

Joyful Heart Learning in July
2 Year Olds

Month	Theme	Weeks & Days	Theme Time	Math and Art Time	Listening Time	Other
<u>July</u> Bible Concept: God can use my words to help others. Playdough: Blueberry Sensory Tub: Different sizes and colors of pom poms, ice cream bowls, scoop, tongs	Theme: 4 th of July Bible Memory: Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.	W1, D1	Theme Story: <u>The Story of America's Birthday</u> by Patricia A. Pingry Theme Related Activity: On a globe, show where our country is. Talk about its names (America, United States, USA). Stress that the 4 th of July is our country's birthday.	Math: Go on a Shape Run! Place different shapes (some colored red, white, and blue) all around the yard. Tell the child to run and touch a certain color of shape. For more difficulty, tell them two different ones to touch before returning to you! Art: Make a Red, White, and Blue, Stars, and Stripes Paper Collage!	Songs/Movement: 'On the Fourth of July'	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Go to the local parade!Say the Pledge of Allegiance whenever you pass by an American flag
		W1, D2	Theme Story: <u>The Pledge of Allegiance</u> by Bellamy Theme Related Activity: -Show a real US flag. Discuss the colors and shapes seen. Count the stripes. -Make and eat Graham Cracker Flags	Math: Match flags Art: Make a Patriotic Windsock – red and white streamers with a blue top and star stickers	Songs/Movement: 'Our Flag'	
		W2, D1	Theme Story: <u>Fourth of July Mice</u> by Bethany Roberts Theme Related Activity: Sort pictures of activities from other holidays with those associated with the 4 th of July. (waving flags, parades, picnics, fireworks, swimming)	Math: Sort red, white, and blue stars – by color and by size! Art: Create Glitter Fireworks – Place glue lines on black paper. Sprinkle with glitter. Shake excess. Repeat	Songs/Movement: 'Flag'	
		W2, D2	Theme Story: <u>Fourth of July, Sparkly Sky</u> by Joan Holub Theme Related Activity: -Stomp on bubble wrap and compare to the sound of fireworks -Sort pictures of things that are loud (like fireworks) from those that are quiet. -Make an edible 4 th of July Sparkler	Math: Attach star stickers to small flags that have numerals (1, 2, 3) written on them Art: Form a firework painting using straws and food coloring! Poke holes into a straw (to prevent sucking paint up.) Place a small amount of food coloring (mixed with some water) on a sheet of paper. Blow with the straw! Repeat using a different color.	Songs/Movement: 'Firework in the Sky'	
Additional Theme Related Stories:		<u>Hats Off for the Fourth of July!</u> by Harriet Ziefert, <u>Happy 4th of July, Jenny Sweeney</u> by Leslie Kimmelman, <u>Hooray for thr Fourth of July</u> by Wendy Watson				