FUN FISH – In Every SHAPE

Session 7: CRESCENT - God Cares - A Special Place for God

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:

Have you ever been seen the moon look like a CRESCENT? It looks like a bowl tipped sideways. It is special to see in the sky. God made it because he cares for us. It gives us light at night.

Bible Story: A Special Place for God (2 Samuel 7)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Builder

King David

Priests

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

Palace

Big house for God (some chairs stacked up)

Tent (small one)

Throne

Reflective Time (interactive):

Do you have a special place, a place where you can be quiet? Whenever you see a CRESCENT, remember that God cares for you and gives you what you need.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for caring for me. Amen."

Sing a song:

"In Every SHAPE" card for this session:



Story 7: "A Special Place for God" (2 Samuel 7)

God wanted to be with His people, but there was a problem. People couldn't talk to him. What was God going to do?

He found a builder. He said, "Please make me a big tent. Then my people can talk to me there. They can come close. I really care for them."

The builder made a huge tent and soon people came to listen and talk to God. But it was in a tiny village, far away from everyone.

When David became king, he wanted to talk with God a lot. But that tent was too far away. He wondered what he could do. "I know," he said. "I will move that tent closer to me."

Some priests helped King David move the tent and Ark. They set it up near the palace. The king was so very, very happy. Now he could go every day.

But one day King David looked out the window at the tent. He shook his head. "It just isn't right. I live in a palace, but God only has a tent. I will build him a gigantic, beautiful place where everyone can come."

He told a priest his good idea. The priest nodded, but that night with the CRESCENT moon lighting his path, the priest went to the tent. God gave him a different message. The next morning the priest told King David.

"O King," said the priest, "Your son will build a house for God. But because you care about God and want to build him a special place, he will make you great."

King David hurried to the Tent. He prayed, "O God, you really do care for me. Thank you for your promises."

And God kept his promises to King David. David became a very great king and years later his son built that special house for God.