

**Joyful Heart Learning in July**  
**2 Year Olds**

	<b>Theme:</b> Picnics and Baskets  <b>Bible Memory:</b> Hebrews 3:13b But encourage one another daily	W3, D1	<b>Theme Story:</b> <u>We're Going on a Picnic</u> by Pat Hutchins  <b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Plan and have a real picnic! Use magnifying glass to look for extra 'picnic guests' (ants, butterflies, etc.)	<b>Math:</b> Use 1 to 1 correspondence to set out plates, cups, napkins, etc. at the picnic  <b>Art:</b> Picnic Blanket Art – Create a paper picnic blanket by stamping with a red square sponge onto white paper. Add ant stickers if desired.	<b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'We're Going on a Picnic'	• On a basket cut out, have children use manipulatives to create patterns on the rim of the basket
		W3, D2	<b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Please Do Feed the Bears</u> by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  <b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Identify items in a picnic basket by touch	<b>Math:</b> Sort objects into baskets – by same type item, color, size, etc.  <b>Art:</b> Make prints using berry baskets	<b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'A Tisket a Tasket'	
		W4, D1	<b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Packing for a Picnic</u> by Lorraine Long  <b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Cut and glue food pictures into a paper picnic basket	<b>Math:</b> Sort and pattern using plastic animal forks and spoons  <b>Art:</b> Bright Chalk Markings- Paint a dark piece of paper using water and a paintbrush. Write and draw on the wet paper using chalk.	<b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Summertime is Picnic Time'	
		W4, D2	<b>Theme Story:</b> <u>One Hundred Hungry Ants</u> by Elinor Pinczes  <b>Theme Related Activity:</b> -Ants at the Picnic Game- Roll a dice and count out that many ants. Place one ant on each square of the picnic blanket. - Make and eat Ants on a Log (celery, peanut butter, and raisins).	<b>Math:</b> Cut paper plates in half and match according to how many ants are on each (Count and match the same number.)  <b>Art:</b> Make a scratch and sniff painting! Mix water and Jell-O gelatin powder until it is as thick as watercolor paint. Paint on freezer paper.	<b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Ants at the Picnic'	
<b>Additional Theme Related Stories:</b> <i>Picnic</i> by Emily Arnold McCully, <i>Teddy Bear's Picnic</i> by Jimmy Kennedy, <i>The Best Picnic Ever</i> by Clare Jarret, <i>Let's Go On a Picnic</i> by Cate Foley, <i>Pig Picnic</i> by Patricia Hubbell, <i>Polly's Picnic</i> by Richard Hamilton, <i>Nicky's Picnic</i> by Harriet Ziefert, <i>It's the Bear</i> by Jez Alborough.						