

Date	Theme	Story	Activity	Resources needed
25th April	Fish (Matthew 17 v 24 - 27 - the coin in the mouth of the fish)	Retell story - Peter didn't have the money to pay the tax, Jesus told him to go fishing but not like he normally does with a net, use "fishing rod" or other props	Game: magnetic fishing game Craft: make a fish whose mouth opens (on split pin) to reveal a shiny chocolate coin!	Fish ready-cut, split pins, colours, chocolate coins, props to retell story
9th May	Spiders (God cares) Proverbs 30 v 28	Talk about spiders, some people are scared of them, but they're so small! Hunt for spiders and talk about how little they are. Tell them that God loves and cares for each one of them and each one of us	Sing Incy Wincey Spider Hunt for spiders around the room (placed in advance!) Make a spider from pom pom and black pipe cleaners / googly eyes or milk bottle lid and pipe cleaners	Pom poms, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, wool, play spiders or cut out spiders to hunt for,
23rd May	Donkeys - God can help us when we do the wrong thing (Numbers 22 v 22 - 34)	Balaam & the talking donkey: take turns on a rocking horse (sing horsey horsey), retell the story about a man who had a donkey - the man went somewhere that God told him not to go, the donkey knew it was wrong & wouldn't go so the man smacked his bottom! Then the donkey talked - God used the donkey to help the man see he was doing the wrong thing.	Make a donkey face from funky foam (template in Junior Church file)	Funky foam shapes & glue, template, rocking horse
13th June	Sheep (The Lost Sheep - ref)	Retell story of lost sheep using cotton wool balls with sheep faces stuck on, "herd" them into a pen of card with children's help. Talk about the shepherd who couldn't find the last one. Get children to hunt round church for missing one. Explain that God loves you in the same way	Sing baa baa black sheep Paint a salt-dough sheep (ready made & cooked!) Play blow football - blow the sheep into the pen	Blow sheep, straws, salt dough sheep, paints & brushes, plastic table cloth, lots of cotton wool sheep and a box with the lid off, a hidden sheep
27th June	Eagles Isaiah 40 v 29 - 31	Sing 2 little dickie birds, Talk about eagles and how they fly, pretend to be an eagle soaring on the wind - round the church past a fan - when	Make a flapping eagle to hang from ceiling	Card wings, tube middles, sellotape and string / thread, fan

		you get to the fan you can soar! God says that we can do this - when things seem a struggle we can ask him and he will make things easier!		
11th July	Lots of animals! Noah's Ark - Genesis 6 v 9 - 8 v 19	Tell the story of Noah's Ark (pick a good book) and talk about the rainbow. God left us a promise and now, every time we see a rainbow, we can remember it! Use Noah's Ark toy for children to explore.	Make a Noah's ark card for Richard with lots of animals on, and a large version for the wall - children get to colour the animals and stick them on the boat!	Animals, card, large paper, boat ready cut-out, Noah's Ark toy
18th July	Summer party!			