FUN FISH – In Every SHAPE

Session 3: STAR – God loves you – Stars to Count

Memory Line: "Thank you for making me" (Psalm 139:14 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.

Shape and Topic:

If you look, STARS are everywhere. On clothes. If you have a party – balloons, cards, wrapping paper. And we all love stars, especially in the sky. They are big and high. They remind us that life is big, that God is big, and that he loves us so much.

Bible Story: Stars to Count (Genesis 12 – 15)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

God

Abraham

Sarah

Lot

Materials needed: (if you don't have the materials below, feel free to replace them)

Cloth and chairs for two tents to move from one side to the other

Doll wrapped up in blanket

Some cuddly animals

White cloth for God

Reflective Time (interactive):

What makes you precious? Your eyes? Your smile? How you hop up and down? Every child is loved by God. So, when you see a STAR, remember how much God loves you.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, thank you that you love each one of us. Amen."

Sing a song:

"In Every SHAPE" card for this session:



Story 3: Stars to Count (Genesis 12 - 15)

There once was a couple called Abram and Sarah. They had no children. They were very sad.

One day God came to Abram. "Abram, leave your country, and I will show you where to go. I promise to give you a family."

They packed up their house. They put everything on camels and donkeys. They took their sheep. They took their nephew, Lot, as well. Then they set off.

They arrived in another country. "I will give you this land," said God.

Abram and Sarah put up their tents. They lived there a long time. Soon their sheep, donkeys and camels had lots of babies.

Their nephew Lot grew up. He put up his own tent. Soon he had just as many animals as Abram. He even had two children.

Now there were too many animals and not enough grass. "Let's split up," Abram said. "Lot, you go one way. Sarah and I will go the other."

Lot chose the valley. Abram and Sarah moved to the hills. They put up their tents. Then God called, "Abram, this land is for you and your children!"

"I can't wait," said Abram. "Everyone is having babies, except us." But the years ticked by, and Sarah still had no baby.

God came to Abram again. "I am your great reward," said God. But Abram shook his head. "God, we want a child."

God promised, "You and Sarah will have a son." He showed Abram the stars. "Can you count them?" he asked. "Your family will grow like that!"

Abram looked up. He believed, and a year later Sarah had a baby boy.

God loved Abram and Sarah. He loves each one of us. He takes care of us.