



ACTIVITY: "TIME TO INVESTIGATE"

WHAT YOU NEED: Household items or art supplies (pipe cleaner, spoon, aluminum foil, etc.)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Choose a supply that you have around the house that can be fashioned into a magnifying glass or can pretend to be a magnifying glass.
- Go on a hunt with your magnifying glass to investigate items around you that begin with the letters A, J, & S.
- Ask questions about what they do.

WHAT YOU SAY:

(Here is an example) "Let's investigate things around us! Oh look... A SOCK! Sock starts with S. Who uses a sock? What does a sock do? Where does a sock go? Why do we need a sock?"



DISCUSSION: "GOD GAVE US JESUS!"

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible or Bible app

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up & Revisit Luke 2:8-20

WHAT YOU SAY:

"We can investigate our faith, just like we investigated (*list items from activity 1*)! I am going to read you a true story from the bible, then we can talk about it!" (*Read the verses then ask...*)

- Who appeared to the Shepherds? (An angel, that's right! Angel starts with "A," just like the _____ that we found.) *See Luke 2:9*
- What was the good news? (Yes! Jesus was born! Jesus starts with "J," just like the _____ that we found.) *See Luke 2:10-11*
- Where did the Shepherds go? (They went to Bethlehem to see baby Jesus. Yay! They praised God!) *See Luke 2:15, 20*
- Why do we need Jesus? (Because He saved us from our sins! Thank you, Jesus!) *See Matthew 1:21*

Now, use this time to have a CELEBRATION with your child! Celebrate that God gave us Jesus and that Jesus was sent to save us! (*You can even dance, bake a cake, or make construction paper confetti to throw as part of your celebration!*)

3 Affirmations to tell Kids year-round:

- "God made you. God loves you. Jesus wants to be your friend forever."
- "Isn't that wonderful? Let's thank God for it. (Pray & Praise)"
- "Do not be afraid for the Lord your God is with you." Joshua 1:9 (Repeat simple Bible verses)

Parent Resources for fostering Kid's Faith:

Mama Bear Apologetics <https://mamabearapologetics.com>

Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers by Joey Allen

Desiring God <https://www.desiringgod.org/about-us>

The BibleProject <https://bibleproject.com/>