

SNACKS | DAY 5

MARSHMALLOW SHEEP SNACK

What You Need: powdered donuts, marshmallows, stick pretzels, a plastic knife, a small plate

What You Do:

- Allow the kids to help you use a plastic knife to cut the marshmallows in half.
- You only need one half per child.
- With an adult's help, use a knife to cut two notches in the top of the marshmallow to create the sheep's ears.
- Break two stick pretzels in half and insert the four pieces into the bottom of each donut hole to create the legs and body of the sheep.
- Break another pretzel in half and press the rough end into the back of the marshmallow as the sheep's neck. Twist the other end into to donut hole to complete your sheep!

What You Say:

"Look how cute your sheep are! And you know what? Each of your sheep look just a little different. A good shepherd knows each of his sheep—just like Jesus knows you! The shepherd in the story Jesus told left behind all his other sheep to find the ONE that was missing because he cared for each one of his sheep. There are lots and LOTS of people around you, maybe even people in your own family who don't know how much God loves them. And YOU have the opportunity to press play and show God's love in the way you treat them, in the words you say, and in the choices you make! Remember, **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence to make a difference.**"

At Home Rec Day 5

HIDE-AND-GO-SEEK MY SHEEP (INDOOR OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY)

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

- Select one family member to be the Shepherd while all other members are sheep.
- Instruct the Shepherd to hide their eyes and count to 20 while all the sheep scatter and hide.
- After counting to 20, the Shepherd begins to seek for their sheep.
- Once all sheep are found, the last sheep discovered becomes the Shepherd and the game begins again.
- Play until everyone has had a turn to be the Shepherd.

What You Say: “How did you feel as a lost sheep? (Pause to let your family respond.) How did you feel once you were found? (Pause to let your family respond.) When it was your turn to play the Shepherd, how did you feel when you found each of us? (Pause to let your family respond.) As a Shepherd, you ensured that all of your sheep were found and safe. Jesus does the same for us and we get tell others about Him!

[Make it Personal] (Talk about a time when you told someone about the Great Shepherd—Jesus. Be sure to help the younger members of your family understand that they don't have to wait until they are grown-ups to make a difference for others by telling them about Jesus!)

“We can have confidence to help other people by telling them about Jesus. Let's say our Bottom Line together:
[Bottom Line] I can have confidence to make a difference.”

CRAFTS | DAY 5

MARbled PICTURE FRAMES

What you need:

- Cardboard Craft Photo Frame (If the frames aren't white, spray paint them white.)
- Shaving Cream
- Food coloring
- Squeegee
- Deep trays (These need to be able to hold water and large enough for the frame to fit into.)
- Toothpicks

What You Do:

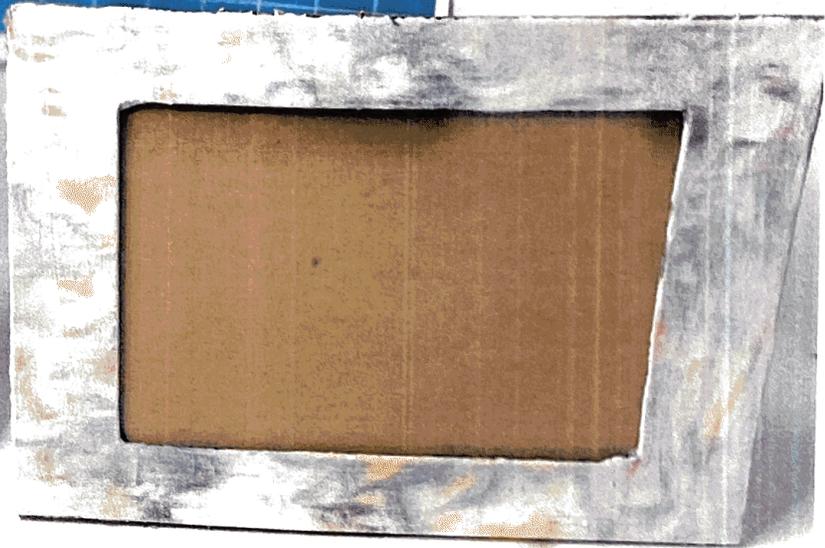
- Step 1: Remove the plastic insert if there is one in the photo frame.
- Step 2: Have kids spray shaving cream into the trays and spread into a layer about the size of the frame.
- Step 3: Have kids squeeze colors in the shaving cream. Use toothpicks to swirl the colors, but be sure not to over mix.
- Step 4: Instruct kids to dip their picture frame into the shaving cream, with the front of the frame first, and pull it out. Use the squeegee to remove the excess shaving cream. There should be a beautiful swirled print on the frame.
- Step 5: Allow the frames to dry.

What You Say:

"I hope this week has made a difference in your life. What are some ways you feel your life has changed this week because of Push Play VBS? (allow for responses) [Make it Personal] (Tell the kids how this week has made a difference in your life. Adults can have life change at VBS too.) Just like VBS has made a difference in your life, God can use you to make a difference in our world. What are some ways you can make a difference? (allow for responses) Let's say today's [Bottom Line] together: "I can have the confidence to make a difference."

PRESS▶PLAY

GET IN THE MIX



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Craft Rotation: Day 5
Marbled Picture
Frames

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application

**PRAYER**
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index card & colored marker**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Encourage the kids to identify one specific way they can make a difference at school, church, home, or in their community as they write the words "I Can Make A Difference" in heavy lettering on their index card with the marker.
- Close in prayer.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Story of the Lost Sheep
Luke 15:1-7

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**I can have confidence because
I can make a difference.**

MEMORY VERSE

**"My command is this: Love each
other as I have loved you."**
John 15:12, NIV

LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see
yourself as God sees you.**

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and designing us to make a difference in this world. Help us to have the courage and confidence to make a difference in our *(pause and ask the kids to take turns inserting where they decided to make a difference)*. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

TRAVEL TIME

As you go through the rest of the day, use the following questions to keep the conversation going, and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning.

WHAT YOU SAY:

- Who in your life can you show kindness to make a difference?
- How can you make a difference right now in our small group? Can you make a difference by holding the door? Or making sure you clean up after yourself in the next track?

Journal & Prayer

DAY 5

