

Joyful Heart Learning in August
2 Year Olds

Month	Theme	Weeks & Days	Theme Time	Math and Art Time	Song Time	Other
<u>August</u> <i>Bible Concept:</i> God created all things. <i>Playdough:</i> Yellow Pineapple <i>Sensory Tub:</i> Sand, shells, beach pail, shovel, starfish, rake, magnifying glass, funnel, etc.	<i>Theme:</i> Oceans/Beaches <i>Bible Memory:</i> Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.	W1, D1	<i>Theme Story:</i> Spread out a beach towel and then sit and read <u>Beach Day</u> by Karen Roosa. <i>Theme Related Activity:</i> Place a variety of items on the beach towel – some geared for the beach and others obviously not. Have your child place only items that are needed or related to the beach into a beach bag.	<i>Math:</i> Sort shells by shape, size, texture, and/or color. <i>Art:</i> Make prints using sea shells, starfish, and paint or use the shells to make impressions in playdough.	<i>Songs/Movement:</i> ‘This is the Way We Go To the Beach’ - Sing and act out the motions to things we may do at the beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show a globe and point out where oceans are vs. where land is located and then see if he/she can then point out oceans vs. land on their own.
		W1, D2	<i>Theme Story:</i> Go on a picture walk of <u>Sea, Sand, Me!</u> by Patricia Hubbell, discussing the details in each picture. Read aloud. <i>Theme Related Activity:</i> Make and observe a wave/ocean bottle using a small drink bottle, water, blue food coloring, sand, and shells.	<i>Math:</i> Count how many shovels of sand it takes to fill a beach pail/bucket. <i>Art:</i> Make a sand painting by spreading glue on paper and then sprinkling colored sand over it. Brush off excess sand.	<i>Songs/Movement:</i> ‘Building Sand Castles’ -Add some water to some sand and have your little one really make a sandcastle even if you aren’t near the beach! Sing this song as you work on the sandcastle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If there is one near you, go to the beach!• Visit a pet store to see the various kinds of fish.
		W2, D1	<i>Theme Story:</i> Read <u>By the Seashore</u> by Maurice Pledger. This is a touch and feel book so let your child touch the different textures of the objects. Point out and talk about the different animals and objects found in and near the sea <i>Theme Related Activity:</i> Edible Sea Life: Have children swirl blue cream cheese on their plate in order to form waves. Count 3 goldfish. Eat!	<i>Math:</i> Sort plastic or paper fish by color. Count how many fish there are of each color. <i>Art:</i> Ahead of time, trace a fish, crab, or octopus onto contact paper. Your child can then attach cut tissue paper to the contact paper. When finished, place a piece of construction paper on top!	<i>Songs/Movement:</i> ‘Animals in the Sea’ - Sing and perform the accompanying motions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Match halves of paper sea/ocean creatures.
		W2, D2	<i>Theme Story:</i> Read <u>A Day at the Beach: A Seaside Counting Book from One to Ten</u> by Sandy Seeley. Let your child assist in counting the number of objects on each page. <i>Theme Related Activity:</i> Play ocean/beach match in which your child matches pictures of ocean life and/or beach related items to one another.	<i>Math:</i> Make a grid and have the child place one item (<i>shell, beach ball sticker, goldfish, etc.</i>) into each square to practice 1 to 1 correspondence. <i>Art:</i> Beforehand, open a grocery bag and fringe the edges. Have your child paint the open bag with a sponge to make a colorful beach towel.	<i>Songs/Movement:</i> Beach Ball Roll/Toss – Roll or toss a beach ball, saying the name of the color that one of your hands touch on the ball.	
		<i>Additional Theme Related Stories:</i> <u>Somewhere in the Ocean</u> by Jennifer Ward, <u>In the Ocean</u> by Maurice Pledger, <u>All You Need for a Beach</u> by Alice Schertle, <u>At the Beach</u> by Mandy Stanley, <u>At the Beach</u> by Anne Rockwell, <u>Blue's Beach Day</u> by Jeff Borkin, <u>Sail Away</u> by Donald Crews, <u>What Can You Find?: On the Beach</u> by Dorling Kindersley Publishing, <u>What Lives in a Shell?</u> By Kathleen Zoehfeld, <u>The Twelve Days of Summer</u> by Elizabeth O'Donnell.				