

Supplemental Ideas for Hopper Lesson Plans

BEAR HUG	COMING IN TIME	BOOK TIME	PLAY TIME/SNACK	OTHER
VIP	Design a Cubbies name tag or button, and have parent help their child write their name.	Go over the Bear Hug brochure with the parents. Show how to teach the verse, then allow parent time to work with their child.	<p>Butterflies & Caterpillars</p> <p>-leader calls out “butterflies”, and all children fly around room</p> <p>-leader calls out “caterpillars” and all children crawl</p> <p>-add other animals for variety</p> <p><i>-Let’s Play</i></p>	<p>Give our large colored paperclips to mark place in handbook</p> <p>Parent guide to hand out</p>
Bear Hug brochure	Go over letter “A” and “C” Trace letters...attach pictures of “A” and “C” words	Go over “A” and “C”...what they mean and stand for in the bear hug. Trace letters and glue pictures of people sinning and the verses.	<p>Get acquainted game</p> <p>-play game to learn the Cubbies names and for them to learn each other’s names</p> <p>Play “Who shared the cookie from the cookie jar” Use large plastic cookie to pass during game.</p>	Who shared the cookie from the cookie jar? ____ [name of cubbie] shared the cookie from the cookie jar. She/he _____
<p style="text-align: center;">Bear Hug #1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Creation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Genesis 1:31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Then God saw everything that he had made, and, indeed, it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”</p>	<p>Make a mural/poster of things God made...color or glue on pictures.</p> <p>Discuss numbers 1-7 and what God did on each day...see <i>Felt and Magnet Crafts</i> book for idea</p>	Continue working on coming in time activity if not done...make own set of numbers, trace onto piece of paper and add pieces or color		Play “I See” while waiting for parents to come

<p align="center">Bear Hug #2 <i>Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve</i></p> <p>John 3:33 “He who has received his testimony has certified that God is true.”</p>	<p>Make bag puppets of Adam, Eve, and serpent</p>	<p>Add stickers to trees...add fruit loops to trees</p>	<p>Hide n’ Seek</p> <p>-hide pictures of trees around room</p> <p>-find and bring to leader</p> <p>-use plastic fruits too</p> <p>Promise relay</p> <p>-use small Bible as baton</p>	
<p align="center">Bear Hug #3 <i>Gabriel’s announcement to Mary</i></p> <p>Luke 1:31-32 “And, behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God will give unto him the throne of his father David:”</p>	<p>Make and decorate a megaphone.</p> <p>Have trumpet/bugle/bells to play.</p> <p>Talk about what the word announcement means</p>	<p>Trace hands, making sure fingers close together...cut out, angel wings. Trace and cut out footprint for angel body. Glue angel head, wings, and body together.</p>	<p>Listening game</p> <p>-items in containers that make noise</p> <p>-Cubbie runs to table, picks up one container, shakes it, and announces what it is</p> <p>Hot Potato game</p> <p>-Stop music & make good news announcement</p>	<p>Have parents come to help with booktime activity if needed</p> <p align="center"><i>Hopper Patch...Award Time</i></p>

<p>Bear Hug #4 <i>Simeon and Anna, baby Jesus</i></p> <p>Luke 2:30 “For my eyes have seen your salvation.”</p>	<p>Learn a poem... What God says</p> <p>He'll always do.</p> <p>We can trust Him.</p> <p>His word is true. Bring in baby dolls...allow to take turns holding, talk about babies growing, cared for.</p>		<p>Go on an imaginary trip -pack bags and travel through church, costumes, dress up</p> <p>-go to sanctuary and meet Simeon and Anna</p> <p>-take turns carrying baby Jesus</p> <p><i>Let's Play</i> see page 82</p>	
<p>Bear Hug #5 <i>Jesus in the temple age 12</i></p> <p>Luke 2:52 “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.”</p> <p>See Fairy's ideas <u>Baby Photo for next week</u></p>	<p>Trace Cubbies on newsprint...allow to color and decorate.</p> <p>Stress they are growing like Jesus.</p>	<p>Make a scroll with the verse written on it...allow to color, cut out, and roll</p>	<p>Pin Jesus on the temple</p> <p>-Boy Jesus for each Cubbie</p> <p>-large church pattern</p> <p>-blindfold and try to place Jesus on church</p> <p>alternate: Pin the Cubbie on the church</p>	<p>Song...</p> <p>Read your Bible,</p> <p>Pray every day,</p> <p>And you'll grow, grow, grow. (repeat)</p> <p>And you'll grow, grow, grow. (repeat first 3 lines)</p> <p><i>Lamb 1...Award Time</i></p>

<p align="center">Bear Hug #6 <i>Review</i></p> <p>Luke 2:11 “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.”</p>	<p>Use play doh and allow them to create world (ball), animals, trees, etc.</p>		<p>Play some of their favorites from first 5 lessons</p>	
<p align="center">Bear Hug #7 <i>John the Baptist</i></p> <p>Matthew 3:17 “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” See extra page of ideas</p>	<p>Make own tablecloth for café</p> <p>Learn to set table correctly</p> <p>-make diagram of proper placement on paper</p> <p>-laminates</p> <p>-Cubbie uses to place items</p>	<p>Set of hands...</p> <p>-pictures of ways Cubbies can help</p> <p>-glue to pages in side set of hands</p> <p>-staple together</p> <p>-encourage to give to parents</p>	<p>Set table.</p> <p>Take turns waiting on and serving one another...have aprons for them to wear.</p> <p>Helping relay</p> <p>-work together to carry Cubbie Bear across room on blanket</p>	<p>Have ways Cubbie can help...golf tees, play hammers, styrofoam to practice hammering. Sewing cards to lace. Socks to match.</p> <p><i>Elephant 1...Award Time</i></p>
<p align="center">Bear Hug #8 <i>Nicodemus</i></p> <p>John 3:16 “For God so loved the world. that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.” See Fairy’s Ideas</p>	<p>Talk about activities that are done at day and night. Have pictures, let them place them in piles according to when they are done.</p> <p>Stress that we can go to Jesus day or night!</p>	<p>We talk to Jesus prayer basket...let them decorate and add handle to basket. Draw or write prayers on paper, place inside.</p> <p>-Make a lantern out of paper</p>	<p>Cut out enough hearts for words in verse. Cubbie hops from heart to heart in correct word order across room.</p> <p>Act out story, carrying lantern and pretending to be Jesus and Nicodemus</p>	<p>How do we talk to Jesus now?</p> <p>How do we know Jesus loves us?</p>

<p>Bear Hug #9 <i>Jesus heals a sick man...roof top</i></p> <p>Luke 5:20 “When he saw their faith, he said to him, Man, your sins are forgiven you.”</p>	<p>Make a Bible time house -use a lunch size paper bag</p> <p>cut to 4”, turn upside down</p> <p>-cut out door in front and window on sides. Cut hole in roof</p> <p>-allow to color and decorate</p>	<p>Make a pipe cleaner man out of two 6” cleaners. Help children lower man on cardstock stretcher through roof of Bible time house. Act out story, retelling it and practicing verse.</p>	<p>Find the Happy Faces</p> <p>-Hide happy and sad faces around room</p> <p>-Tell Cubbies to go find the happy faces because the lame man was happy</p> <p>-Leave the sad faces alone</p> <p>Bible Learning Games #19</p>	<p>Make Get Well cards for people in church on prayer list</p>
<p>Bear Hug #10 <i>Jesus calls fisherman to be disciples</i></p> <p>Matthew 4:21-22 “Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.”</p> <p>See Fairy’s Ideas</p> <p>See extra page of ideas</p>	<p>See page 43 in Hopper book, make a fish badge to remind Cubbies to tell others about Jesus</p>	<p>Make a seashore scene</p> <p>-use sand or cornmeal</p> <p>-fish and people stickers</p> <p>-meat trays or cardboard</p> <p>-add blue paper for water</p> <p>-add verse words</p>	<p>Use piece of mesh netting like fruit comes in to scoop up fish, toys, etc. from container of water</p> <p>One Cubbie as fisherman, the rest are fish. Play tag or catch until all Cubbies caught. Reverse roles.</p>	<p>Make boat out of paper plate. Place piece of netting on bottom half of plate to hold goldfish crackers. Rock boat.</p> <p>Lamb 2...Award Time</p>

<p>Bear Hug #11 <i>Jesus raises Lazarus</i></p> <p>John 11:25 “Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection, and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live.”</p>	<p>Counting activity...4 days later Jesus comes, Lazarus is dead but Jesus raises him...eternity</p> <p>Clock activity...Jesus was not late, we can be, in heaven no time</p>	<p>Textured circle drawings</p> <p>-circle shape cut out of different textures</p> <p>-place paper over circle and rub</p>	<p>Rope Fun</p> <p>-form a circle on floor with 12’ rope</p> <p>-cubbies jump in and out of circle</p> <p>-cubbies throw bean bag in</p> <p>-hop around circle, etc.</p>	<p>“To God Jesus talked and out Lazarus walked.” Heritage Builders</p>
<p>Bear Hug #12 <i>Review</i></p> <p>Ephesians 5:2 “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”</p>	<p>See page 50 in Hopper for review activity</p> <p>Repeat favorite activities from unit...helping activities to practice like sewing cards, golf tees, sorting socks, etc.</p>	<p>See page 51 Hopper for Jesus Loves Me necklace</p>	<p>Act out different types of jobs that they can help with.</p> <p>Play “This is the way we help a friend”...act out</p> <p>Repeat favorites from unit</p>	<p>Save some of the set up of club until the Cubbies arrive. Allow them to help you, stress</p>
<p>Bear Hug #13 <i>Rich young ruler</i></p> <p>Mark 12:30 “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.”</p>	<p>See extra page</p>	<p>See extra page</p>	<p>See extra page</p>	<p>See extra page</p> <p><i>Elephant 2...Award Time</i></p>

<p>Bear Hug #14</p> <p><i>The Good Samaritan</i></p> <p>Matthew 22:39 “And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”</p> <p>See Fairy’s Ideas See extra page</p>	<p>Friend montage...glue pictures of friends doing things together</p> <p>Make paper dolls and decorate with scraps</p> <p>Hide hearts around room...find one and give to a friend</p>	<p>Make crayon rubbings</p> <p>-glue coins for eyes and nose, yarn for mouth onto paper</p> <p>-Cover with another sheet and rub with crayon</p> <p>Trace hand on paper, then draw a red line (cut), give</p>	<p>Build with blocks taking turns.</p> <p>Toss a bean bag and say “I have a good friend and his name is _____”</p> <p>Pair up Cubbies</p> <p>-sit & pretend to be in boat -pretend rowing and sing Row, row, row your boat; gently ‘round the bend. Almost anything you do; Is easier with a friend.</p>	<p>“Do what you should, to others be good.” Heritage Builders</p> <p>Send home hearts and tell Cubbies to do secret acts of love to parents...leave heart behind. - Heritage Builders</p>
<p>Bear Hug #15</p> <p><i>Teach us to pray</i></p> <p>Luke 11:1 “Now it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, that one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>Use play telephones, write cards or notes...discuss how we communicate</p> <p>Learn verse in sign language</p> <p>Make prayer need calendar based on prayer requests of Cubbies</p>	<p>Make a door hanger with verse on it...color</p> <p>Make a refrigerator magnet...see page</p> <p>Make a handprint hanging...see page</p>	<p>Play musical prayer...music stops, cubbie without a chair gives prayer need and pray OR</p> <p>Let cubbie fill in the blank Thank you God for _____.</p>	<p>Bread with peanut butter or some other spread, reminder that Lord gives us our daily bread.</p> <p>See page for song ideas for story time.</p>

<p>Bear Hug #16 <i>Jesus teaches</i></p> <p>Psalm 27:11 “Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>Copy pattern of Bible on white paper. Help cubbies color and fold the Bible. Provide a piece</p> <p>Pictures of things that make different sounds, volume, tone, pitch</p>	<p>Sound drawings -different textures to color over...sound? Sound Sacks</p> <p>-various materials to pick from...nuts, rice, corn, beans</p> <p>-cubbie chooses one and places in paper bag -closes top and shakes</p>	<p>Go on a Noise Hunt -see how many sounds they can hear and name Record sounds ahead of time</p> <p>-play and try to identify</p> <p>Play Cubbie says... Various shapes cut out, laminated...Hokey,Pokey...Put your circle in, Take your circle out, etc. Alternate shapes and colors...listen to learn</p>	<p>See page for song ideas</p> <p>Have noisy foods for snack time</p> <p>Lamb 3...Award Time</p>
<p>Bear Hug #17 <i>Heaven</i></p> <p>John 14:2 “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>See page for finger play about heaven</p>	<p>Paper with various things drawn on it...some in heaven and some not.</p> <p>Circle things in heaven “X” out things not in heaven</p>	<p>Use game in celebration time here</p> <p>See page for game</p>	<p>Use marshmallows, cotton candy, ice cream to stand for clouds</p>

<p>Bear Hug #18</p> <p><i>Review</i></p> <p>1 Timothy 4:10 “For to this end we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those who believe.”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>Make texture picture of Jesus with children..add fabric scraps, yarn, etc.</p> <p>Cubbie answering review questions can hold stuffed Cubbie Bear</p> <p>Make a megaphone...declare stories of Jesus</p>	<p>Add Popsicle sticks to their frame...5 per frame, one on each side and the extra one 2/3 way down...write verse below that stick</p>	<p>Number of circles cut out for number of words in verses.</p> <p>-jump on circle and say word until all words/circles done</p> <p>Walk around church to see the teaching places.</p> <p>Play follow the leader with actions or on paper, follow and draw the shape</p>	<p>Have favorites from units ready.</p> <p>Play a guessing game to review the stories...make a review flip book.</p>
<p>Bear Hug #19</p> <p><i>Jesus' entry into Jerusalem</i></p> <p>Mark 11:9 “Then those who went before, and those who followed, cried out, saying: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>After making palm fronds, march around room, waving palm branches and singing.</p> <p>Make stick donkey and ride around room.</p>	<p>Make rhythm bells, songbook, instruments</p> <p>See pg. 92-94 Bible Crafts & More</p>	<p>Act out story</p> <p>Play pin the tail on the donkey</p> <p>See page 81 Donkey Colt Game Bible Story Games</p>	<p>See pg. 72-73 King's Crowns Incredible Edible</p> <p><i>Elephant 3...Award Time</i></p>

<p>Bear Hug #20</p> <p><i>Crucifixion</i></p> <p>Matthew 1:21 “And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he will save his people from their sins.”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>See pg. 90-91 Puzzle Piece Cross I Can Make It Myself</p>	<p>Make a collage of who Jesus loves...glue in shape of world, add verse to paper</p>	<p>Do you know what Jesus did?</p> <p>-Children hold hands and walk in a circle singing song to tune of “The Muffin Man”. Change directions at end of each verse.</p> <p>See Fairy’s Ideas</p>	
<p>Bear Hug #21</p> <p><i>Resurrection</i></p> <p>Luke 24:34 “ Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon.”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>Make a resurrection T-shirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -cut white contact paper in shape of cross -place in middle of T-shirt -allow Cubbies to paint shirt with fabric paint <p>-air dry...remove cross shape</p>		<p>Find the Happy Faces</p> <p>-see Bear Hug #9</p> <p>Act out story</p>	<p>See separate page</p>
<p>Bear Hug #22</p> <p><i>Jesus appears to disciples</i></p> <p>John 20:20 “When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad, when they saw the Lord.”</p>	<p>Play games with things you see and do not see.</p> <p>Hide objects in a bag, try to guess what the objects are without looking, only by feeling.</p>			<p><i>Lamb 4...Award 4</i></p>

<p>Bear Hug #23</p> <p><i>Ascension, The Great Commission</i></p> <p>Mark 16:15 “And he said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”</p>	<p>Allow to fingerprint with whipped topping. Good News telephones...see page 96 Bible crafts & More</p> <p>Discuss who they will tell about Jesus, practice telling using phones</p>	<p>Make picture using dark blue paper, cotton balls, silhouette of Jesus. See page 98-99 Story Telling</p>	<p>Play “Rhythmic Good News”...page 72 Let’s Play</p> <p>Play “The Beautiful Feet...” see page 74-75 Let’s Play</p>	<p>Add marshmallows to pudding for clouds.</p> <p>See page 62 Mix & Match Ideas for song idea</p>
<p>Bear Hug #24</p> <p><i>New heaven and new earth</i></p> <p>Revelation 19:16 “And he has on his robe and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”</p>	<p>Make name cards for table if having party later for parents. Make table decorations.</p>	<p>Get ready for “Thank you” party for parents after saying verse. Special snacktime to celebrate parent’s help and support thru year</p>	<p>Play London Bridges game while using words “Heaven is a Happy Place, Happy Place, Happy Place.....I am going there.” When caught, share “A” and “C” mean, how to get to heaven, leader shares “B”</p>	<p>Heaven is a Happy Place (Bible Learning Games)</p> <p>See Fairy’s Ideas</p> <p><i>Elephant 4...Award Time</i></p>
<p>Special Day #1</p> <p><i>Fall harvest</i></p> <p>Psalm 104:33 “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.” See extra page</p>	<p>See separate sheets</p>		<p>Turkey Hunter game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hunters in orange vests -Turkeys the rest -Hunters try to catch the turkeys <p>-Change roles and play again</p>	

<p>Special Day #2</p> <p><i>Christmas</i></p> <p>Matthew 3:3 “For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”</p> <p>See extra page</p>	<p>Make own ornaments that tell the Christmas story.</p> <p>Make Christmas cookies to eat and to give away along with story.</p> <p>See separate sheets</p>	<p>Color baby Jesus and put in slit in manger. Glue straw or yarn on the manger.</p>	<p>Act out story</p> <p>Going to Bethlehem (Bible Learning Games)</p> <p>-play like musical chairs</p> <p>-walk like going to Bethlehem</p> <p>-music stops, sit</p>	
<p>Special Day #3</p> <p><i>Valentine’s Day</i></p> <p>Jeremiah 31:3 “The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you.”</p>	<p>See separate sheet</p>	<p>Glue straw or wheat to picture</p>	<p>The Gleaning Game</p> <p>-Cut 1” pieces of paper in red, blue, green, yellow [wheat]</p> <p>-Matching paper bags with squares taped on</p> <p>-Cubbies only pick up their color [wheat] and place in bag</p>	

<p>Special Day #4 <i>Easter</i></p> <p>Matthew 28:6 “He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”</p>	<p>See separate sheet</p>	<p>Make a kite... He is Risen Kite -Cut out pattern -Children decorate paper plate and glue on pattern -Leader punches holes for straw and inserts it -Attach streamers and string</p>	<p>He’s Alive Relay -Divide group appropriately -The first cubbie in line, runs to other side of room and back, touches the next child and says, He’s alive! -Play continues till all have run</p>	
<p>Special Day #5 <i>Missions</i></p> <p>Acts 9:20 “Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.”</p>	<p>See separate sheet</p>			
<p>Special Day #6 <i>Serving God</i></p> <p>James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”</p>			<p>Pass the Pot -Pass the widow’s pot around the circle of cubbies while music is played -When music stops, the cubbie holding the pot says, Elisha, the pots are full. -Play till all have chance to hold pot</p>	