



WEEK
ONE
MAY

SMALL GROUP

2/3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. GOD MADE

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic animals, plastic people, and two hula hoops

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the hula hoops in the middle of the activity area. Scatter the figures all around

the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Invite the children to collect the figures and bring them to the hula hoops.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Help the children sort the figures by hula hoop. Place the animals in one hula hoop and the people figures in the other hula hoop.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "WOW! Look at all of the animals and people around our room."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's work together and collect all of the animals and people. Bring them to these hoops when you're finished!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! You are great helpers! Let's put the animals in this hoop (*point*) and the people in this hoop (*point*). Nice work! Today, we'll hear a Bible story about who made animals and people."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to be animals as you walk to the story area.

BIBLE STORY

God's way is perfect.

IN THE GARDEN
GENESIS 1:31, 2:8-3:24

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."

2 SAMUEL 22:31, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Whose way is perfect?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



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2. WHICH WAY?

WHAT YOU NEED: "Arrows" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, toy cars, and Little People® figures

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Arrows" on cardstock and cut on the dotted lines, three to four arrows per activity.

Place the arrows on a table or the floor in the activity area

about six inches from each other and all pointing in the same direction to create a one-way path.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to play with the cars and people and move them in the direction of the arrows. Allow the children to play for a few minutes then switch the direction of the arrows and challenge the children to move the cars and people in the new direction. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! We have cars and people to move around. The arrows on the [table or floor] let us know which way to go!" (*Point.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "The arrows all point this way (*point*) so we can move all of the cars and people that way. (*Do activity.*) Way to go! Let's change the direction! (*Pick up and move arrows.*) Now let's move the cars and people in this new direction." (*Continue and finish activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Awesome job! Today, we'll hear a Bible story about the direction that God wants us to go! God's way is PERFECT!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by giving the children step by step directions to the story area.

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1. MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children.

BIBLE STORY

God's way is perfect.

IN THE GARDEN

GENESIS 1:31, 2:8-3:24

"God's way (*point up*) is perfect," (*two thumbs up*) 2 Samuel 22:31. (*Open hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I will say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me!"

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."

2 SAMUEL 22:31, NIRV

"'God's way (*point up*) is perfect,' (*two thumbs up*) 2 Samuel 22:31." (*Open hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready?"

KEY QUESTION

Whose way is perfect?

"'God's way (*point up*) is perfect,' (*two thumbs up*) 2 Samuel 22:31." (*Open hands like a book.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that **God's way is perfect! Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!**"

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3. JUMP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Have the children stand in front of you.

BIBLE STORY

God's way is perfect.

IN THE GARDEN

GENESIS 1:31, 2:8-3:24

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Call out an animal and ask the children to jump like that animal. Examples of animals are kangaroo, frog, and bunny. Continue the activity until the children are tired of jumping.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "God's way is perfect!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We can go God's way in many different ways. Let's jump God's way! First, let's jump like a kangaroo! (*Do activity.*) Nice job! Now let's jump like frogs! (*Continue the activity.*) Way to go! We are all jumping God's way! Let's jump God's way like bunnies! (*Finish activity.*) Awesome! We can all jump God's way! God's way is perfect."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Whew! I am super tired! It's so much fun to jump God's way! God's way is PERFECT! **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!**"

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4. ARROW POINTS THE WAY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Arrow Points the Way" Activity Page, cardstock, stickers, dot markers, scissors, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Arrow Points the Way" on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their arrows with dot markers and stickers.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! Come this way and sit down at the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "This is an arrow. Arrows help us know which way to go. This arrow says I can go God's way! Use the dot markers and stickers to decorate your arrow. (Pause.) Friends, these are amazing! You did a really nice job on your arrows. Hold your arrows up as high as you can and tell me, 'I can go God's way.' (Repeat.) Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story, we heard about the very first garden. God filled it with plants, flowers, animals, and people! God made Adam and Eve. God told Adam to name all the animals and take care of them. Adam and Eve lived in God's wonderful garden and knew that **God's way is perfect**. They could eat fruit from any of the trees except one. That was the only rule God had for Adam and Eve. They could never, ever eat the fruit from one tree.

"But . . . Eve ate the fruit then gave it to Adam to eat. They didn't do things God's way, so God had to send them away from His beautiful garden. God still loved Adam and Eve, but everything they did was sooo much harder. It would have been easier if they had done things God's way because **God's way is perfect**. When God wants you to do something, remember that God's way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect.**"

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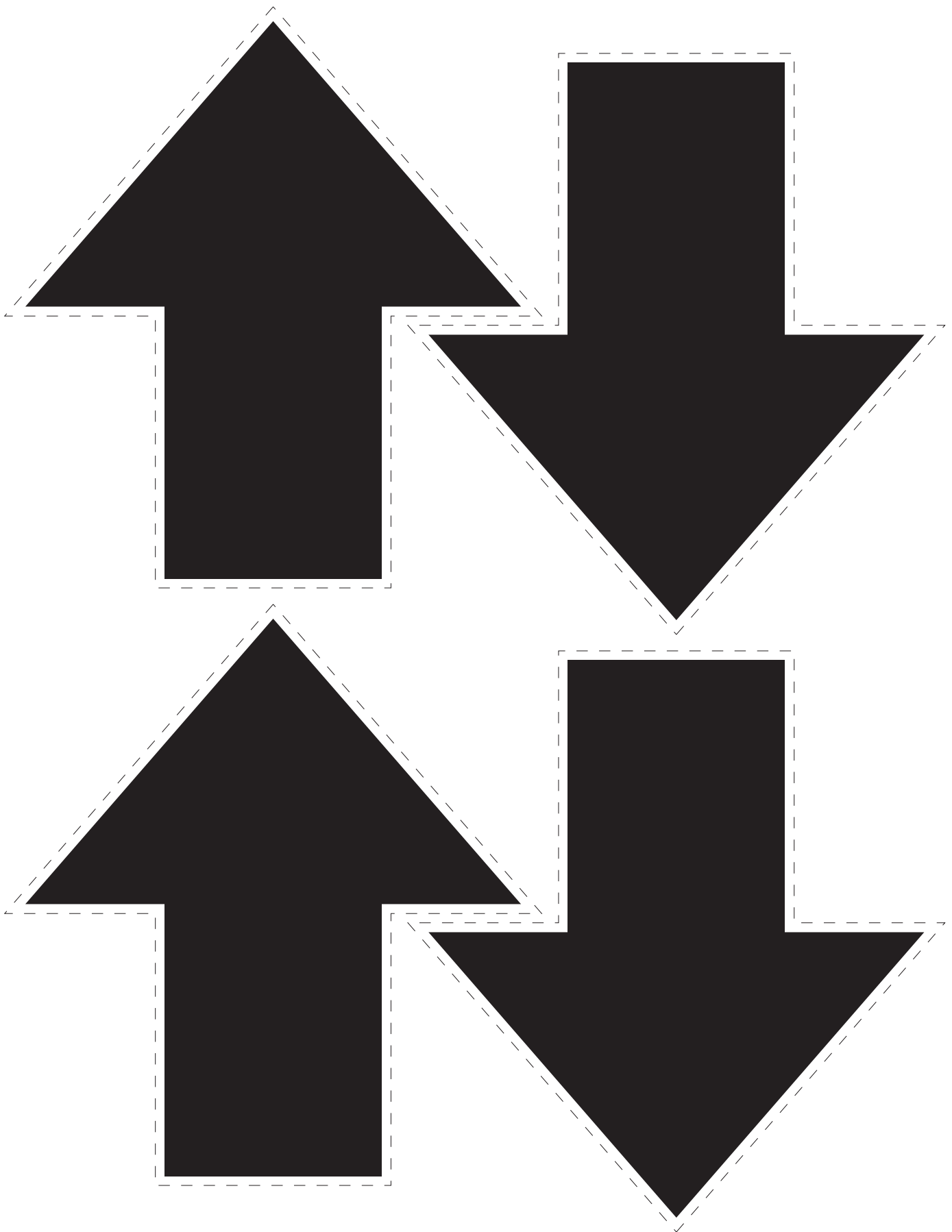
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Arrows • Which Way • May Week 1

Copy on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. 3-4 cutouts per activity.

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