

FUN FISH – Every Toddler COUNTS

Session 3: Don't Give Up – THREE – Bread for a Friend

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 THREE everywhere, but often it is hiding. A triangle has three sides, and you can see it in houses, on bridges. It makes everything strong.

A short experiment for the children. One string is easy to break. Two strings together are harder to break. THREE strings together are almost impossible to break.

Bible Story: Bread for a Friend (Luke 11:5-10)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Man in the house

Guest

Neighbour that is asleep

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

Kitchen

Sofa

Basket

Food

Reflective Time (interactive):

It is easy to give up when things get tough. But we can keep trying. What are some things that are good to keep trying until you get it right? Brushing teeth. Buttoning coat. Picking up toys.

Bean Bag Prayer: "Dear God, help me not to give up. Amen."

Sing a song:

"Every Toddler COUNTS" card for this session:



Story 3: Bread for a Friend (parable of a guest in the night - Luke 11:5-10)

It was nice and quiet in the house. A man lit the fire. He put on his pyjamas. It was almost time for bed. He sat his chair for a little while. He fell asleep. Suddenly, **KNOCK! KNOCK!**

The man jumped up. He opened the door. His friend stood outside. He hadn't seen him for such a long time. "Come in!" said the man. "I will make you a meal."

His friend sat by the fire. The man ran to the kitchen. He opened a cupboard. It was time to make something nice. But it was completely **EMPTY**. He looked under the table. **EMPTY** as well. He looked in a bag. It was **EMPTY** too. What could he do?

"I know," said the man, "I'll go next door. I know they are asleep, but they won't mind."

He grabbed a basket. He grabbed a torch. He ran next door. **KNOCK!** **KNOCK!** He waited outside. He knocked again, even louder this time. **KNOCK!** **KNOCK!**

The man heard something move inside the house. He smiled to himself. Soon he would have all the food he needed. Instead, he heard a shout, "GO away. I'm asleep."

The man knocked again, even louder this time. **KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!** **KNOCK!** He called, "Please, a friend has come to visit. I need **THREE** loaves of bread."

The door suddenly opened. "What?" said the neighbour. "Couldn't you wait till tomorrow morning?" But even though the neighbour rumbled and grumbled, she got some food. **THREE** loaves of bread. She filled the man's basket up.

The man was so happy. What a feast for his friend! He was so happy he didn't give up.