

## **Toddler Web Activities for Lessons One-Six for Y2Q1**

**Week One:** Crossing the Jordan

### **Reinforcement Activity**

(10 minutes)

*Supplies Needed: Blue Jell-O, water, baking dish, spatula, paper plates, plastic forks, napkins*

*Teacher Note:* Before class, prepare the Jell-O according the package directions in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Be sure to check with parents before serving the Jell-O to the children. However, this activity does not require the children to eat the Jell-O to be effective.

Gather the children around the table. Place the dish of Jell-O on the table. Talk about the Israelites' journey across the Jordan River. As you describe how God stopped the water so the Israelites could walk through the river, use the spatula to cut the Jell-O in half. Stack one side of the Jell-O on top of the other side so that half to the baking dish is empty and the other half is twice as tall. If you have checked with parents about allergies, you may choose to share the blue Jell-O with the children as a special snack.

**Week Two: Jericho's Walls Come Down**

**Reinforcement Activity**

(10 minutes)

*Supplies Needed: Party horns*

Let the children reenact the Israelites' obedience to God by walking around the room seven times. Remind them that the Israelites had to walk around Jericho for seven days. On the seventh day, they had to walk around the city seven times. When the children have completed their seventh lap around the room, let them blow their party horns. Remind the children that God brought down the walls of Jericho.

**Week Three: The Sin of Achan**

**Reinforcement Activity**

(10 minutes)

*Supplies Needed: Plastic coins, blankets*

Place the coins on the table and the blankets under the table. Tell the children to pretend to be Achan as he buried coins under his tent. They will bury their coins under the blankets. When they are finished, ask them if they think you know where the coins are. Do their parents know where the coins are? What about God? Explain that you saw them do bury the coins, so you know where they are. Though some people, like their parents, may not know where the coins are, God knows everything. He saw Achan hide the things he stole, and He saw the children pretend to bury their coins. Remind the children that God sees everything. Talk about the importance of obedience. Sin can hurt others, but God sent Jesus to set us free from sin.

**Week Four: The Land Conquered and Divided**

**Reinforcement Activity**

(10 minutes)

*Supplies Needed: Two bright white rags, dirt or cocoa powder*

*Teacher Note:* As you prepare for the lesson, rub one of the rags with dirt or cocoa powder. Leave the other one clean and white.

Show the children the clean rag and the dirty rag. Talk about how the Gibeonites tricked the Israelites by making their clothing look old. Explain that you made your rag look old by rubbing dirt on it. Then talk about how our sin is like the dirty rag. God wants to make our hearts clean, like the white rag. When we ask Him to forgive our sins and believe in Him, He will make us new.

**Week Five: The Judges of Israel**

**Reinforcement Activity**

(10 minutes)

*Supplies Needed: Balloons, painter's tape*

*Teacher Note:* Clear a large space in the room. Put a long strip of painter's tape on the floor to divide the space in half.

Divide the children into two equal teams and instruct the teams to stand on opposite sides of the tape. Remind the children that the Israelite people kept bouncing back and forth between following the one true God and complaining or worshiping false idols. The children will toss and hit the balloons back and forth across the line. Remind them that even when the Israelites were unfaithful to God, He still loved them. He sent the Rescuer, Jesus, to save His people from sin. Now, the Holy Spirit helps God's people stay faithful to God instead of changing their minds like the Israelites did.

**Week Six: Life Without God As King**

**Reinforcement Activity**

(10 minutes)

Ask the children, "How strong are you?" Challenge the class to compete in a series of strength tests to see just how strong the children are. Let them do exercises like push-ups, sit-ups, and jumping jacks. You may have to demonstrate the proper way to perform each exercise. When the children are tired out, praise their amazing strength.

Remind the children that Samson was the strongest man in the world, but his strength came from the Lord. Samson made mistakes that caused him to lose his strength. We all make mistakes, but God has a special plan for us. We need to learn from Samson and the Israelites' mistakes and make sure we always obey God's Word.