

Snow Way: 4-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum

💡 **Big Idea:** God does real miracles—things only He can do—to show His love and power. Jesus' arrival is the greatest "Snow Way!" of all.

📖 **Memory Verse:** Luke 1:37 — "For no word from God will ever fail."

🔍 **Theme Hook:** Unbelievable miracles!

Kids hear that miracles are just tricks or stories. This series helps children see that God really acts—from small needs to big rescues—and that Jesus' birth is God's best miracle for us.

✝️ **Gospel Connection:** Miracles point to Jesus. He came to save us, died and rose again, and is with us now—caring for daily needs, providing in precise ways, filling us with joy, and protecting His people.

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4-Week Lesson Overview

Week 1 — Will It Float?

- Bible Story: Axe Head Floats (2 Kings 6:1–7)
- Key Discovery: God cares about the “little things” that matter to us.
- Takeaway: I can ask God for help—nothing is too small for Him.

Week 2 — Fish Bank

- Bible Story: Coin in the Catch (Matthew 17:24–27)
- Key Discovery: God provides in strange and precise ways.
- Takeaway: I can trust God to meet needs and follow Jesus’ example.

Week 3 — Christmas

- Bible Story: Mary + Elizabeth’s Joy Explosion (Luke 1)
- Key Discovery: Jesus coming brings holy friendship and overflowing praise.
- Takeaway: I can share joy and praise God for Jesus.

Week 4 — Snakeproof

- Bible Story: Paul Survives a Snakebite (Acts 28:1–6)
- Key Discovery: God protects His people so His good news can keep going.
- Takeaway: I can trust God’s protection and keep serving Him.

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📜 Luke 1:37 NIV

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Week 1 - Supply List

Group Game — "Workshop Relay"

- Small plastic bins (labeled "Workshop")
- Toy tools or safe substitutes (spoons, blocks, markers)
- Rope or tape line (to mark the "river")
- Towels or mats for floor safety

Object Lesson — "Floating Surprise"

- Clear bowl or container of water
- Small paper clip
- Tissue or napkin square
- Paper towels for cleanup

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible

Craft — "God Cares Badge"

- White cardstock or light blue construction paper
- Printable **snowflake template** (from this lesson)
- Crayons or markers
- Glue stick
- Hole punch
- String or yarn (to wear the badge)
- Optional: glitter or small snowflake stickers

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Introduction Game (5 minutes)
Workshop Relay

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 2 or more small plastic bins labeled “WORKSHOP”
- Toy tools or substitutes (spoons, blocks, markers—anything safe to carry)
- 1 long rope or tape line to mark the “river”
- Towels or mats on floor for safety (optional)

TEACHER: “Welcome to the Wonder Lab! Today’s challenge is called *Workshop Relay!* Let’s see who can help our builder friends without losing their tools in the river.

SETUP & PLAY:

1. Divide kids into two or more teams.
2. Each team lines up behind their *Workshop bin*.
3. Place another empty bin across the room—this is the other side of the ‘river.’
4. On ‘GO,’ the first player carries one *tool* across the river line, steps over carefully, drops it into the far bin, and runs back to tag the next player.
5. If anyone drops their tool “into the river,” they must pause to say, “God cares about my little things!” before picking it up and continuing.
6. Continue until all tools are moved safely across.

WINNING OPTION: First team to move all their tools across—or everyone finishes together for teamwork points!

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Object Lesson (5 minutes)
Floating Surprise

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Clear bowl or container of water
- Small paper clip
- Tissue or napkin (to help float the clip)
- Paper towels for cleanup

TEACHER: Today in our Wonder Lab, we're asking a big question—Will it float? Let's find out!

1. *Hold up the paper clip.* "Do you think this paper clip will float or sink?" (Let kids vote.)
2. Drop it in the water—it sinks. "You were right—it sank! But what if I told you there's a way to make it float?"
3. *Lay a small square of tissue on the water's surface.*
4. *Carefully place the paper clip on top of the tissue.* Watch as the tissue sinks and the clip stays floating!

"Whoa! Did you see that? Something small that should have sunk is now floating! In today's Bible story, a man lost his iron axe head in the river. That was a big problem—but God made it float! That shows us that God cares about even the little things that matter to us. Nothing is too small for Him."

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Bible Story (15 minutes)
Axe Head Floats — 2 Kings 6:1–7

Key Discovery: God cares about the little things that matter to us.

Takeaway: I can ask God for help—nothing is too small for Him.

TEACHER: Have you ever lost something small but important—like a pencil, a button, or a favorite toy? It can feel awful! In today's story, someone lost a tool he really needed. But God showed He cares, even about the little things."

Elisha was a prophet—a man God used to help and guide His people. Many people came to learn from him, and together they built a place to live and study. But when one man lost his borrowed tool, Elisha showed that God's power works in big and small ways.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 6:1–2** "The company of the prophets said to Elisha, 'Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet.' And he said, 'Go.'"

The students wanted more room to learn! They planned to build a bigger place by the river. Everyone helped. They were using tools and chopping trees—working together.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 6:4–5** "They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water. 'Oh no, my lord!' he cried out. 'It was borrowed!'"

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Uh-oh! The man's borrowed axe sank right into the river. That was serious—iron was expensive! He didn't know what to do, so he called out to Elisha for help.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 6:6** "The man of God asked, 'Where did it fall?' When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float."

Wait—what? *Iron can't float!* But when Elisha threw in the stick, God did a miracle. The heavy axe head rose to the top of the water. That's a total "Snow Way!" moment!

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 6:7** "'Lift it out,' he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it."

God cared about one small axe head—because He cared about the man who lost it. God helped him right on time.

Let's all say together: "God cares about my little things!"

Summary: This miracle wasn't about a giant army or a big storm—it was about one small problem. But God showed His power and love in that tiny moment. God is big enough to handle everything, and kind enough to care about every little thing.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: God's miracles point to Jesus. Jesus came to help and rescue us—not just in huge, world-changing ways, but in personal ones. He healed sick people, forgave sins, and gave His life for us. Jesus still cares about every part of our lives, big or small.

When we pray, He listens. When we're worried, He cares. That's our miracle-working Savior!

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Axe Head Floats — 2 Kings 6:1–7



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Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: "Wow! That was an amazing miracle. God made an iron axe head float—something only He could do! But more than that, He showed that He cares about people, even in small problems. Let's talk about what we learned."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What was the problem in today's story?**

   (The man lost his borrowed axe head in the river.)

2. **What did Elisha do to help?**

   (He threw in a stick, and God made the axe head float!)

3. **What does this miracle teach us about God?**

   (That He cares about even the small things in our lives.)

PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for caring about me.

Thank You for helping with small things.

You are powerful and kind.

Help me trust You every day.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Word Search Puzzle

AXE – ELISHA – FLOAT – WATER – RIVER – MIRACLE

GOD – CARES – HELP – TRUST – POWER – STICK – FAITH

T G O D W I H K C C U

G P J A A D J G Z P S

E K U H T R U S T X T

V C B V E L I S H A I

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Word Search Answers



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Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
God Cares Badge

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- White cardstock or light blue construction paper (or use the printed snowflake template below)
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- String, yarn, or safety pin (to wear badge)
- Crayons or markers
- Optional: Glue stick and glitter or small snowflake stickers



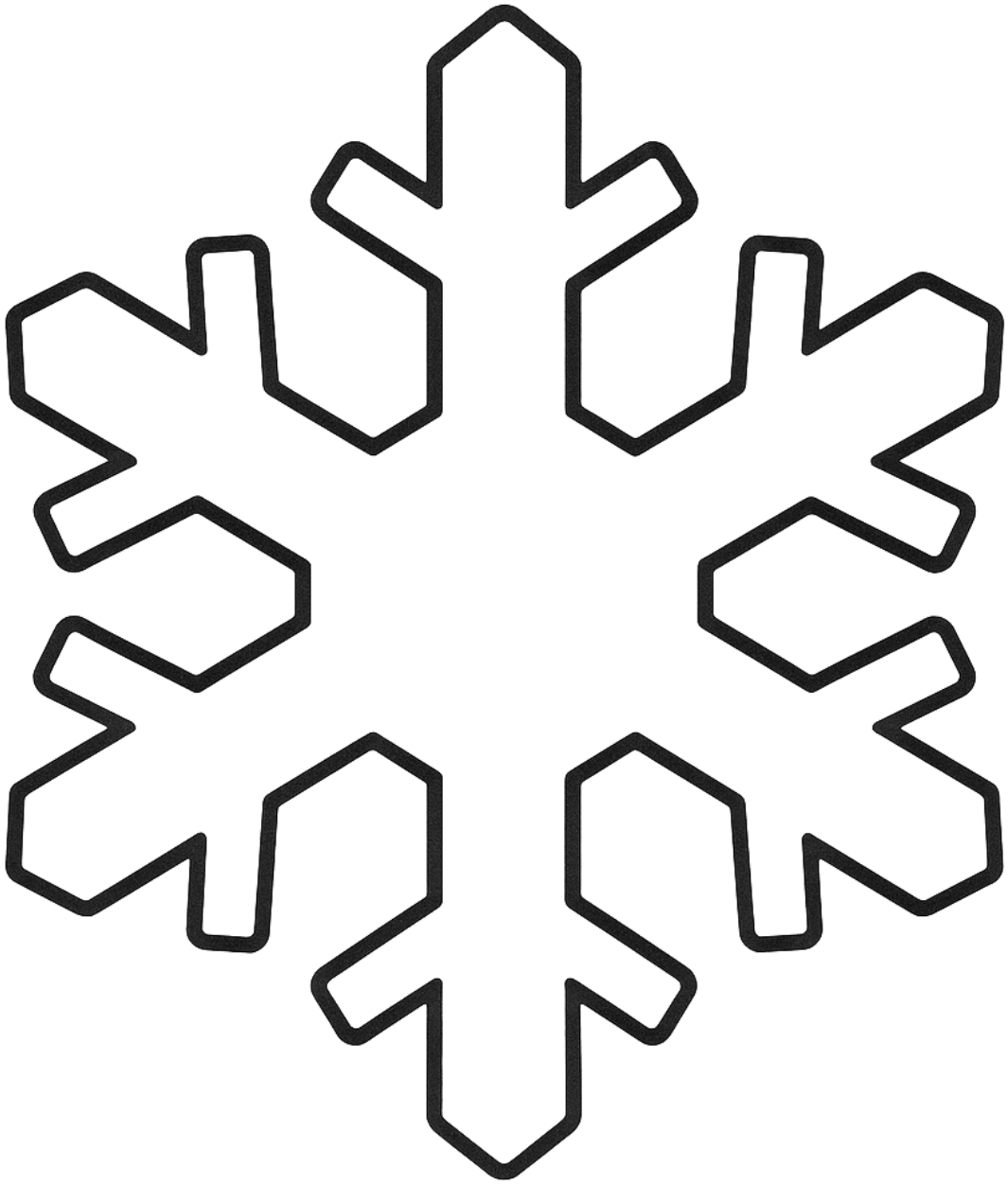
TEACHER: Today we're going to make our *Snowflake Badge!* This one reminds us that *God cares about my little things.*

DIRECTIONS:

1. Give each child a snowflake template or help them draw a simple snowflake shape on paper.
2. Kids cut out the snowflake. *(Offer help for younger ones.)*
3. Use crayons or markers to color the badge in cheerful winter colors—blue, white, and silver.
4. Glue on a few small snowflake stickers or a touch of glitter for sparkle.
5. Punch a hole and tie string or yarn so they can wear it around their necks or pin it to their shirts.
6. As they work, remind them:
   "Even little things matter to God. He listens when we ask for help!"

Let's all say together: *God cares about my little things!*

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Week 2 — Fish Bank

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Week 2 - Supply List

Group Game — Exact Change Challenge

- A variety of coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters)
- Small envelopes or cups for each team
- Timer or stopwatch
- List of coin amounts to call (e.g., 27¢, 43¢, 56¢)

Object Lesson — Exact Coin Reveal

- Sealed envelope or small box (prepared ahead)
- One coin inside
- Marker to label the envelope

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible (NIV)

Craft — Coin in the Fish Craft

- Light blue or white construction paper
- Printed fish outline template
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Small paper circles (coins)

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Introduction Game (5 minutes)
Exact Change Challenge

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Variety of coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters)
- Small envelopes or cups for each team
- A timer or stopwatch
- A list of random coin amounts to call out (e.g., 27¢, 43¢, 56¢)

TEACHER: Welcome to the Wonder Lab! Today we'll see how God can provide exactly what's needed. Your team's challenge is to make the *exact change!*

1. Divide kids into small teams and give each team an envelope of mixed coins.
2. When the teacher calls an amount, teams race to build that total using their coins.
3. When they think they've got it, they shout, "Exact change!"
4. Check their work—if it's correct, they earn one point.
5. Keep playing for several rounds with different totals.

Great job, everyone! You had to match the exact amount each time—just like God provided the exact coin in the fish's mouth. God provides in amazing and precise ways, right on time!

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Object Lesson (5 minutes)
Exact Coin Reveal

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- One sealed envelope or small box (prepared ahead of time)
- One coin placed inside the envelope or box
- Marker to label the envelope "Do Not Open Until the Right Time"

TEACHER: Sometimes we need something specific—a meal, help on a test, or money for something important. God knows exactly what we need and provides in His perfect timing. Let's see what happens with this envelope.

1. *Hold up the sealed envelope.* "I sealed this earlier. Inside is something that matches what we'll need later."
2. *Talk briefly about the story:* "In Matthew 17, Peter needed to pay the temple tax. Jesus told him to catch a fish—and inside that fish was the exact coin they needed!"
3. *Ask*: "Do you think God really cares about our needs?"
4. *Open the envelope to reveal the coin.* "Look—it's the exact amount we talked about! God always provides in the right way and at the right time."

When Peter obeyed Jesus, he found the exact coin needed. God didn't give him too much or too little. He provided it perfectly. We can trust that God knows what we need, and we can follow Jesus' example of faith and obedience.

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Bible Story (15 minutes)
The Coin in the Catch (Matthew 17:24–27)

Key Discovery: God provides in strange and precise ways.

Takeaway: I can trust God to meet needs and follow Jesus' example.

TEACHER: Have you ever found money when you weren't expecting it—like a coin on the sidewalk or a dollar in your pocket? It feels like a special surprise! Today's Bible story is about a time when Jesus provided exactly what was needed in a very surprising way.

In Bible times, people paid a small temple tax each year to help care for God's house. One day, Peter and Jesus were asked to pay it. Peter didn't have the money, but Jesus used this moment to show that He has complete control over everything—even fish!

> **READ (NIV): Matthew 17:24–25** "After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, 'Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?' 'Yes, he does,' he replied."

Peter answered quickly but realized they didn't have the money ready. He might have worried about how to pay. But Jesus already knew the situation—He always does.

> **READ (NIV): Matthew 17:25–26** "When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. 'What do you think, Simon?' he asked. 'From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from

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> others?' 'From others,' Peter answered. 'Then the children are exempt,' Jesus said to him."

Jesus explained that He is the Son of God, and technically He didn't have to pay the temple tax. But He chose to pay it anyway to set an example of doing what's right and peaceful. Jesus always teaches through His actions.

> **READ (NIV): Matthew 17:27** "But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

Jesus told Peter to go fishing—and the first fish he caught had the exact coin they needed inside its mouth! That's not luck. That's God's perfect, precise provision.

SUMMARY: God provided for Peter in the most unexpected way. He didn't just hand Peter the coin; He invited Peter to trust and obey. When we follow Jesus, He meets our needs—sometimes in surprising ways that show His power and care.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: This story reminds us that Jesus is more than a miracle worker—He is our Savior who provides what we need most: forgiveness and life with God. Just like He provided the coin, Jesus gave His life for us. When we trust Him, He provides everything we need for now and forever.

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The Coin in the Catch (Matthew 17:24–27)



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Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: God doesn't just give us what we want—He gives exactly what we need, right when we need it. In today's story, Jesus used a fish to show Peter that He can provide in any way He chooses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What problem did Peter have at the start of the story?

   (He needed money to pay the temple tax.)
2. How did Jesus tell Peter to find the money?

   (By catching a fish that had a coin in its mouth.)
3. What does this story teach us about God?

   (That He knows what we need and provides it perfectly on time.)

PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for knowing my needs.

Thank You for always providing.

Help me to trust You every day.

You are faithful and good.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Word Search Puzzle

COIN – DISCIPLE – FAITH – FISH – GOD – JESUS

LAKE – MIRACLE – NEEDS – PETER – PROVIDES – TAX – TRUST

J B S K U J E S U S N

P R P R O V I D E S E

T O X X G N M U V K E

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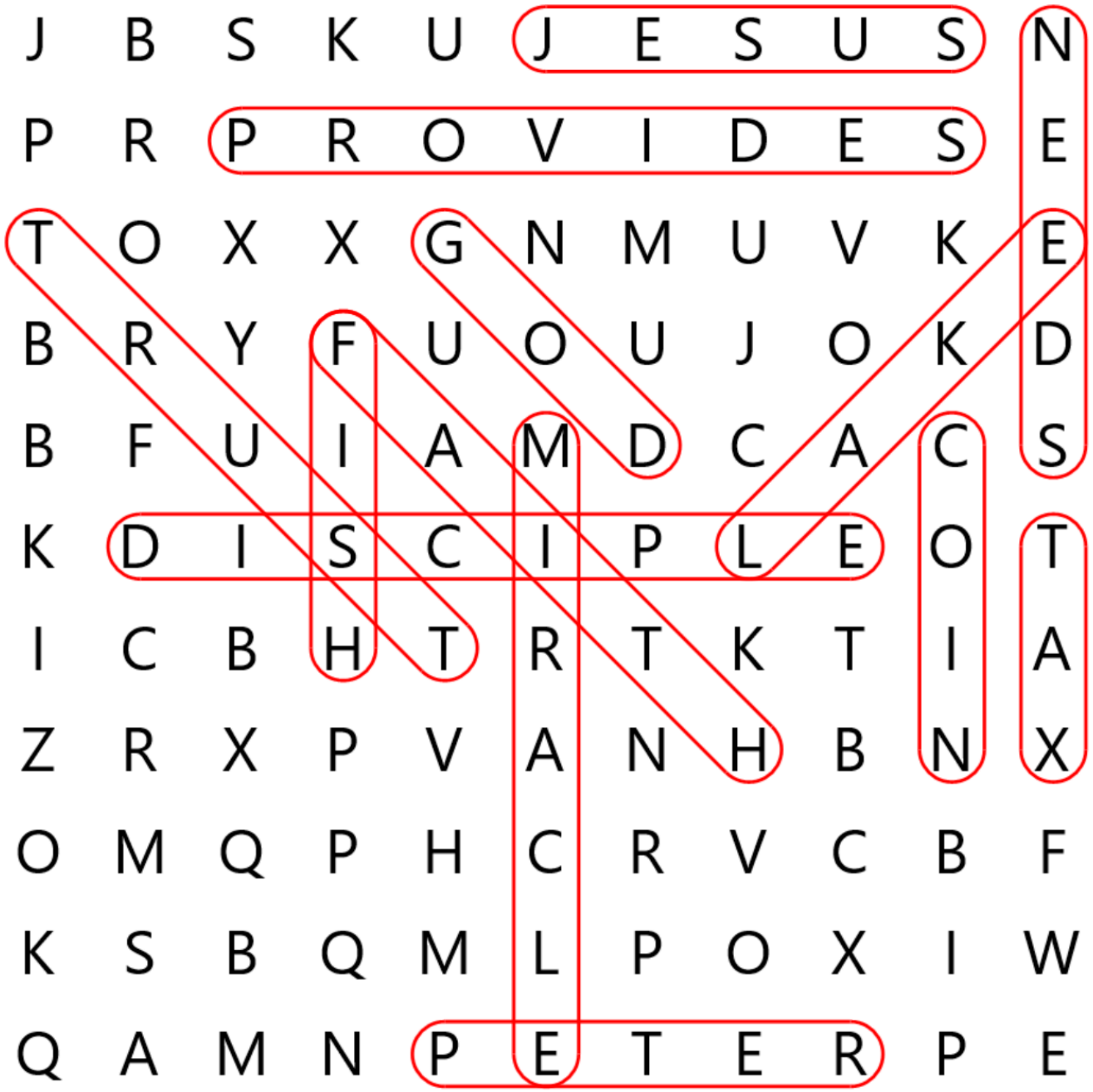
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Word Search Answers



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Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
Coin in the Fish Craft

SUPPLIES NEEDED



- Light blue or white construction paper
- Printed fish outline template
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Small paper circles (to represent coins)

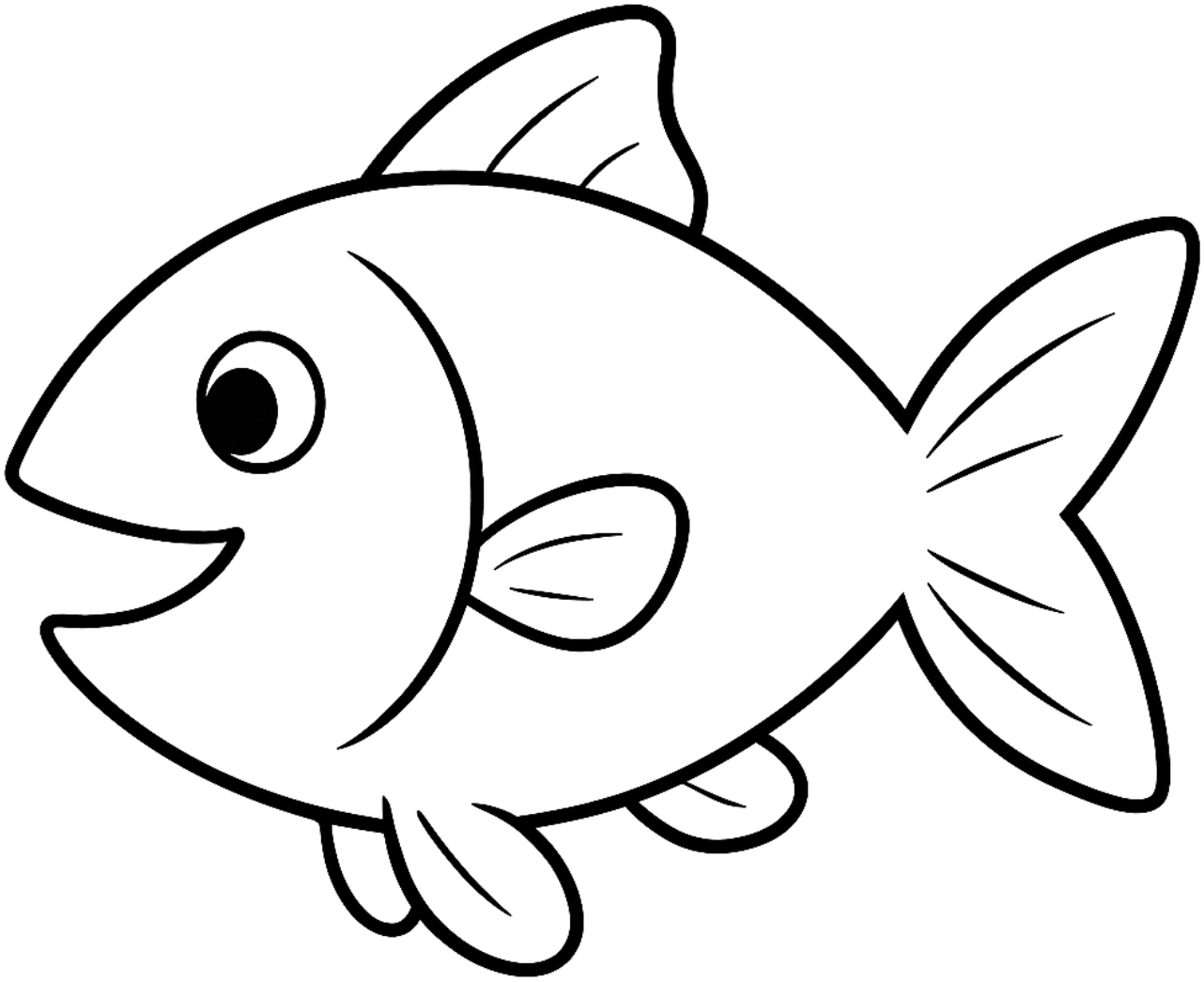
TEACHER: Today we'll make a fish that can 'catch' a coin—just like in our Bible story when Peter found a coin in a fish's mouth. This craft will help us remember that God provides exactly what we need, right on time.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Give each child a printed fish outline to color with crayons or markers.
2. After coloring, help kids cut out their fish.
3. Fold the fish slightly along the mouth area to make a small pocket or opening.
4. Glue or tape around the edges, leaving the mouth open.
5. Cut or pass out small paper "coins" and slide one into each fish's mouth.
6. On the back of the fish, kids can write: *"God provides on time."*

Every time you see your fish, remember that God knows your needs and can provide in surprising ways—just like He did for Peter.

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Week 3 — Christmas

- Bible Story: Mary and Elizabeth's Joy Explosion (Luke 1:39–56)
- Key Discovery: Jesus coming brings holy friendship and overflowing praise.
- Takeaway: I can share joy and praise God for Jesus.

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Week 3 - Supply List

Group Game — Praise Echo

- Small bell or jingle bell (optional)

Object Lesson — Joy Overflow Bag

- Small zip-top plastic bag
- 2 tablespoons baking soda
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 small paper cup
- Tray or shallow bin for cleanup

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible (NIV)

Craft — Joy Lantern

- White or light-colored paper lunch bags
- Battery-powered tea lights (one per child)
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors (teacher use or assisted)
- Hole punch (optional)
- String or ribbon (optional, for hanging)

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Introduction Game (5 minutes)
Praise Echo

SUPPLIES NEEDED: None (optional: a small bell or jingle bell for fun)

TEACHER: Today's story is all about joy—real, overflowing joy that came when Mary and Elizabeth met. Let's play a game called *Praise Echo* to get our hearts ready to celebrate Jesus!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Gather everyone in a circle or facing the teacher.
2. The teacher calls out a short praise phrase, such as:
    - "God is good!"
    - "Praise the Lord!"
    - "Jesus brings joy!"
    - "Merry Christmas!"
3. The kids echo each phrase back louder and more joyfully each time.
4. Add clapping, simple motions, or use a small bell to signal when to shout the final "JOY!" round together.

When Mary visited Elizabeth, both of them were filled with joy and praised God out loud. Our joy grows when we praise God and share it with others!

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Object Lesson (5 minutes)
Joy Overflow Bag

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- One small zip-top plastic bag
- 2 tablespoons of baking soda
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 small paper cup
- Tray or shallow bin for safety and easy cleanup

TEACHER: Have you ever felt so happy you thought your heart might burst with joy? That's kind of how Mary and Elizabeth felt when they heard what God was doing. Let's see something that overflows with joy!

1. *Place the zip bag on a tray.*
2. *Scoop the baking soda into the bag.*
3. *Pour the vinegar into the small cup.*
4. *Carefully set the cup inside the bag—don't spill yet.*
5. *Seal the bag tightly, then tip the cup so the vinegar pours into the baking soda.*
6. *Watch the bag puff up as the air fills it.*

TEACHER: Wow! The bag is overflowing just like joy! When Mary met Elizabeth, the Bible says the baby inside Elizabeth 'leaped for joy,' and both women praised God. That's what happens when we remember Jesus—our hearts overflow with joy that can't stay inside!

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Bible Story (15 minutes)
Mary and Elizabeth's Joy (Luke 1:39–56)

Key Discovery: Jesus coming brings holy friendship and overflowing praise.

Takeaway: I can share joy and praise God for Jesus.

TEACHER: Sometimes joy is so big you can't keep it in—you just have to tell someone! That's exactly what happened when Mary and Elizabeth saw each other. Both women were part of God's plan, and their meeting was full of joy and praise.

Mary had just learned from the angel Gabriel that she would be the mother of Jesus, God's Son. Her relative Elizabeth was also expecting a baby—John the Baptist—who would grow up to prepare people for Jesus. When Mary went to visit Elizabeth, something amazing happened that showed how great God's plan was.

> **READ (NIV): Luke 1:39–41** "At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."

Mary traveled a long way to see Elizabeth. The moment she arrived, baby John leaped for joy inside Elizabeth's belly! God's Spirit helped both women understand that something incredible was happening—Jesus was coming into the world!

> **READ (NIV): Luke 1:42–45** "In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the

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sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.'"

Elizabeth was overflowing with joy. She didn't stay quiet—she praised God out loud! When we see God working, we can do the same. Joy grows when we share it.

> **READ (NIV): Luke 1:46–49** "And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.'"

Mary's heart was full of praise. She sang a song to God because she couldn't keep the joy inside. She knew God was doing something amazing through Jesus.

SUMMARY: Mary and Elizabeth both praised God because they knew His promises were coming true. Their joy overflowed in words and songs of praise. We can share that same joy by thanking God for Jesus and telling others about Him.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: Jesus is the reason for our joy. He came to rescue us from sin, to bring peace, and to fill our hearts with hope. When we believe in Jesus, His joy lives in us forever. That's the best Christmas gift we could ever have!

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Mary and Elizabeth's Joy (Luke 1:39–56)



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Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: When Mary and Elizabeth met, they couldn't stop praising God. Their hearts were full of joy because they knew Jesus was coming. Let's talk about what that kind of joy looks like for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What happened when Mary greeted Elizabeth?

   (Elizabeth's baby leaped for joy, and she praised God.)
2. What did Mary do after hearing Elizabeth's words?

   (She sang a song to praise God for His goodness.)
3. What does this story teach us about joy?

   (Real joy comes from knowing Jesus and sharing His love with others.)

PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus.

Thank You for filling our hearts with joy.

Help me to share Your joy with others.

I will praise You always.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Word Search Puzzle

ANGEL – BLESS – ELIZABETH – GOD – HOLY – JESUS

JOY – MARY – PRAISE – PROMISE – REJOICE – SAVIOR – SONG

J U O N Q K X J D U O

S A V I O R U J B X H

F L W L Z P Z G L T N

Q R R E J O I C E E J

Q V P Y Y W U B S U E

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D G S Y P V Y L U C K

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Word Search Answers



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Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
Joy Lantern

SUPPLIES NEEDED



- White or light-colored paper lunch bags (or sheets of cardstock taped into tubes)
- Battery-powered tea light (one per child)
- Scissors (teacher use or assisted)
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch (optional)
- String or ribbon (optional, for hanging)

TEACHER: Mary and Elizabeth were so full of joy that they couldn't keep it inside—they praised God! Today we're going to make *Joy Lanterns* to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world who fills our hearts with joy.

1. Give each child a paper bag or cardstock lantern base.
2. Have them use markers or crayons to decorate their lanterns with cheerful colors—add words like *JOY*, stars, or hearts if desired.
3. Cut or punch small star or heart shapes so light can shine through.
4. Place a battery-powered tea light inside.
5. Dim the room lights and let the lanterns glow while kids share one reason they're thankful for Jesus.

Just like our lanterns shine brightly, God's joy shines through us when we love and praise Jesus. He's the Light that never goes out!

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Week 4 — Snakeproof

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Week 4 - Supply List

Group Game — Mission Map Relay

- Paper “mission letters” (folded sheets or envelopes)
- Two bins or boxes (labeled “START” and “MISSION STATION”)
- Cotton balls or crumpled paper “snowballs”
- Open space for running

Object Lesson — Shake-It-Off Rope

- Short piece of string or yarn (6–8 inches)
- Ruler or paint stir stick
- Tray or clear table space

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible (NIV)

Craft — Snakeproof Shield Badge

- White cardstock or light blue construction paper
- Printed snowflake badge template with the word “PROTECTS”
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- String or yarn (for wearing)
- Optional: silver or gold glitter

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Introduction Game (5 minutes)
Mission Map Relay

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Paper “mission letters” (folded sheets of paper or envelopes)
- Two large bins or boxes (labeled “START” and “MISSION STATION”)
- Cotton balls or crumpled paper “snowballs”
- Open space for running

TEACHER: Paul never gave up sharing about Jesus—even when things got dangerous! In today’s story, we’ll see how God protected Paul so His mission could keep going. Let’s play *Mission Map Relay* to start our lesson.

1. Divide kids into two or more teams.
2. Give each team a few folded “mission letters.”
3. Place the ‘MISSION STATION’ bins across the room.
4. On ‘GO,’ the first player from each team runs to deliver one mission letter to their bin while others gently toss soft “snowballs” (cotton balls or paper) toward them.
5. The runner can dodge but not throw back. After delivering the letter, they run back and tag the next player.
6. Continue until all letters have been delivered.

Nice work, missionaries! You stayed focused and delivered every message. Paul stayed on mission, too. Even when the snake bit him, God protected him so he could keep telling people about Jesus. God protects His mission and His people!

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Object Lesson (5 minutes)
Shake-It-Off Rope

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1 short piece of string or yarn (about 6–8 inches)
- 1 ruler (or paint stir stick)
- 1 tray or clear space on the floor/table (so the string can fall safely)

TEACHER: Sometimes trouble pops up fast. In our Bible story, a snake bit Paul! But God protected him, and the mission to share Jesus kept going. Let's try a simple picture of that.

DEMONSTRATION:

1. Hold the ruler straight out in front of you.
2. Lay the short string across the end of the ruler so part of it hangs off.
3. Say: "This string is like a problem that jumps on us."
4. Give the ruler a quick, gentle shake downward so the string slips off and falls onto the tray.
5. Repeat once more so everyone sees it clearly.

Did you see how the string fell off? Paul shook the snake off into the fire, and no harm stopped God's plan. We have real problems—fear, sickness, or unkind words—but Jesus is stronger. God's protection means His good news keeps going, and we can keep serving Him.

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Bible Story (15 minutes)
Paul Survives a Snakebite (Acts 28:1–6)

Key Discovery: God protects His people so His good news can keep going

Takeaway: I can trust God's protection and keep serving Him

TEACHER: Have you ever been scared by something sudden—like a loud noise or a bug that jumped out of nowhere? Paul faced something much scarier—a poisonous snake bite! But God protected him, because Paul's mission to tell people about Jesus wasn't finished yet.

After being shipwrecked on an island called Malta, Paul and the others from the ship needed warmth and rest. The islanders were kind to them, and as Paul helped build a fire, something amazing happened that showed God's power and protection.

> **READ (NIV): Acts 28:3–4** "Paul gathered a pile of brushwood, and as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, 'This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.'"

Paul didn't panic. The people around him were afraid and thought he must be cursed—but they didn't know the true God! Paul trusted that God was in control and that his mission wasn't over.

> **READ (NIV): Acts 28:5–6** "But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall

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dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god."

God protected Paul completely! The bite didn't hurt him at all. Everyone watching saw that something special was happening—Paul's safety showed that God's power is greater than anything else.

SUMMARY: Paul's shipwreck and snakebite could have stopped him—but God wasn't finished. He gave Paul strength and safety so the gospel could keep spreading. Nothing—not storms, not snakes, not fear—can stop God's mission.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: Jesus faced danger and even death to save us, and He rose again with power that can never be stopped. When we trust Jesus, we can live with confidence that He is with us and protecting us—just like He was with Paul.

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Paul Survives a Snakebite (Acts 28:1–6)



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Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: Sometimes scary things happen, but God is always in control. When Paul was bitten by a snake, everyone thought he would die—but God protected him! Paul kept serving God, and the good news about Jesus kept spreading.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What happened to Paul on the island of Malta?

   (A snake bit him while he was helping build a fire.)

2. What did Paul do when the snake bit him?

   (He shook it off into the fire and trusted God.)

3. What does this story teach us about God?

   (That He protects His people and helps His mission keep going.)

PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for protecting us.

Thank You for helping us tell others about Jesus.

When I'm afraid, help me trust You.

You are strong and good.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Word Search Puzzle

ACTS – BITE – FIRE – GOD – ISLAND – JESUS

MALTA – MISSION – PAUL – PROTECTS – SAFE – SNAKE – TRUST

L K T D V F B A G B V

E A O Q T J U P X I B

A G F I R E B R S H O

J N M I S S I O N K W

E F U A H U T T A J G

M U C C L S E E K W W

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W S A F E U Y S Y R I

M C U W I S L A N D I

Y A L W G T Y R P R G

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Word Search Answers



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Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
Snakeproof Shield Badge

SUPPLIES NEEDED



- Printed snowflake badge template (same shape as prior weeks)
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- String or yarn (for wearing)
- Optional: silver or gold glitter for "shield shine" effect

TEACHER: In this last week of *Snow Way!*, we're learning that God protects His people so His mission can keep going. Just like Paul was safe from the snake, God protects us too. Today we'll make our final badge—'PROTECTS'—to remind us that God is our shield.

1. Give each child a printed snowflake badge outline.
2. Have them color and decorate the snowflake with bright blues, silvers, and golds.
3. Punch a hole at the top and tie on a piece of string or yarn so they can wear it as a badge.
4. Optional: lightly add glitter around the edges for a "shield sparkle."

Paul faced a snake, storms, and danger—but God protected him so the good news about Jesus could keep going. God protects His mission and His people!

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