



Family
Ministries

Having faith in the family



JUMP In!

Leaping into Faith with Little Ones

SUMMERTIME

A four-week series outline for use with
pre-school children.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

- *The Play-Along Bible, Bob Hartman*
- Percussion instruments
- Instrument praise songs

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SESSION ONE: TRIPS AND PICNICS



BIBLE STORY

John 6:1-13

The Play-Along Bible
'The Huge Feast', p73

Note

Talk about how we can go on outings and picnics when the sun shines.

Ask the children to talk about the places they like to go.

You could arrange a trip to the local park and ask families to bring a picnic with them or provide one.



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song
(Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle')

Now that summertime is here
Let's all clap and give a cheer!
We can have a lot of fun
Playing outside in the sun.
Thank you, God, that summer's here,
Let's all clap and give a cheer!

2. (Tune: 'London Bridge')
We are going to the beach, to the beach, to the beach,
We are going to the beach – it's the summer!
We are going to the zoo, to the zoo, to the zoo,
We are going to the zoo – it's the summer!
We are going to the park, to the park, to the park,
We are going to the park – it's the summer!

3. 'We're going to the zoo'
[youtube.com/watch?v=2FSqxFAQISGk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FSqxFAQISGk)
4. 'The sun has got his hat on'
[youtube.com/watch?v=TTZcADVbTuc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTZcADVbTuc)

CRAFT IDEAS

- Make sandwiches to enjoy at snack time or to take to the park. Have a variety of fillings available including tuna fish. (*Beware of allergies.*)
- Find more craft ideas on our [Pinterest](#).



PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the summertime when we can go out on trips and picnics.

Thank you for fun at the seaside where we can play on the beach.

Thank you for outings to the zoo where we can see lions, elephants, and giraffes.

Thank you for trips to the park where we can play on the swings and slide.
Thank you, God, for the summertime.
Amen.



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SESSION TWO: INSECTS



BIBLE STORY

Genesis 1:25 (ERV)

'So God made every kind of animal. He made the wild animals, the tame animals, and all the small crawling things. And God saw that this was good.'

Note

The summer weather means that there are a lot more insects around. Talk about how God made them all and that each one has a special job to do in the circle of life.

You could show or tell the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, Eric Carle
[youtube.com/watch?v=75NQG-Sm1YY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQG-Sm1YY)



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song
(Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle')

Now that summertime is here
Let's all clap and give a cheer!
We can have a lot of fun
Playing outside in the sun.
Thank you, God, that summer's here,
Let's all clap and give a cheer!

2. (Tune: 'The wheels on the bus')
The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz...
All day long.

The ants in the grass go march, march,
march...

The caterpillar in the field goes creep, creep,
creep...

3. 'Incy, wincy spider'
4. 'If I were a butterfly'

[youtube.com/watch?v=L-nb5CR1uec](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-nb5CR1uec)



CRAFT IDEAS

- Make simple bug hotels using empty bottles and sticks:

<https://www.whimsicalmumblings.co.uk/2017/05/diy-bug-hotel.html>

- Find more craft ideas on our [Pinterest](#).

PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for all the insects we see in the summer.
For ladybirds and butterflies,
For ants and caterpillars and bees.
Thank you for the beauty of our world in the summertime.
Amen.



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SESSION THREE: TREATS AND CELEBRATIONS



BIBLE STORY

John 2:1-10 (ERV)

Jesus at a wedding

Note

Tell the story of Jesus at a wedding with his disciples and talk about the weddings, parties and BBQs we often enjoy with our family and friends in the summer.

What's your favourite thing to eat in the summer?



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song
(Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle')

Now that summertime is here
Let's all clap and give a cheer!
We can have a lot of fun
Playing outside in the sun.
Thank you, God, that summer's here,
Let's all clap and give a cheer!

Now that summertime is here
Let's all clap and give a cheer!
Strawberries and cold ice cream,
Candy floss that tastes a dream.
Thank you, God, that summer's here,
Let's all clap and give a cheer!

2. 'Come on and celebrate'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kog4QkDT4Ho>



CRAFT IDEAS

- Organise an ice cream factory – have a selection of sweets, sprinkles, fresh fruit and sauces to enjoy.
- Find more craft ideas on our [Pinterest](#).

PRAYER

For strawberries, ice creams and summertime treats –
Clap your hands, give thanks to God.
For weddings, parties and BBQs, playing games and dancing –
Clap your hands, give thanks to God.
For all the time we spend with our friends and family having fun outside in the sunshine –
Clap your hands, give thanks to God.
Amen.



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SESSION FOUR: HOLIDAYS



BIBLE STORY

Genesis 2:1-3

The Play-Along Bible

'A Good Rest', p15

Note

Talk about how, after God created the world, he rested and how important it is that we rest too – that's why we have holidays!

What are people planning to do in the holidays?

Even if we don't go away it is still good to rest and do different things.



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song
(Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle')

Now that summertime is here
Let's all clap and give a cheer!
We can have a lot of fun
Playing outside in the sun.
Thank you, God, that summer's here,
Let's all clap and give a cheer!

2. (Tune: 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes')
Holidays are lots of fun, lots of fun,
When we're playing in the sun, in the sun, so
Thank you, God, for all our holidays –
We can have a happy time, happy time.

3. 'I do like to be beside the seaside'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcHyyuGjuk0>

4. 'We're all going on a summer holiday'
<https://youtu.be/7X-5eCrX5s>

CRAFT IDEAS

- Make coloured sand pictures or sea life sensory bottles
- Find more craft ideas on our [Pinterest](#).



PRAYER

Holidays give us time to rest and relax –
So we say thank you, Lord.
Holidays give us time to spend with family and friends –
So we say thank you, Lord.
Holidays give us time for fun and games –
So we say thank you, Lord.
Holidays give us time to read new books –
So we say thank you, Lord.
Holidays give us time to visit new places –
So we say thank you, Lord.
Amen.



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