



Revival Church Kids sessions: Outline

<p>1</p>	<p><u>Active time!</u></p> <p>Remember that when children arrive at your room, they may well have been sitting, not particularly engaging with the worship. The last thing many want to do is sit again! So we're going to start with an active time. This has been proven to help children learn better and engage better with what they do immediately afterwards!</p>	<p><u>Ideas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads, shoulders, knees & toes, getting faster & faster! • Sing a kid's action song on a CD • Do a dilly dance! • Have a disco! • Play "captain's coming" • Play Simon Says with some physical actions • Do a mini "warm up" • Dance to YMCA / Superman or similar disco songs • Do row row your boat, the okey cokey or Ring-a-ring-o-roses • Play "if you're wearing..." (eg, if you're wearing something red, jump in the air 3 times)
<p>2</p>	<p><u>Recap last week</u></p> <p>It's important for children to have some continuity, but retelling a story in their own words, or hearing a peer telling a story can help things to really stick! If you can, try and position today's theme in the Bible for the children to give them a sense of following a bigger story (even if you just show them where we're up to in the big book!)</p>	<p><u>Ask</u></p> <p>Who can remember what we talked about last week? Give gentle reminders if needed! Encourage any answers - Never say no! Find the things that are right in their answer and encourage that!</p>

3	<p><u>Introduce today's theme</u></p> <p>It can be helpful to set a scene or link the story to today's world</p>	<p><u>Ideas</u></p> <p>Use a treasure hunt or props and let the children see if they know a story about what you're holding etc.</p>
4	<p><u>Story time 1</u></p> <p>This is the slot for the main story or passage you are using. Try to think of inventive ways of telling the story, rather than just reading it in a normal voice!</p>	<p><u>Ideas</u></p> <p>Read from one of the bibles, show the pictures or show illustrations on an iPad or laptop. Do some funny voices, get the children to be one of the characters...</p>
5	<p><u>Activity time</u></p> <p>Children learn through play and experimenting. This time allows them the opportunity to do that. Use something different each time - be creative!</p>	<p><u>Ideas</u></p> <p>Dressing up, craft, food activity, role play, game, song or a mix of more than one thing!</p>
6	<p><u>Story time 2</u></p> <p>Chance to recap the story using a different method</p>	<p><u>Ideas</u></p> <p>Quiz, song, video, role play, show-and-tell, puppets, timeline etc.</p>
7	<p><u>Prayer time</u></p> <p>Praying together is a great lesson to teach! Not all children want to pray out loud, but some might do with some encouragement. Try different sorts of prayer times</p>	<p><u>Ideas</u></p> <p>Prayer chant or shout, bubble prayers, balloon prayers, quiet prayers, responsive / labyrinth style, silence or quiet music, sung prayers</p>



Revival Church Kids sessions: January

January 2015

Date	Theme	Learning point: What is the lesson?	Bible ref
4 th January 2015	God makes light & Sky	Before the world there was nothing, God spoke light into it (try to avoid sunshine activities as that hasn't happened yet!)	Gen 1 v 1 -8 Big Bible Story Book page 12
11 th January	God makes land, sea and plants	God made the natural world and all its details	Gen 1 v 9 - 13 BBS: pg 13
18 th January	God makes stars and planets, and the sun	God made the universe to work well - if one thing is out of balance, it wouldn't work at all!	Gen 1 v 14 - 19 & Ps 19 BBS: pg 14 & 15
25 th January	God made animals & people	People are completely different from animals - made in a special way and breathed into by God	Gen 1 v 20 - Gen 2 v 25 Ps 139 BBS: pages 16 - 19



Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

God makes Light & Sky

Games you might play

Let there be light!

The children take it in turns to be "on". The other children walk around the room until the child who is "on" shouts "Let there be light". Whoever is closest to the lightswitch at the time gets to turn it on, then it's their turn to be "on"

Blindfold games

Lots of variations of these!
Pin the light on the world (like pin the tail on the donkey) or blindfold obstacle course. (Things are much easier with light!)

In the light / in the dark

Children stand to one side of a line – the line between dark and light. Leader shouts "in the dark" or "in the light" and the children have to jump the correct side of the line. Swap which side is which to keep it fresh! Play quickly and repeat what you shout so they don't just jump from one side to the other!

Possible Activities:

Get a large piece of dark material and hide everyone underneath. Play games of popping out, jumping up and general hiding-underneath games. Talk about how it feels to be somewhere dark.

Make the room as dark as possible and play with torches and shadows

Paint the children's faces - one half black and the other half yellow!

Crafty ideas:

Make black / yellow pictures using paper, material, paint etc.

Make a light / dark collage display

Do shadow drawings of profiles using torches.

Psalm 104 as in the Big Bible Storybook (page 11) talks about God's wonderful world - why not read it together?

Food ideas:

Feeling adventurous? Make a marble cake! (Dark and light in one cake – yummy!)

Create a half dark chocolate / half white chocolate biscuit or bun.

Books you might read:

The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson

The Dark, Dark Night
by M Christina Butler and Jane Chapman

The Monster who ate Darkness
by Joyce Dunbar

Things you might talk about:

What's it like to be afraid of the dark? What's so scary about it?

Can you imagine "nothing"? Have a go. What's it like? Can you do it?



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Possible Activities:

Make the room as dark as possible and play with torches and shadows - do shadow games / shows. What shapes can you make? Can you tell what the object is just from its shadow?

Make Glow Water: All you need are non-toxic yellow highlighters and water. Pop the back off of the marker and pull out the ink soaked felt that is inside. Then run the felt under a small stream of water with a bowl underneath to catch it. I used roughly 6 cups of water per highlighter, and ended up with insanely bright glow water (try at home first!)

Think of all the words you could use to describe dark & light and create a light/dark display with them on

Have a debate! Split the group into two - light and dark. Why are you more important than the other / what would happen if you didn't exist?

Research:

What things would not be able to survive without light?
It's so important that God made it before anything else!

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God didn't create the sun until a while later, so where did the light come from?
If the sun burst, would there still be light?



Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

God makes Land, sea & plants

Games you might play

Islands

Place a number of circles on the floor (out of paper or mats etc) and explain these are islands. The children must "swim" in the "sea" until you shout "Sharks!" when they have to get to the safety of an island. Add more instructions like "big waves" or "jelly fish!"

Name the fruit

Find some pictures of fruit and get the children to name them – put some more unusual ones in there too

Tree tag

Just like scarecrow tag but stand like a tree until someone runs under your branches (might need lots of space though!)

Possible Activities:

Drama: be a small seed that grows up into a large tree - do it slowly with your arms tucked in

Create a land / sea sheet or paper for on the wall and lots of land / sea animals or small world play animals. Get the children to put the animals where they live.

Put some food colouring into the water of some cut flowers and wait to see what happens next week!

Plant some bulbs, decorate the container

Prayer boats

Make some small paper boats to float on a tray of water. Write or draw prayers on them to float.



Things you might talk about:

What do you think you would find right at the bottom of the sea?

What's your favourite plant / fruit?

Why not look at a you tube clip about under the sea and what you might find there?

Crafty ideas:

Make a flower or a fruit from pipe cleaners and paper

Make a prayer tree using twigs or pipe cleaners

Hang prayers on leaves.

Food ideas:

Fruit-tasting! Fruit comes from plants and trees. Get a few different fruits from the supermarket – try some unusual ones like dragon fruit or passion fruit. Take some time looking at the outsides and smelling them, then cut them open and see if you're surprised by what's inside! Have a taste and make a chart of who liked which ones.



Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (7-11s)

God makes Land, sea & plants

Games you might play

Land or sea

Stand in a circle. You throw the ball to the children in turn and they have to catch it. When you throw, you say "land" or "sea" and as they catch the ball, they have to name something that lives in the land or on the sea as you have said. If they get it wrong, or don't answer before they catch, they have to put one hand behind their back.

Food ideas:

Where does chocolate come from? Track the journey of a chocolate bar from the field to the shelf. Test some different types (eg with more cocoa in than others)

Make some fruit smoothies using different combinations of fruits and blending. Add milk for a milkshake style drink.

Possible Activities:

Watch a you tube clip of a plant growing in fast-frame time. Look at the details

Research the finer workings of plants or pick a mini project - how do plants grow? How long can an oak tree live? Use an encyclopaedia or plant / tree book or technology!

How many different types of plant / tree can you think of?

Create a prayer tree and hang leaves on it with prayers on.

Play the game at www.greatgrubclub.com finding out where different fruits grow

Challenge: who can peel a Satsuma in one piece or who can peel an orange the quickest?

Did you know that tomatoes are a fruit? Are there any other surprises that we can find in the fruit / vegetable world?

Crafty ideas:

Create a land / sea / plant scene for the wall. What can we include? What hasn't been made yet?

Create a plant scene from dough

Things you might talk about:

Some older children might welcome a discussion on the use of pesticides, intensive farming etc / things that upset the natural balance of plants and the environment. What can we do to help prevent this (buy local / organic etc)

If you went to the bottom of the ocean, what would you find?



Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

God makes the stars & planets & the sun

Games you might play

Catch the falling stars

Do a Crystal Maze-style collection of gold and silver stars blown in the air with a fan (or just thrown up the air). Children have to gather as many silver ones as possible.

Find the stars

Hide lots of stars around the room – children have to find as many as they can

Pick the star – feely socks

Put a star along with some other items in a sock. The children take it in turns to feel around and pull the star out without looking

Possible Activities:

Get the children to stick a star on a lollipop stick and re-read the story. Every time the word “star” is said, they have to hold their stars up.

Face paint stars on the children’s faces

Use some dough and star / circle cutters

Make a glitter bottle - put stars or glitter and some glycerine and water in a see through bottle. Watch the “stars” swirl around! (Cover the back with black paper if you have extra time!)

Crafty ideas:

Make a star mobile with lots of foil stars or a collage of silver stars on black paper

Make a headband with a star on it / planets orbiting round your head!

Make one big sunshine using everyone’s handprints in yellow

The song “Twinkle Twinkle” has been re written several times - why not sing a few of the versions? (Some are quite funny!)

Food ideas:

Make star-shaped biscuits and decorate them! (I have star cutters if you need them!

Try some star fruit (if you didn’t last week!)

Books to read:

Aliens love Underpants by Claire Freedman

No Matter What by Debbi Gliori (a beautiful story that also talks about enduring love)

Things you might talk about:

How many stars do you think there are in the sky?

What’s a planet?



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Possible Activities:

There are loads of good videos on the internet about how big the universe is (choose carefully as some of them will incorporate an element of the "big bang")

Have a go at creating a "universe" with relative-sized planets and look at how they orbit. How big is the sun in relation to that?

Have a look in some books at planets and stars close-up

Look at a chart of the stars - copy some constellations out to take home and see if you can see them

Name each child after a planet and see if they can orbit each other in the right order and direction!

Look at the different phases of the moon. Eat or cut several apples to show the different stages.

Rhianna's song "Shine bright like a diamond" reminds us that we are all precious diamonds, shining like stars in the sky.

Crafty ideas:

Make planets from dough including rings, craters and moons!

If you were designing a planet from square one what would you design? Draw it.

Things you might talk about:

What are stars made of? What are comets and satellites?

How hot is the sun?

Why did God make the sun if there was already light? If God made the sun for the day to give light, why did he make the moon and stars for night? (maybe lots of little lights keep it dark enough to sleep!)

Food ideas:

Make star biscuits and decorate them.

Try star fruits (if you didn't last week!)

Make sun and moon sandwiches by using a slice of cheese and white bread. Put the two together and, using a round cookie cutter, let the children cut out a sun and moon.



Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

God made animals and people

Games you might play

Animal noises

Play or make some animal noises and see if the children can guess which animal it is (you might find a game on the net)

Misfits

Matching up a middle, legs and head of people (you might already have this game or you can easily make it if you can draw!) Or use animals for a misfit game (the children could make this game as a craft activity!)

If you only have a few children, why not stand in the car park and see how many animals or people you can see or hear! Praise God for the things around us!

Possible Activities:

Use mirrors to draw your self-portrait or draw your friend.

Say what's special about each other - what's unique about them? (You could jot down the ideas and give them a sheet or put them up on the wall - see separate sheet)

Make a bird feeder with some cups, string, seed and fat! Talk about the importance of looking after the creatures we see around us

Got an unusual pet? Tortoise? Cheetah? Why not bring it in to meet the children?

Crafty ideas:

Make headbands with animal ears on - rabbits, bears etc

Create a wall display with lots of different animals on

Make a badge saying "God made me"

Sing heads, shoulders knees and toes or "Father God created a world" to the tune of Old MacDonald

Food ideas:

Decorate some gingerbread men to reflect yourself and your friend or family.

Books to read:

God knows all about me by Kate Toms

Shiny Touchy Smelly Creation Story

There are lots of books about animals!

Things you might talk about:

Why it's important to stay healthy

Which animal is your favourite? Do you have any pets?



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Games you might play

Name the animal noise

Take it in turns to make an animal noise and the others have to guess what it is.

Who am I? Or what animal am I?

Children take it in turns to describe a person or animal. Others have to guess

Possible Activities:

Draw a picture of your friend or a self-portrait. Get some ideas from the others about what's special about you and add them to your picture. "Brave" or "fun" for example.

Make a bird feeder with some cups, string, seed and fat! Talk about the importance of looking after the creatures we see around us. Research what you should and shouldn't feed the wild animals in your garden

Got an unusual pet? Tortoise? Cheetah? Why not bring it in to meet the children?

Create a chart to keep a note of which wild animals you see over the next week.

Can you remember the whole sequence of creation?

Crafty ideas:

Make an animal or person puppet and put a show on!

Create a landscape with animals and people on for the wall.

Things you might talk about:

What makes people different from animals? Do animals go to heaven?

Why is it important to exercise?

Why do some people eat meat and others don't? What do you think?

Do you have any pets? How do you look after them?

Food ideas:

Decorate a gingerbread man to look like yourself and another for your friend!

Research: have a look at how the heart works or what muscles do when you exercise or how many different layers of the brain there are or what happens to the air in your lungs.....



Revival Church Kids sessions: February

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Date	Theme	Learning point: What is the lesson?	Bible ref
1 st February	In and out of the garden	Adam and eve messed things up so they couldn't live in the lovely garden any more	Gen 2 & 3 BBS: pgs 20 - 21
8 th February	Noah builds a boat & the big flood	To understand the story and how God protected Noah & his family	Gen 6 v 9 - 8 v 12 BBS: pgs 22 & 23
15 th February	Noah and the rainbow	To understand God's promises & know how the Noah story ends	Gen 8 v 13 - 9 v 17 BBS: pg 24
22 nd February	A new life for Abraham and a new place to live	To know the start of Abraham's story. A was willing to trust God even though he didn't know where God was leading him	Gen 12 & 13 BBS: 25 - 27