



Theme: Moving on

Book: Frog on a Log by Layland Perree

Theme Introduction:

The Bible tells us that God is always with us, no matter where we go or what we do, he is there to help and guide us. The Bible also says that God loves us and will guide us through changes. This is comforting for our families to know.

God will help us through times of change even though we may be feeling anxious and would rather stay the same. We know how difficult such a huge change can be and we can be there to support both parents and children as they leave us to start their school life. We also know how much fun and what special memories will be made whilst a child is at school.

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Theme exploration:

Poor frog, it doesn't like change does it? It likes things to remain the same, it wants to keep hanging on to its log. Starting school or preschool is really exciting but it can be scary too. The Bible tell us that God loves us and will guide us through these changes.

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Free play suggestion:

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- Set up a play learning area for the children. Have a Chalkboard/wipeboard available for the children to play with.



I wonder what you are learning about today.

Craft ideas:

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- Put out some letter/number sheets for children to have a look at and try. Like they would use in school.



I wonder which letters are in your name.
I wonder which number your age is.

Faith in action:

Talk to God and Jesus if you are anxious about something new.

Before you go to bed each night talk to your grown up and Jesus about the best parts of your day.

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Loving God, thank you for our time together in this group and for all the special memories we have. Be with these children as they start school. Help them to know you are always with them. Amen

Inspiration ...

Biblical Reference:

Psalm 139:9-10

'If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.'

• SNACK TIME

Party rings

• SONGS

Use musical instruments

If you're happy and you know it.

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

 <https://youtu.be/idg7epuuUI>