

Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones – Vacation Bible School
Snacks

Monday – Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Theme: I will be a good servant.

Good Samaritan Puppets

½ banana per child (body)

Popsicle sticks

Toothpicks (neck, arms and legs)

Large marshmallows (head)

Miniature colored marshmallows (hands and feet)

Peanut butter (glue for hair and face decorations)

Raisins or mini-M&Ms, red string (pull apart) licorice or red hot candies, brown colored coconut (eyes, nose, mouth and hair)

Put ½ banana on a popsicle stick. Attach the toothpicks for the neck, arms and legs. Attach the large marshmallow for the head and the miniature marshmallows for hands and feet. Using the peanut butter for glue, decorate the head with eyes, nose, mouth and hair. Coconut can be colored by putting the coconut into a large zip-lock bag, adding food coloring and then knead the coconut with the food coloring until desired color.

Tuesday – Parable of the Widow and the Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

Theme: Pray always: Nurturing our relationship with God.

Praying Hands Sandwich Cookies

Cut cookies from a hand cookie cutter (This can be ordered online at www.coppergifts.com or www.cookiecutter.com – prices are \$6.95-\$9.95/each.) Make 2 cookies per child. Have children put icing between two cookies and stick them together forming your praying hands sandwich cookie. As the children work on their cookies, the teacher can remind them how important it is for us to pray and talk to God. God really enjoys hearing from us, because God created us, and God loves us.

Sugar Cookie recipe:

Sift together: 3 ½ cups - flour and 1 ½ teaspoons - baking powder (set aside)

Cream together: 1 cup – butter and 8 ounces – cream cheese; then add 2 cups – sugar, 1 egg and ¼ teaspoon – vanilla and beat until fluffy.

Gradually add flour mix and beat until all ingredients are well mixed. Refrigerate dough for one hour. Divide dough into fourths and add flour to rolling pin and counter. Roll out cookies and cut with round cookie cutter. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

Makes 6 dozen

Icing recipe:

Beat together: 1 cup – shortening, 1½ teaspoons - vanilla and ½ cup – warm water; set aside.

Mix: 2 dashes of salt and 2 pounds – powdered sugar

Mix dry ingredients with the wet ingredients until creamy.

To decorate cookies with children's names take a square piece of wax paper and fold into a triangle. Then roll the triangle to form a cone shape by joining up the corners of the triangle. Tape this on the outside of the cone to secure. Then cut the tip of the cone off with scissors and fill with icing. Fold down the opening to keep the icing inside the cone. Squeeze the icing out the tube and decorate the cookie.

Wednesday – Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Theme: God loves me and forgives my sins.

Party Cupcakes

Cupcakes can be made from a box cake mix. (These can be made at the same time as Friday's snack and frozen. Just remember to thaw them out the night before you plan to use them).

Any colored icing (See Tuesday's lesson for icing recipe or use icing in a can.)

Sprinkles and mini-M & Ms to decorate the cupcakes or cookies for a party (If time permits have the children decorate their own snack and talk about the love of God and how God rejoices and throws a party, when we ask for our sins to be forgiven).

Thursday – Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

Theme: We are God's treasure and God seeks us out.

Find the Hidden Coin (inside dirt pudding)

Foil wrapped chocolate coins

Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix

Crushed Oreo Cookies

Ice cream cones or plastic cups

To assemble: Take the cones or cups and have the children put the coin in the bottom (may want the children to unwrap the coin first). Add the vanilla pudding and top with the crushed Oreo cookies. As they eat the snack, the teacher can retell the parable of the lost coin and as the children find the coin have them shout "Hooray!"

Friday – Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23)

Theme: The love of God grows in my heart.

Growing Cupcakes or Cookies

Cupcakes or sugar cookies (see recipe for Wednesday's snack)

Chocolate icing

Sunflower seeds (without the shells)

Green colored Coconut (Coconut can be colored by putting the coconut into a large zip-lock bag, adding food coloring and then knead the coconut with the food coloring until desired color.)

Put icing on the Cupcakes or cookies prior to the children arriving. Have the children take 3-4 sunflower seeds and push them down into the icing and then have them sprinkle the

top of the cupcake or cookie with the green coconut. Discuss with the children about the parable of the sower, explaining that their cupcake is the good soil that brought forth grain. The birds did not come and eat it, there are no rocks to prevent the plant from taking root, there are no thorns to choke the plants only good fertile soil – just like God's love that is good and grows in our heart.