




















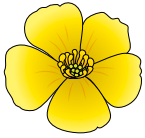


# 2023-2024 Activity Schedule

Theme for Displays: Racetrack to Learning

		FunShine Digital			Online Christian Lessons Ages 3–5 Years
		Buttercups® Ages 0–3 Years	Fireflies® Ages 3–5 Years		
Months	Themes	Color/Shape	Letters/ Numbers	Color/ Shape	Bible Story
Sept.	Wonderful Me Where We Live		A, B, C 1, 2, 3		Creation of Adam and Eve <i>Genesis 1:26-2:25</i>
Oct.	Curious Critters Fairy Tale Friends		D, E, F 4, 5, 6	 	The Parable of the Lost Sheep <i>Matthew 18:10-14</i> <i>Luke 15:3-7</i>
Nov.	Cooling Down Barnyard Bash		G, H, I 7, 8		Baby Moses <i>Exodus 1:1-2:10</i>
Dec.	Five Super Senses Merry Memories		J, K, L 9, 10		Christmas - Jesus Is Born <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>
Jan.	Snow Friends Scribbles and Splats		M, N, O 11, 12		Jesus Teaches Us to Pray <i>Matthew 6:5-14</i> <i>Luke 11:1-4</i>
Feb.	Kindness Counts Food Parade		P, Q, R 13, 14		Manna to Eat <i>Exodus 16:1-36</i>
Mar.	My Toybox Hopping & Hatching		S, T, U 15, 16		Easter - He Is Risen <i>Mark 16:1-11</i>
Apr.	Puddle Play Sail Away		V, W, X 17, 18		Jonah and the Big Fish <i>Jonah 1-2</i>
May	Flower Shop Animals All Around		Y, Z 19, 20		Noah's Ark <i>Genesis 6:1-9:17</i>
June	Fun in the Sun Summer Safety		Review	Review	Zacchaeus <i>Luke 19:1-10</i>
July	Frogs and Friends Beach Vacation	Review	Review	Review	Jesus Calms the Storm <i>Mark 4:35-41</i>
Aug.	Camping Adventure Picnic Pals	Review	Review	Review	Jacob's Dream <i>Genesis 28:10-22</i>

Schedule is subject to slight change.



# Buttercups® Theme Summaries 2023–2024

FunShine Express follows a four-year rotation of themes and activities.  
Themes for Buttercups and Fireflies are coordinated. Schedule is subject to slight changes.

## September

Shape: Circle  
Color: Red  
Opposites: In/Out

**Wonderful Me:** What makes each person special? Come find out in this unique theme that celebrates the personality and abilities of each child. Playful activities help children build strong relationships with each other and their caregivers.

**Where We Live:** Everyone has a home, but not all homes are the same. In this theme, children will learn about many kinds of homes and the people and animals who live in them. Children will make connections between their homes and their home away from home—your setting!

## October

Shape: Triangle  
Color: Orange  
Opposites: In/Out

**Curious Critters:** Curious critters are everywhere! Help children learn more about the everyday animals that surround them. Discover squirrels, raccoons, mice, and more in this theme as you move like animals, explore textures and sounds, and settle into autumn.

**Fairy Tale Friends:** Let imaginations run wild as you introduce the children to classic tales and nursery rhymes! Foster vocabulary development and a love for reading as you build castles and pretend play together.

## November

Shape: Star  
Color: Brown  
Opposites: On/Off

**Cooling Down:** As fall changes to winter, the children will find seasonal changes fascinating. Snuggle up as the weather cools down and explore ways that animals and humans prepare for winter and how trees and plants change.

**Barnyard Bash:** Life on the farm is filled with adventure! In this theme, children will investigate all aspects of farm life, including animals, barns, harvesting crops, farming jobs, and equipment.

## December

Shape: Star  
Color: Green  
Opposites: On/Off

**Five Super Senses:** The winter and holiday seasons call upon our senses in special ways. Whether it's the lights of decorations, the scent of fresh-baked cookies, or the warmth of a soft scarf, there's so much to see, smell, feel, hear, and taste this time of year. This theme explores it all and offers helpful child development tips about the senses!

**Merry Memories:** Capture this special time of year by making merry memories! Children will dance, sing, and play games to celebrate holidays, the new year, and your time together.

## January

Shape: Heart  
Color: White  
Opposites: Clean/Dirty

**Snow Friends:** Winter is a time to bundle up and get outdoors to play in the fluffy, white snow! Children will explore snowflakes, snowmen, and ice this month. They will also develop an awareness of many animals that live in snowy places.

**Scribbles and Splats:** Bring out your easels and paint palettes, this theme invites children to discover their inner artist! Painting, coloring, and shaping playdough are just a few of the art techniques explored. Children will also learn about art tools, helping to clean up, and the beginning of self-expression.

## February

Shape: Heart  
Color: Pink  
Opposites: Clean/Dirty

**Kindness Counts:** A little kindness goes a long way. Discover simple acts of kindness in this special theme. Children will practice sharing, learn about basic affection and the names of different feelings, and explore simple ways to show others that they care.

**Food Parade:** Set the table and strike up the band—it's a food parade! Children will enjoy discovering delicious and colorful fruits and vegetables as they learn about healthy food choices.

## March

Shape: Oval  
Color: Blue  
Opposites: Open/Closed

**My Toybox:** Toys are a special part of children's lives, and toddlers often have beloved toys. This theme focuses on all types of playthings—how they function, their textures and colors, and any special features. Children will share the pride they take in toys from home with a special show-and-tell day. Turn-taking will also be explored.

**Hopping & Hatching:** Learn about bunnies and chicks and other baby animals in this spring theme. Children will practice using gentle hands, notice early signs of spring, and explore all types of sounds and movements.

## April

Shape: Oval  
Color: Yellow  
Opposites: Open/Closed

**Puddle Play:** There are many changes in nature during spring. The pitter-patter of April showers may be followed by thunderstorms, mud puddles, sunshine, and rainbows. Explore all the changes spring has to offer during this theme.

**Sail Away:** Children will love pretending to sail across blue waters, floating toy boats in water, moving to sailing songs, and much more in this aquatic transportation theme!

## May

Shape: Square  
Color: Purple  
Opposites: Below/Above

**Flower Shop:** April showers bring May flowers! Children will have fun learning about all kinds of flowers and ways to care for them. Create a pretend flower shop and explore simple gardening. Children will also learn about pollination during this theme.

**Animals All Around:** Big and small, short and tall, scaly and furry—children will love stories, rhymes, and more featuring all kinds of animals. They can explore with their whole bodies as they imitate animal sounds and movements. Domestic and wild animals are covered.

## June

Shape: Square  
Color: Black  
Opposites: Below/Above

**Fun in the Sun:** The weather is warming up and summer is almost here! Engage in all types of summertime activities, including water play, swinging and sliding, and tasting cool treats. Discover summer symbols as you enjoy the outdoors.

**Summer Safety:** Healthy habits help everyone have more fun in the sun. Children will learn the importance of using sunscreen, protecting their eyes from the sun, being safe around water, car safety, wearing safety gear, and other ways to have a safe, happy summer.

## July

Shape: Review  
Color: Review  
Opposites: Noisy/Quiet

**Frogs and Friends:** Hop, hop, kerplop! Head on down to the pond to meet friendly frogs, learn about lily pads, and meet other creatures who live in and around ponds.

**Beach Vacation:** Slather on sunscreen, grab your sun hat and sunglasses, and let's head to the beach! In this theme, children will build sandcastles, explore seashells, play with beach balls, and more. Even if you live far from the ocean, there's much fun to be had on an imaginary beach vacation.

## August

Shape: Review  
Color: Review  
Opposites: Noisy/Quiet

**Camping Adventure:** Get ready to explore the great outdoors and go camping! Children will enjoy playing inside tents, singing around a pretend campfire, and stargazing. Pretend to fish, canoe, and much more.

**Picnic Pals:** Buzzing flies and marching ants will want to join the fun as children enjoy picnics in the grass and other summertime activities. Discover the many ways that insects can be our friends and the ways we can enjoy each other's company in these final days of summer.