

FUN FISH – Every Toddler COUNTS

Session 2: We Can Help – TWO – Oops, I Forgot!

Memory Line: “You are precious to me.” (Isaiah 43:4 NLT)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Number and Topic:

You can find the number TWO everywhere. TWO ears on an elephant. TWO wings on a bird. You can find TWO on you. TWO elbows. TWO knees. TWO feet. TWO hands, which you can use to help.

Bible Story: Oops, I Forgot! (Matthew 21:28 - 31)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Two brothers

A father

Materials needed: (feel free to swap the materials with what you have)

Grapes

Two buckets (plastic bowls are good to use)

Grapes

Rabbits (or any cuddly animals)

Biscuits

Reflective Time (interactive):

Sometimes it isn't that easy to be helpful. We want to play and do nothing else. But it is good to help when someone asks. How can you help your mum or dad, your granny and grandpa?

Bean Bag Prayer: “Dear God, help us to be helpful. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“Every Toddler COUNTS” card for this session:



Story 2: Oops, I Forgot! (parable of the two sons - Matthew 21:28 - 31)

Here is a story Jesus told a long time ago...

A dad lived on a grape farm with his TWO big boys. Sam and Dan. One day he found Sam in the kitchen with biscuits in his hand. "Sam," said his dad, "please can you go and pick some grapes? I will join you as soon as I can."

"I'm busy," said Sam. "I'm just having a snack and then I want to play. I really don't want to pick grapes today."

But as Sam ate his biscuits, he thought. "I should help dad. He always works so hard." So, Sam found a bucket. He hurried to the field. His dad wasn't there, so he picked all by himself.

Back at the house the dad looked for Dan. He looked in the garage. He looked in the kitchen. He found Dan behind the house playing with his pet rabbits. "Dan," called the dad, "please can you go and pick some grapes? I will join as soon as I can."

"Sure thing," said Dan. "I'll just put my rabbits away." He put them in their pens. He gave them food and water. But he forgot what his dad said. He didn't go and pick grapes. Instead, he played with his toy car all day.

As soon as the dad could, he got another bucket. He hurried to the field, but he only saw Sam. "Hi Sam," he called. "Thanks for helping today. We TWO can finish the job. We can get it done today..."

His dad and Sam carried the buckets home. Dan saw them! And suddenly he remembered that he had meant to help. Oh dear!

Jesus told this story because he wants ALL of us to be helpful. How do you think you can help at home?