, craft stores, Walmart)
- Shells for making imprint on air dry clay
- Paper plates (one per child)
- Yellow watercolor paint
- Cups for paintbrushes
- Paintbrushes
- Magnifying glasses
- Sharpie to write names on plates
- Wet wipes and bowl with soapy water for washing hands and cleaning area

### Ahead of Time

- Gather all your supplies together.
- Arrange plates and magnifying glasses on tables.

### Instructions

1. Take a small handful of air-dry clay out of the container. Roll it into a ball, the size of a donut hole.
2. Flatten the ball of clay with the palm of your hand. Flatten to ½ inch thick and about 1.5 inches in diameter.
3. Press a plastic animal, shell, or other object of your choice into the clay. Use your fingers so you do not press down too hard.
4. Gently lift off the plastic animal.
5. Paint a thin layer of yellow paint on the clay. Blow on the paint to quicken dry time.
6. Keep on plate to dry.
7. Look at fossils through a magnifying glass.



**TIP:** Make one ahead of time to gauge your time. If you have extra time, you can let the children make two or three.



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasure hunters!...Wait! YOU (*point to the kids*) are a treasure to God...and to me! (*thumbs point to yourself*)

That reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me strong. (*put up both arms as if showing off your biceps*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*strike a cool pose*)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists! I like being a rockhound because I like to "sniff" out good places to find amazing...beautiful...unique...rocks!

Wow! That was fun! You are going to be great geologists! But I would prefer to be called a rockhound because I like to search for all kinds of fossils.

And that is exactly what we are going to do! Well...not search for fossils...but make fossils! Your fossil will help remind you about Abigail in our Bible story today. She was very kind, and Jesus had a special job for her. Which



reminds me...you are very special and unique too! You are one of a kind! You are a very special treasure to God!

**Instructions**

*(While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!)*

We are going to make a really cool fossil! Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

You are going to use the paper plate in front of you as your artifact board. Your Crew Leader will come around and help you write your name on the plate. Ready?

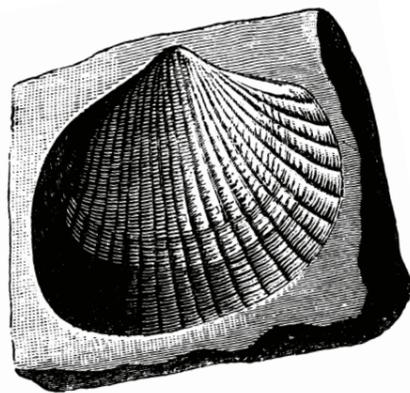
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*(Place a ball of air-dry clay on each plate. Do not do this ahead of time because the clay will dry before the kids have time to make the fossil.)*

First you are going gently flatten your piece of fossil dough with the palm of your hand.

*(Wait for everyone to flatten their ball.)*

Perfect. Now choose a plastic animal or shell shape you want. Next, press the shape into your dough.



Your shape will make a fossil. Remove the shape to leave an indent. Oh my, isn't that cool!

Now you're going to use your paintbrush and paint your fossil with a light coat of yellow color.

When you are finished painting, place your paintbrush inside the cup of water and use a wet wipe to clean your hands.

Look at your neighbors' fossils and say, "I like your fossil!"

Remember to keep your fossil on your paper plate. It will dry while you are doing other activities.

Ohhhh! Wow, all these fossils are very interesting! *(Encourage your helpers to also comment to each child the uniqueness of each fossil.)* Take turns with your friends and look at your fossils through the magnifying glass. What do you see?

You are going to leave your Artifact Craft here to dry. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!

**Wrap-up**

It's time to tidy up your area...that is just what we do at the Artifact Craft station so it's ready for the next Little Rockhound Crew. That is being kind!

Each fossil is special and unique...but His best creation is...YOU! You are the best treasure of all!

Yes, indeed YOU are special! See you tomorrow, little rockhounds!

*(Laugh with the kids and point to the rocks and trees.)*

Do you like to go camping? *(Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Joshua likes to go camping and so does Natalia.")* That is super awesome! Oh, I know a good question, do you like to go hiking? *(Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Brandon likes to go hiking and so does Julie.")*

Here in the Little Rockhound Campsite we are all friends and like to help each other find treasures, play with friends, hear Bible stories, play games, and I am pretty sure we all love to eat yummy food too!

I need three helpers to come up and help me find some treasures. *(Choose one from each Crew.)* You can use a shovel and dig in the sand carefully so that you do not damage the treasure. When you find a treasure bring it over here and show the rest of the kids. *(Ask the volunteer kids to put the jewels in sand sifter or sand bucket. Allow time for the kids to complete the activity.)*

Wow, these sure are special! Tomorrow I will ask for different volunteers! All of you will get a chance to dig for treasures this week!

*(Ahead of time ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth.)*

This week we are learning all about special treasures and the best treasure of all is that YOU are a treasure to God! He loves you soooo much! Can you cross your arms over your heart? When I say, "God loves you so much," you cross your arms over your heart.

God loves you so much! *(Cross your arms over your heart.)* Great job, everyone!

**Crew Leader Activity (2-3 Minutes)**

Crew Leaders, take out the painted rock and little magnifying glass that is in your backpack. As you pass it around talk about how smooth, colorful, hard, and interesting the rock design is. Encourage your group to look at the beauty of the design with their magnifying glasses. God made such wonderful treasures for us to find.

*(Give 2-3 minutes for Crews to pass around the rock, talking about the crystal and how amazing God is to create such treasures for us to find. Then put the crystal in their backpack.)*

Who made the little hard rocks we like to hold? Yes! Jesus did! And who made the great big rocks we like

to climb? Yes! Jesus did? Let's clap our hands and sing or chant, "Jesus made the hard rocks."

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Hard Rocks

Jesus made the (hard rocks, hard rock, hard rocks);  
Jesus made the (hard rocks); I'm so glad!  
*(can sing: big, big rocks or little bitty rocks)*

Stand up, everyone! Let's wiggle and giggle and stretch up tall! *(Wiggle, giggle, and stretch arms up high.)*

Each day we will learn a new Daily Find that tells us more about God's treasures. Let's do today's Daily Find. Do the actions with me!

Ready!

Jesus made me in His family. *(hug yourself and/or a neighbor)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

Whoa! You've got this!

While you are still standing we are going to say a little prayer thanking God that He loves us so much! Stand with your head bowed and your hands folded like this *(show hands together in prayerfulness).*

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for the big animals and the little animals. Thank You for the big rocks and the little rocks! Thank You for loving us so much! We love You, Jesus. Amen.

It's time to do our Bedrock Verse. Do you remember from yesterday? Our brains have special receptors that help us to remember and learn things. Wiggle your fingers on top of your head! *(Wiggle your fingers, tapping the top of your head.)* That is like our brain receptors working to help us remember our Bedrock Verse.

Raise your hands over your head.  
Stretch up as tall as an elephant.  
Put a hand on your left shoulder.  
Put your other hand on your right shoulder.  
Give yourself a squeeze.  
Be like a rabbit and take two little hops toward me.  
Take two steps backwards back to your spot.  
Turn around in a circle.  
Bend your legs and squish down small.  
Sit on your spot, ready to go.



and invite them to choose a colored carpet square and sit down with their Crew Leader.)

**SAY:** Welcome, little rockhounds! I am so glad you are here to spend some time with me at the Little Rockhound Campsite! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be leading you on our adventures at the Little Rockhound Campsite this week in Jasper Canyon! Isn't it a lovely day here in Little Rockhound Campsite? Jesus sent us sunshine outside in our happy place! (*Point outside and tap your heart.*) That makes me so happy I want to sing a song to Jesus! Crew Leaders, hand out the ribbons to each of your kids. Your ribbons are so colorful and make me feel joyful! Stand up with me!

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Sunshine (*Sing a couple of times and use ribbons.*)

That was beautiful...and joyful! Hand your ribbons to your Crew Leader so we can use them again tomorrow!

You can sit down now on your carpet square. Did you have fun in Jasper Canyon singing songs with the big kids? (*Affirm responses.*) We are going to have fun in our Little Rockhound Campsite listening to exciting Bible Stories, making fun crafts, playing games, and even eating a yummy



snack just like we did yesterday! I can hardly wait to get started! (*Clap hands.*)

I have a special instrument with me. Do you know remember?

(*Hold up whistle and softly blow it.*)

You are right! It is a whistle! This whistle is going to be how I let you know that it is time for you to move to a new activity or if I need you to be quiet (*place your finger on your lips: shshsh*) so you can listen. Let's practice and see how it works. When you hear the whistle place your finger on your lips and quietly make the "shshsh" sound. Ready? (*Quietly blow whistle*)...hurray! You are so smart! You did a perfect job!

Crew Leaders, please help your crew with this activity. (*Allow time for Crews to complete the activity.*)

(*Look at each Crew and smile.*) Do you know the friend sitting next to you? We are going to play little game of getting to know you! You are going to ask your neighbor their name and favorite kind of fruit. And...you are going to tell them your name too! And your favorite fruit. Remember when you hear my whistle, see how fast you can stop talking and put your finger on your lips, even if you are in the middle of saying a word!

Ready, set, talk to your neighbor!

(*Wait 20 seconds and then softly blow the whistle.*)

(*Once everyone is quiet again*) That was really good! I liked the way you stopped right in the middle of your words and put your finger to your lips! I think we could be even faster, though! Let's try it once more. This time choose a different friend. Are you ready? Go!

(*Wait 20 seconds and softly blow the whistle.*)

You are all so amazing and...did you know that you are part of God's big family? That's right! God loves you so much!

This is going to be a great day! I can tell you are ready to listen.

I want to tell you a little bit about our Little Rockhound Campsite. Does anyone know where Jasper Canyon is? (*Affirm all answers: "You may be right" or "Good answer."*) Jasper Canyon is where there are lots of interesting rocks and fossils to find.

## PICNIC SNACK: FOSSIL CRACKERS

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Grocery Ingredients

- Whole wheat round crackers
- Soft cream cheese packets (optional: vegan cream cheese)
- Organic shredded carrots
- Raisins
- Celery

### Table Settings

- Small dessert paper plates
- Small water cups
- Organic brown napkins

### Utensils and Sanitizing

- Paring knife
- Pitcher of water
- Wet wipes
- Hand sanitizer

### Ahead of Time

- Clean and prepare vegetables. Cut celery into 2" full stem sticks. The celery will be used to make fossil tracks.
- Set at each place setting: small dessert plate, napkin, small shovel, and small cups of water.

### Instructions

1. Spread a generous amount of cream cheese on two round crackers.
2. Arrange two raisins in the middle and press carrot shreds into the cream cheese all around the raisins to look like spiny legs.
3. Use the celery stick end to make imprints around the fossil.
4. Place the small shovel into the cream cheese to look like it is digging. Perfect! You can eat your celery stick while you admire your fossil.

**TIP:** Placing all the ingredients on each plate ahead of time will help the children have more time to create their fossil. Be sure to remind the children not to eat their "fossil making supplies" until you instruct them to do so.



The children can drink their water anytime and be ready to refill as requested.



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back to the Little Rockhound Campsite Picnic Snack Shop! We are always discovering treasures...Wait a minute! YOU (*point to the kids*) are a treasure to God...and a treasure to me! (*thumbs point to yourself*)

You look kind of thirsty! It's hot at the campsite... you are welcome to drink your water anytime you choose.

Here at the Jasper Canyon Picnic Snack Shop we like to keep our shop clean and sanitized...as well as our hands! (*show your hands*) You probably already knew that! A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you a squirt of hand sanitizer. Be sure to rub it all around your hands and in between your fingers! (*demonstrate*)

That reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me strong. (*put up both arms as if showing off your biceps*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists ... oops...I mean rockhounds! (*smile really big*)



I am the Jasper Canyon Picnic Snack Shop geologist (*say with passion!*) because I like to dig up good recipes...like Fossil Crackers!

Do you like to eat Fossil Crackers? Sounds like something a rockhound would enjoy for sure! Well, let's get to it, Little Rockhounds!

Before we get started dishing out snacks, we always pray, here at the Picnic Snack Shop, to our amazing, creative, and awesome God. Please bow your head and fold your hands. (*Option: You can ask one of the kids to pray.*)

Dear Jesus, thank You for the tasty crackers and vegetables You have provided! Oh, I mean fossils! And thank You for being at Jasper Canyon with us! We love You! Amen.

Your plate already has the supplies you need to create a very tasty Jasper Canyon fossil treat! There is a celery stick on your plate...but don't eat it yet!

First, use your little shovel to spread the cream cheese all over your two crackers. Try to get them even.

Then arrange two or three raisins, you choose, in the center of each of your crackers and surround the raisins with the carrot shreds. Looks kind of like a spiny fossil!

Now...the best part. Use your celery stick to make tracks around your fossil...and you can even use the end of your celery stick and press down where the head is supposed to be.

Now...if you choose, you can eat your celery stick as you admire your Jasper Canyon fossil. Oh...and...you can eat your fossil too!

### Wrap-up

It's time to clean up! (*sing or say like a jingle*) Be sure all your throwaways are...well...thrown away! (*laugh*) And make sure your hands are clean before you hike on to your next station. (*Give each child a wet wipe and point out the garbage can.*)

Hope you enjoyed making and eating your fossils today, and that it helped to remind you that you are a special treasure to God! After all, Jesus made me strong! (*put up both arms as if showing off your biceps*)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Bye for now, rockhounds! Remember be kind!... and...YOU...are strong and special!

### Little Rockhound Campsite Closing (transition to Jasper Canyon)

(*Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as kids come back to their original crew spots.*)

Are we all here? Crew Leaders, do you have all your little rockhounds with you? When I call your group you say, "Dig it!"

Crystals! Dig it!

Geodes! Dig it!

Agates! Dig it!

Garnets! Dig it!

Be sure to stay with your Crew Leader because it is time to join the kids back in Jasper Canyon. Get ready...one Crew at a time...here we go!

(*Wait until one Crew is out the door a few seconds before sending the next Crew.*)

Crew #1 The Crystals. See you later!

Crew #2 The Geodes. Bye bye!

Crew #3 The Agates. Skedaddle!

Crew #4 The Garnets. Hop along! See you tomorrow.

*You did an amazing job! Day two is complete, and we know your little rockhounds enjoyed being with you and your team! Please feel free to adapt the stations and lessons to fit the age of your group. May God bless you as you lead His little ones to know that they are special to God, and He loves them very much!*



## Day 4 – RUTH (RUTH 1-4)

**DAILY FIND:** Jesus made me made me in His family! (*hug yourself and/or a neighbor*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

**BIBLE STORY:** Ruth

**ANIMAL:** Bunny Rabbit

**BEDROCK VERSE:** For I am certain (*point to yourself*) that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*) from God's love. (*heart shape with fingers*) Neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*) or powers, (*muscle arms pose*) neither the present nor the future, (*point down then stretch arm out and point*) neither the world above (*hands shape a circle and raise up*) nor the world below – (*hands shape a circle and push down*) there is nothing in all creation (*spread arms wide apart*) that will ever be able to separate us (*hug yourself*) from the love of God (*form a heart shape with your hands and fingers*) Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

**NOTE TO CREW LEADERS:** Watch for kids being kind, helpful, caring, and sharing. Be sure to tell them they are being super cool when you see them being a special rockhound.



### Crew Leader Backpack Supplies

(*Putting each supply in a separate Ziploc bag makes it easier to quickly find what is needed.*)

- Crew Leader Guide
- Dance scarves
- Jingle bells
- Rock with happy face a design painted on it (1 per crew)
- Small magnifying glass (1 per child)

### Bible Story Supplies

- Bible story video
- TV
- Jasper Canyon Backpacks
- Small towel (1 per child)
- Small pillow (1 per child)
- Plastic fruit and vegetables
- Stuffed animal (1 per child)
- Small bottle of water (1 per child)

### Day 4 Supplies

- Whistle — to use for transitions and for when little rockhounds need to get ready to listen
- Colored carpet squares (most carpet stores will donate samples)
- Kiddie swimming pool filled with playground sand
- Colored round glass jewels (Dollar Tree or OrientalTrading.com)
- Sandbox shovels
- Sand sifter, sand bucket or tin bucket
- Sand box cover (plastic tablecloth)
- Ribbon sticks (check with your Beginner Sabbath School department or 3 Pieces Rainbow Hand Kite Ribbon Runner Wrist Ribbons: Amazon.com)
- Jingle bells (20 Pcs Wrist Band Jingle Bells Musical Rhythm: Amazon.com)
- Dance scarves (Square Dance Scarves: Amazon.com)

### Ahead of Time

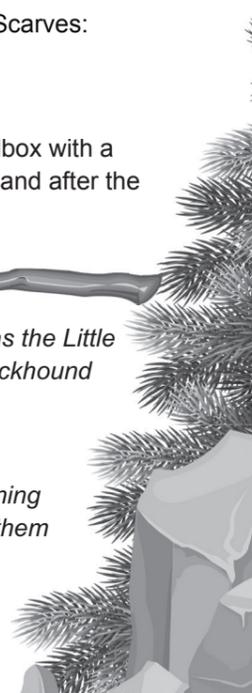
Ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth before the welcome activity and after the sandbox digging activity.



*Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as the Little Rockhounds are entering the Little Rockhound Campsite.*

### Welcome (10 Minutes)

(*As the children come in from the opening program at Jasper Canyon, welcome them*)





**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists ... oops...I mean rockhounds! (*smile really big*)

You can call me Chef Snack Shop Geologist (*say with passion!*) because I like to create tasty Mosaic Trail Mix!

Do you like to eat tasty Mosaic Trail Mix? Well (*swing your left arm to the right*), let's get to it, rockhounds!

Before we get started dishing out the Mosaic Trail Mix, we always pray, here at the Picnic Snack Shop, to our amazing, creative, and awesome God... please bow your head and fold your hands. (*Option: You can ask one of the kids to pray.*)

Dear Jesus, thank You for the tasty trail mix you have provided! And thank You for being at Jasper Canyon with us, helping us make good decisions! We love You! Amen.

A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you a shovel to dig into the Mosaic Trail Mix. Carefully pour your diggin's into your cup. You can take a tiny bit or a shovel full...it's your choice and whatever you decide will be a good choice for you. Don't eat it yet! There is a surprise coming!

Another Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and offer you some Jasper Canyon rocks. You can choose to add them to your mosaic or not...the choice is yours and I know you will make the best choice for you. Oh, by the way (*whisper*), the rocks have chocolate inside them!

**SUGGESTION:** The Picnic Snack Shop host can use a small spoon to get about 4-5 rocks. Let the child sprinkle the rocks onto their Mosaic Trail Mix... if they choose to add them.

Your Mosaic Trail Mix looks real tasty...you made good choices! And remember YOU are **strong**...you are **smart**...and you are **special** to God! Enjoy your tasty treat from the Jasper Canyon Picnic Snack Shop.

### Wrap-up

It's time to clean up! (*sing or say like a jingle*) Be sure all your throwaways are...well...thrown away! (*laugh*) And make sure your hands are clean before you hike on to your next station. (*Give each child a wet wipe and point out the garbage can.*)

I hope you enjoyed making and eating your Mosaic Trail Mix...and that it helped to remind you that you are a special treasure to God! Oh...ssssshhhh... don't tell the other rockhounds about the chocolate rocks! It's a surprise! And remember... Jesus made me smart. (*cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Bye for now, rockhounds! Remember to make good decisions today...and...YOU...are smart!

### Little Rockhound Campsite Closing (*transition to Jasper Canyon*)

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Garnets! Dig it!

Be sure to stay with your Crew Leader because it is time to join the kids back in Jasper Canyon. Get ready...one Crew at a time...here we go!

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Crew #4 The Garnets. Hop along! See you tomorrow.

*You did an amazing job! Day three is complete, and we know your little rockhounds enjoyed being with you and your team! It is an honor leading these little ones to know and love Jesus and you are the perfect leader for this job. Please feel free to adapt the stations and lessons to fit the age of your group. May God bless you as you lead His little ones to know that they are special to God, and He loves them very much!*

## Day 3 – SOLOMON (1 KINGS 3:16-28)

**DAILY FIND:** Jesus made me smart. (*cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

**BIBLE STORY:** Wise King Solomon

**ANIMAL:** Bob Cat

### BEDROCK VERSE:

For I am certain (*point to yourself*) that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*) from God's love. (*heart shape with fingers*) Neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*) or powers, (*muscle arms pose*) neither the present nor the future, (*point down then stretch arm out and point*) neither the world above (*hands shape a circle and raise up*) nor the world below – (*hands shape a circle and push down*) Romans 8:38-39 (*put hands together and then open like opening a Bible*)

**NOTE TO CREW LEADERS:** Watch for kids being kind, helpful, caring, and sharing. Be sure to tell them they are being super cool when you see them being a special rockhound.



### Crew Leader Backpack Supplies

(*Putting each supply in a separate Ziploc bag makes it easier to quickly find what is needed.*)

- Crew Leader Guide
- Dance scarves
- Jingle bells
- Crystal (1 per crew)
- Small magnifying glass (1 per child)
- Geode
- Small hammer

### Bible Story Supplies

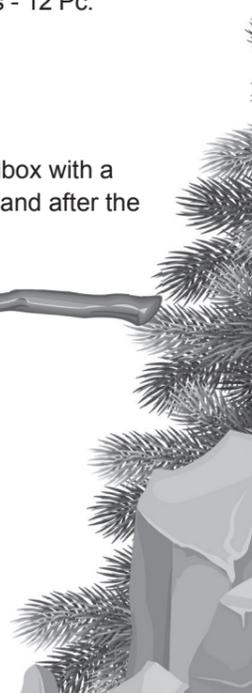
- Bible story video
- TV
- Basket
- Crowns (enough for each child)
- Sanitizer (wash each crown after the Bible story)

### Day 3 Supplies

- Whistle — to use for transitions and for when little rockhounds need to get ready to listen
- Colored carpet squares (most carpet stores will donate samples)
- Kiddie swimming pool filled with playground sand
- Colored round glass jewels (Dollar Tree or OrientalTrading.com)
- Sandbox shovels
- Sand sifter, sand bucket or tin bucket
- Sand box cover (plastic tablecloth)
- Ribbon Sticks (check with your Beginner Sabbath School department or 3 Pieces Rainbow Hand Kite Ribbon Runner Wrist Ribbons: Amazon.com)
- Jingle bells (20 Pcs Wrist Band Jingle Bells Musical Rhythm: Amazon.com)
- Dance Scarves (Square Dance Scarves: Amazon.com)
- Geode (Break-Your-Own Geodes - 12 Pc. #9/535 OrientalTrading.com)
- Small hammer

### Ahead of Time

Ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth before the welcome activity and after the sandbox digging activity.





Play the Jasper Canyon theme song as the Little Rockhounds are entering the Little Rockhound Campsite.

### Welcome (10 Minutes)

(As the children come in from the opening program at Jasper Canyon, welcome them and invite them to choose a colored carpet square and sit down with their Crew Leader.)

**SAY:** Welcome, little rockhounds! I am so glad you are here to spend some time with me at the Little Rockhound Campsite! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be leading you on our adventures at the Little Rockhound Campsite this week in Jasper Canyon! Isn't it a lovely day here in Little Rockhound Campsite? Jesus sent us sunshine outside in our happy place! (Point outside and tap your heart.) That makes me so happy that I want to sing a song to Jesus! Crew Leaders, hand out the dance scarves to each of your kids...dance scarves make me feel joyful!

**SONG:** Jesus Made the Sunshine (Sing a couple of times and use dance scarves.)

That was beautiful...and joyful! Hand your dance scarves to your Crew Leader so we can use them again tomorrow!

Did you have fun in Jasper Canyon singing songs with the big kids? (Affirm responses.) We are going to have fun in our Little Rockhound Campsite listening to exciting Bible stories, making fun crafts, playing games, and even eating a yummy snack just like we did yesterday! I can hardly wait to get started! (Clap hands.)

I have a special instrument with me. Do you know remember?

(Hold up whistle and softly blow it.)



You are right! It is a whistle! This whistle is going to be how I let you know that it is time for you to move to a new activity or if I need you to be quiet (place your finger on your lips: shshsh) so you can listen. Let's practice and see how it works. When you hear the whistle place your finger on your lips and quietly make the "shshsh" sound. Ready? (Quietly blow whistle)...hurray! You are so smart! You did a perfect job!

Crew Leaders, please help your crew with this activity. (Allow time for Crews to complete the activity.)

(Look at each Crew and smile.) Do you know the friend sitting next to you? We are going to play little game of getting to know you! You are going to ask your neighbor their name and favorite breakfast food. And...you are going to tell them your name too! And your favorite breakfast food. Remember when you hear my whistle, see how fast you can stop talking and put your finger on your lips, even if you are in the middle of saying a word!

Ready, set, talk to your neighbor!

(Wait 20 seconds and then softly blow the whistle.)

(Once everyone is quiet again) That was really good! I liked the way you stopped right in the middle of your words and put your finger to your lips! I think we could be even faster, though! Let's try it once more. This time choose a different friend. Are you ready? Go!

(Wait 20 seconds and softly blow the whistle.)

You are all so amazing and soooo strong! This is going to be a great week! I can tell you are ready to listen.

I want to tell you a little bit about our Little Rockhound Campsite. Does anyone know where Jasper Canyon is? (Affirm all answers: "You may be right" or "Good answer.") Jasper Canyon is where there are lots of interesting rocks and fossils to find. And Jasper Canyon is in a canyon!

(Laugh with the kids and point to the rocks and trees.)

Do you like to go camping? (Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Joshua likes to go camping and so does Natalia.") That is super awesome! Oh, I know a good question, do you like to eat outside? (Affirm all answers and say kids' names: i.e. "Brandon likes to eat outside and so does Julie.")

## PICNIC SNACK: MOSAIC TRAIL MIX

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Grocery Ingredients

- Rice Chex cereal
- Raisins
- Banana chips
- Carob chips
- Mini pretzels
- Amazon.com: Assorted Color Rock Candy Crystals 2 Pound Bag Hoosier Hill Farm Original Chocolate Rock Candy Nuggets (1 lb)

### Table Settings

- Clear squatty cups - 9 oz heavy duty
- Small dessert plates
- Small water cups
- Organic brown napkins
- Plastic spoons

### Utensils and Sanitizing

- Pitcher of water
- Small beach shovels
- Large mixing bowl
- Small serving spoon
- Tin pail or beach bucket
- Wet wipes
- Hand sanitizer

### Ahead of Time

- Mix a big batch of trail mix but do not add the rock candy.
- Set at each place setting: small dessert plate with tumbler on top, napkin, spoon, and cup of water.

### Instructions

1. Gently combine all trail mix ingredients in a big bowl. Do not add the rock candy.
2. Pour package of rock candy in sperate bowl.
3. Serve Mosaic Trail Mix first to each child (or let the children use small picnic shovel to serve themselves).



4. Serve rock candy, giving each child about 1-2 tablespoons.

**TIP:** Make a batch to gauge the amount it will serve. Always plan extra to serve to your VBS volunteers!



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome to the Picnic Snack Shop! Today we are going to discover some real treasures!...Wait! We already discovered a real treasure and that is YOU. (point to the kids) You are a treasure to God... and a treasure to me! (thumbs point to yourself)

You look kind of thirsty! It's hot here in Jasper Canyon...you are welcome to drink your water anytime you choose.

Here at the Jasper Picnic Snack Shop we like to keep our shop clean and sanitized...as well as our hands! (wiggle fingers) A Picnic Snack Shop host will come around and give you a squirt of hand sanitizer. Be sure to rub it all around your hands and in between your fingers!

That reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me smart. (cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)



Look at your neighbors' mosaic and say, "I like your heart!"

Ohhhh! Wow, all these mosaics are so colorful!  
(Encourage your helpers to also comment to each child on the uniqueness of each mosaic.)

You are going to leave your Artifact Craft here to dry. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!

### Wrap-up

It's time to tidy up your area...that is just what we do at the Artifact Craft station so it's ready for the next Little Rockhound Crew. That is being kind!

Each mosaic is special and unique...but His best creation is...YOU! You are the best treasure of all!

Yes, indeed YOU are special! See you tomorrow, little rockhounds!



Here in the Little Rockhound Campsite we are all friends and like to help each other find treasures, play with friends, hear Bible stories, play games, and I am pretty sure we all love to eat yummy food too!

I need three helpers to come up and help me find some treasures. (Choose one from each Crew.) You can use a shovel and dig in the sand carefully so that you do not damage the treasure. When you find a treasure bring it over here and show the rest of the kids. (Ask the volunteer kids to put the jewels in sand sifter or sand bucket. Allow time for the kids to complete the activity.)

Wow, these sure are special! Tomorrow I will ask for different volunteers! All of you will get a chance to dig for treasures this week!

(Ahead of time ask a helper to cover the dig site sandbox with a tablecloth.)

This week we are going to learn all about special treasures and the best treasure of all is that YOU are a treasure to God! He loves you soooo much! Can you cross your arms over your heart? When I say, "God loves you so much," you cross your arms over your heart.

God loves you so much! (Cross your arms over your heart.) Great job, everyone!

### Crew Leader Activity (2-3 Minutes)

Crew Leaders, take out the crystal and little magnifying glass that is in your backpack. As you pass it around talk about how smooth, hard, and interesting the crystal is. Encourage your group to look at the beauty of the crystal with their magnifying glasses. God made such wonderful treasures for us to find.

(Give 2-3 minutes for Crews to pass around the crystal, talking about the crystal and how amazing God is to create such treasures for us to find. Then put the crystal in their backpack.)

Who made the little hard rocks we like to hold? Yes! Jesus did! And who made the great big rocks we like to climb? Yes! Jesus did! Let's clap our hands and sing or chant, "Jesus made the hard rocks."

### SONG: Jesus Made the Hard Rocks

Jesus made the (hard rocks, hard rock,  
hard rocks);  
Jesus made the (hard rocks); I'm so glad!

(can sing: big, big rocks or little bitty rocks)



Stand up, everyone! Let's wiggle and giggle and stretch up tall! (Wiggle, giggle, and stretch arms up high.)

Each day we will learn a new Daily Find that tells us more about God's treasures. Let's do today's Daily Find. Do the actions with me!

Ready!

Jesus made me smart. (cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (cool pose)

Whoa! You've got this!

While you are still standing we are going to say a little prayer thanking God that He loves us so much! Stand with your head bowed and your hands folded like this (show hands together in prayerfulness).

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for the big animals and the little animals. Thank You for the big rocks and the little rocks! Thank You for loving us so much! We love You, Jesus. Amen.

It's time to do our Bedrock Verse. Do you remember from yesterday? Our brains have special receptors that help us to remember and learn things. Wiggle your fingers on top of your head! (Wiggle your fingers, tapping the top of your head.) That is like our brain receptors working to help us remember our Bedrock Verse.

Raise your hands over your head.  
Stretch up as tall as an elephant.  
Put a hand on your left shoulder.  
Put your other hand on your right shoulder.  
Give yourself a squeeze.

Be like a rabbit and take two little hops toward me.  
 Take two steps backwards back to your spot.  
 Turn around in a circle.  
 Bend your legs and squish down small.  
 Sit on your spot, ready to go.  
 1...2...3...Memory receptors, on!  
 (Wiggle your fingers on top of your head.)

I can see your memory receptors are ready. I will say each part and then you say it after me.  
 For I am certain (thumbs point to yourself) that nothing can separate us (shake your index finger) from his love. (Heart shape with fingers)  
 Romans 8:38 (hands together open like a book)

Now let's say the second apart.  
 Neither death nor life, (jump up and down) neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (fold arms over chest) or powers, (muscle arms pose)  
 Romans 8:38-39 (put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)

Ready for day 3? Repeat after me:  
 neither the present nor the future, (point down then stretch arm out and point) neither the world above (hands shape a circle and raise up) nor the world below – (hands shape a circle and push down)  
 Romans 8:38-39 (put hands together and then open like opening a Bible)

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

You can sit down now on your special carpet square. Do you think that God made animals special? He did! There are some amazing animals that live right here at our Little Rockhound Campsite.

I want to tell you about one of the strong animals that lives here at our Rockhound Campsite. Can you guess which one I am thinking of?

(Have kids call out their guesses.)

I need a volunteer to come and help find the animal I am thinking of. (Choose a volunteer.) Thank you for volunteering, \_\_\_\_\_. Your friends will help you by giving you directions. (Encourage the rest of the kids to stay in their spot but give directions.) I will

give you a hint. Today's animal looks like a big kitty cat, and sometimes meows really loud. And can jump clear across the rocks!

(Have kids call out more guesses.)

Yes, you are right! It's a big wild bob cat! There it is, by that big rock! Bring it to the front and you can hold it while we talk about the bob cat. The reason it is called a bob cat is because its tail is bobbed, or short. They like to live in caves or beside big rocks. Did you know that bob cats are very smart and very patient? When it's time to eat they wait patiently until they find just the right thing to eat.

If they get startled or scared, they dash off so fast! God made them to be smart and patient...and fast! They are special that way!

Let's see if you can meow like a big bob cat! (Cup your hands around your mouth and gently meow.) Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_ for finding the bob cat! (Ask your volunteer to put the bob cat back in its den and go back to their spot.)

Wow! You can really meow loud! That was fun. Sit back down on your carpet square now.

It's almost time for our Bible story. Today you are going to learn about Solomon, the wise king!



## ARTIFACT CRAFT STATION: JASPER CANYON MOSAIC HEARTS

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



(Your little preschoolers will love this craft! It will take help from the Crew Leaders and any caregivers who stay with their little one.)

### Supplies

- Construction paper
- White paper plate
- Glue sticks
- Sharpie to write name on back of plate
- Wet wipes and bowl with soapy water for washing hands and cleaning area

### Ahead of Time

- Gather all your supplies together.
- Cut construction paper into 1" strips then cut each strip into 1" squares.
- Cut red construction paper into 1" strips and then cut each strip into 1" squares and keep separate.
- Cut out a 4" heart template and trace in center of each paper plate.

### Instructions:

1. Crew Leaders write name of child on back of each plate.
2. Glue red construction paper squares inside the heart shape to make a red heart. (Just put out the red squares.)
3. Introduce the other colors and instruct children to glue variety of colors of construction paper squares around heart to make a beautiful design.

**TIP:** Make one ahead of time to gauge your time and adjust the instructions as needed.



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasurers!...Wait! YOU (point to the kids) are a treasure to God...and to me! (thumbs point to yourself)

That reminds me of our Daily Find.

Jesus made me smart. (cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! (cool pose)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists! I like being a rockhound because I like to "sniff" out good places to find amazing...beautiful...unique...rocks!

Remember my name? I am Rockhound \_\_\_\_\_

Today we are going to make a beautiful mosaic! Our mosaic will remind us that we can be kind...and we can be smart like King Solomon! King Solomon was smart because he liked to talk to God every day! And...he was a kind king too!

### Instructions

(While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!)

Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

Make sure your name is on the backside of your paper plate. Your crew leader will come around and help you write your name on the plate. Ready?

First you are going glue red construction paper squares inside the heart that is in the center of your paper plate. Oh, that is so beautiful!

(Wait for everyone to finish the heart before bringing out the other colors.)

Yes indeed, you are doing a smart job of it!

All done the heart? They all look so beautiful. Now you can choose any color you want and cover the inside of your plate with any color construction paper square you want. This is your design, and you are going to make it amazing!

When you are finished gluing all your squares down I have some water in a bowl that you can use wash the glue off your fingers.

## TESTING PIT GAMES: GET-TO-KNOW-YOU GAME: BEACHBALL GAME: ROCKHOUNDS ACROSS THE RIVER

Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Supplies

- Lots of fun energy!
- Large beach ball

### Setup

This is an easy day! There is no set-up.



**SAY:** Welcome to Jasper Canyon Testing Pit! Come and let's make a circle by standing next to each other. This will make a big circle. I'm going to stand with you and so is your Crew Leader!

I have a big beach ball and I am going to gently toss it to someone. When it comes to you, catch it and shout out, "I dig it!" and then gently toss it to someone else.

Ready? Here we go.

*(Play this game just for a few minutes, trying to make sure everyone gets a turn.)*

Wowee! That was fun!

I think we are ready to play a running game! Stay with your Crew Leader right here. I'm going to go way over there *(point about 12 feet away)*. When I yell, "Rockhounds run across the river" you run as fast as you can to where I am.

Ready? "Rockhounds run across the river!"

What fun! You are really fast!

Now your Crew Leader will run back but you stay here with me. When she/he gets there he/she will shout, "Rockhounds run across the river!"

Ready, Crew Leader? *(Crew leader shouts.)* Run, rockhounds, run!

Wow! You ran as fast as a bob cat! Can you hop as fast as a bunny? Let's try it!

*(Play the game several times: bunny hop, big bear on all four legs, frog hop, be creative!)*

### Wrap-up

Whew! that was fun! I love playing games with you! Are you thirsty? I sure am! Let's get a cool drink of water. You are so smart and can run really fast! And best of all you are kind to your friends!

Before we go to our next station let's say our Daily Find together.

Jesus made me smart. *(cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

That was fun! Thank you for coming to play today. Follow your Crew Leader and see you tomorrow, little rockhounds!



## BIBLE STORY

### Background

Solomon asked God for wisdom so he could be a wise and good king. Even though Solomon was young, he wanted to take care of his people.



### Supplies

- Crowns  
*(preschool size, enough for each child)*
- Basket for crowns



**SAY:** Come with me to the Gemstone Mine. Bring your carpet square and follow me!

Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Follow me to the Gemstone Mine  
Where we learn *(clap 2x)* about God's love!  
Yeah!

Make sure you sit with your crew leader! Are you comfy? Good! I have a really good story to tell you!

When Solomon was a little boy he lived in the castle. His dad was King David. As Solomon grew he would watch his dad. He knew someday he would be king too. Solomon saw that being a king was a very big job. His dad was asked to make important decisions every day. People looked to him to keep them safe, to make sure they had enough food to eat, and for him to lead them to make their country a better place to be.

I bet you would be a good king or queen too! *(Hand out crowns for the kids to wear while you tell the story.)*

Solomon grew and grew. Bend down really close to the ground with me. Now let's grow, grow, and grow taller! *(Stretch your arms up high.)* Solomon was ready to be king now!

He would be a kind king like his dad!

He knew that this was a very big job and he wanted to do it the best he could. So, Solomon prayed to God. Dear God, help me to be kind and wise. Amen.

God spoke to Solomon that very night and asked him what He wanted. God told Solomon that He would give him anything he asked for.

WOW! Anything! All Solomon had to do was ask. What would you ask for? A horse? A bounce house? So many choices!

Solomon didn't ask for any of those things.

Solomon knew he was still young and didn't know everything he needed to know to be a good king.

He asked God to make him able to know right from wrong and to know what the best decisions were. He wanted to be the best king he could be.

This made God happy that Solomon asked to be wise so that he could take care of his people.

God made him the wisest and smartest man to ever live.

God was so happy that Solomon had asked for wisdom.

Solomon was a good king. He led all the people to worship God.

Solomon was a very smart man because he listened to God.

You too can make smart decisions like Solomon. With God's help you can know what is right and wrong. Jesus promises to be there to help you make wise choices.

Jesus made you smart! I know, let's say our Daily Find.

Jesus made me smart. *(cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking)*

**KIDS' RESPONSE:** I dig it! *(cool pose)*

We have some puppet friends who are going to tell us a story about Solomon. You can wear your crowns as you watch the puppets.

### Video (5 Minutes)

Did you see that big beautiful red rock? It was amazing! Just like our Bedrock Verse is so amazing! It tells us that nothing can separate us

from God. He loves us so much! I know, let's say it again together. Stand up!

For I am certain (*point to yourself*)

that nothing can separate us (*shake your index finger*)

from God's love. (*heart shape with fingers*)

That was just the first part! Now let's say the second part.

Neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*)

neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*)

or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)

Wow...you are doing great! Let's say the third part.

Neither death nor life, (*jump up and down*)

neither angels nor other heavenly rulers (*fold arms over chest*)

or powers, (*muscle arms pose*)

That was great! You have got this! It's wonderful to know that no matter whether we are big or small, we are special treasures to God and He will always be with us!

Are you still standing? Come put your crowns in my basket. And go back to your fun Crew Leader.

Solomon showed he going to be a smart and kind king by praying to God.

Kneel with me as we pray to God to say thank You for showing us how to be kind.

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for always loving us and taking care of us! We love You too! Amen.

It's time to go do some treasure hunting! Let's get ready. Crew Leaders, are you ready? Do you have your Discovery Treasure Map (*station rotation guide*)? I will dismiss Crews one at a time. When I say your Crew name, follow your Crew Leader. This is so exciting!

## DISCOVERY SENSORY STATION

Arrange a plastic tarp beneath each table. Provide water and small cups for thirsty children.



### Supplies

**JASPER HOUSE:** Being good helpers

- Small kids table and chair
- Plastic dishes, food, and plastic baby doll bottles
- Baby baskets, baby dolls, small blankets, and pillows
- Small broom and dustpan (check with your Beginner Sabbath School leader for items for playing house; add a new one each day)

**DISCOVERY ART:** God's treasures are all beautiful creations (*this center may need two tables covered with plastic table covering or Kraft paper*)

- Play Doh, cutting and rolling supplies, and small plastic animals (set several places with a food tray or craft tray for kids to work on their art)
- Watercolor paints, paint brushes, heavy watercolor paper, small cups of water, and paper towels
- 3-4 plastic colorful colanders (Dollar Tree)
- Pipe cleaners and large beads

Add something new each day such as large pom poms with matching bowls or cups for kids to separate pom poms into, etc.

**DIG SITE TREASURES:** Learning that treasures come in all shapes and sizes

- Plastic bins — 28 Qt. (about 6" tall, 23" long, and 16" wide) — 3-4 of these bins depending on number of children expected (local dollar discount store) (can use several kiddie pools and keep covered during Welcome time)
- 3" of sandbox sand in each container (if using kiddie pools, add 2-3 bags of sand to each pool)



### Discovery Station (15 Minutes)

**SAY:** Welcome to the Discovery Station! Let me tell you what you will find at each of the stations.

At the Jasper House you can take care of the baby dolls. You can set the table and sweep the floor too!

At Discovery Art there are supplies to create beautiful patterns of color with our special supplies of Play Doh and water color. You can even create something with pipe cleaners! Your Crew Leader will be here to help you.

And then there is Dig Site Treasures where you can dig in the sand and find all kinds of treasures.

There is one thing I need you to remember...all the treasures you find needs to stay inside the bin or on the tray. Ok, let's have some fun! (*Kids may need to be encouraged to explore the tables.*)

I heard the whistle! It's time to clean up and get ready to go to the next station.

### Wrap-up

I love how you played so nicely with your friends! And created beautiful and colorful designs!

Thank you for coming to the Discovery Station! Follow your Crew Leader and I'll see you tomorrow, little rockhounds!

