

Block Party Closing

Day 1



Bible Point: God Loves Us!

Bible Verse: "God loves this world and everyone in it so much that God sent his son so that everyone would learn how much they are loved." John 3:16 SSB, 417

Story: The Light of the World, Spark Story Bible pg. 418 (only)

Materials Needed:

- Everyday use: Yoga mats or carpet squares, one per kid
- Bible Story Scenes
- Little hearts scattered around the area
- Surprise gift: a can of SPAM

Set Up:

- Place yoga mats/ carpet squares out in groups
- Scatter hearts (paper or stickers or foam) around the area

What to do:

Music: *This Little Light of Mine*

- **Intro Question:** Welcome everyone to the Block Party Closing!

Review the Bible Point:

Leader says: What do we say?

Participants say: God loves me!

Music: *I'll Do My Best (Theme Song)*

Get to it:

Before kids return for closing, scatter as many hearts as you can around the area you have the closing in. Say: God's love you so much that God left hearts all around here for you to find and remember you are loved! On the count of three, you will get up and run around to find as much love (or hearts) as you can. The person with the most hearts, gets a surprise! Count: 1-2-3! Let kids run around and find as much love as they can. Once done, say: Count how many hearts you found? Invite the winner forward to give them the can of SPAM. Explain that God loves us all the same and that is what SPAM helps us to remember: God's love is the S is same for all P is people, A is and, M is me!

Practice the Bible Verse

Say: The Bible verse for today is from the Book of John:

Jesus (star pose) said, "God loves (warrior 2 pose) this world and everyone (tree pose) in it so much that God sent his son (candle pose) so that everyone (tree pose) would learn how much they are loved (warrior 2 pose).

***Music:** We are Marching in the Light of God*

Bible Buddy (hold up Chatter Chipmunk poster)

Say: Chatter Chipmunk makes a lot of noise in the backyards and parks. Sometimes they chatter so loud it's like a chatter of love and laughter. Chatter Chipmunk wants to welcome you to VBS. (Hold hands under chin and chatter like a chipmunk.)

Pray it out!

Dear God, thank you for our world, and help us to be good neighbors. Amen.