



Welcome to our Summer Curriculum: Stories by the Sea! Here are [Three Tips for Parents](#) for the summer.

For Toddlers

Summer Theme: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” -John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: Introduction/John the Baptist Lesson-Matthew 3:1-12

Early Childhood Essential: I am a sinner who needs Jesus

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, children will be introduced to our “Beach Camp” theme. All summer we will be learning that **I am a sinner who needs Jesus**, by looking at our Beach Camp theme: God cares for us, protects us, and rescues us (CPR). In today’s lesson, kids will hear the story of John the Baptist preparing people’s thirsty hearts for Jesus, the only one that can quench their thirst. They will learn that John told the people to “get ready, Jesus is coming!”

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For Preschoolers-1st Graders

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Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” -John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: Introduction to Beach Camp

Early Childhood Essential: I am a sinner who needs Jesus

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, children will be introduced to Beach Camp, the place that they will “come” all summer long to learn stories from the Bible that took place by the sea. Children will learn that just as our bodies are thirsty for water in the hot sun, our hearts are also thirsty for something more – God. They will learn that God’s true word to us can help us to learn more about how He cares, protects, and rescues us.

Pre-Video Discussion:

When you are really thirsty, what do you like to drink?

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I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

What do our hearts thirst for?

*Our hearts thirst for God.

Where can we go to learn about God's love?

*The Bible.

Who is the only one that can quench our thirst?

*Jesus is the only one.

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea: Memory Verse Art

1. Gather art supplies (markers, stickers, paper)
2. Parents: write the memory verse with a pencil on a sheet of blank paper: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." – John 7:37.
3. Kids: use your art supplies to trace over, and decorate the blank area surrounding the memory verse, or even create a frame for the edge of the paper.
4. Hang the artwork on the fridge so you can practice the verse all summer.

For 2nd to 5th Graders**Topic:**

Introduction to Stories by the Sea | Who is Jesus?

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, kids will begin to think about the things they long for to satisfy them, and learn that what we truly long for is to be rescued from sin and live with God for eternity. After watching a brief intro video to set up our summer curriculum, they will watch a Bible story video to learn about God sending Jesus to earth to be the lamb of God who satisfies our truest longings.

Key Scripture:

John 7:37 (memory verse)

Elementary Essential:

God is good: He cares for his people.

Memory Verse:

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” – John 7:37.

Intro Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/425239437>

Bible Story Video Link: [God’s Story-Preparing for Jesus](#)

Post-Video Discussion Questions:

- **What are things you want that you think will satisfy you? How do you think they will make you feel?**
- **In today’s video, how do we learn that God is good and cares for us? That he is sovereign and protects us? That he rescues us?** (*God is good because he cares about his people and wants to be with them. He is sovereign because he has a plan to save his people-to protect them from sin and death. We learn that he rescues us from sin through his son, Jesus, the Lamb of God*)
- **Read John 7:37 and ask, “Based on what we learned in today’s video, how does Jesus satisfy us?”** (*He died on the cross for our sin so we don’t have to. His death on the cross allows those who believe in him to be with Him forever*)

Follow-Up Activity: Memory Verse Art:

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Extended Study for 4th and 5th graders:

After reading the verses and answering the questions from the post-video discussion, read the following verses and journal about who Jesus says he is. Pray and ask God to satisfy your longings with Jesus who satisfies and is the way, truth, and life.

- John 6:35
- John 8:12
- John 14:6