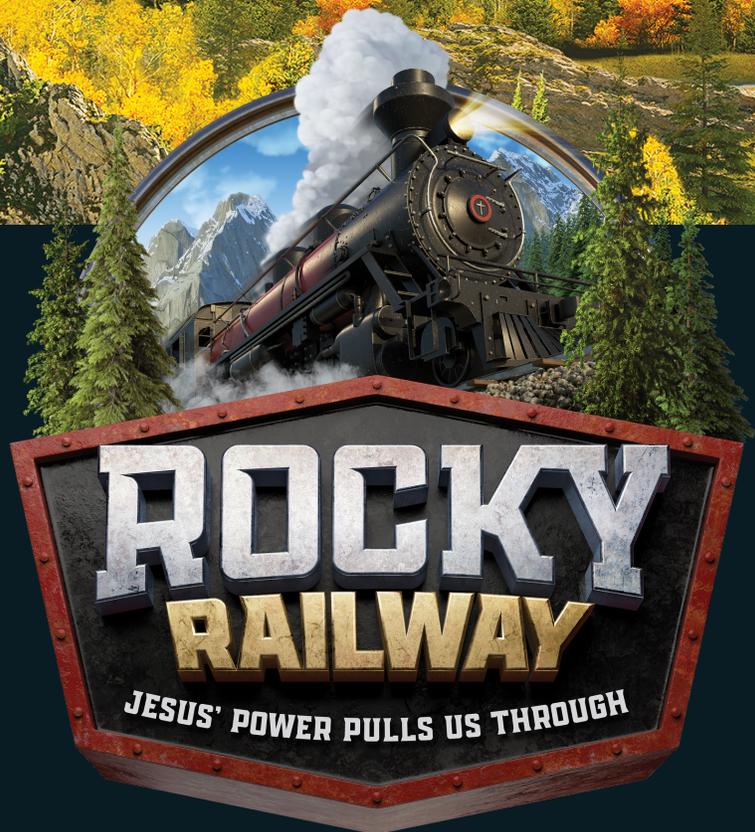




Preschool
Craft & Play
DAY 5



BIBLE POINT

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Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

Bible Story: The church is united. (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)

Bible Verse: "Love each other in the same way I have loved you."
(John 15:12)

Consider This...

- ▶ The book of Psalms mentions prayer more than 60 times—more than any other section of Scripture. The book of Acts comes in second, recording the importance and occurrence of prayer about 34 times. Clearly, the early church relied on prayer for hope, communion, healing, provision, and unity. Communication with God became a critical part of their community.
- ▶ Scholars believe that the early church probably met in Solomon's Colonnade, a porch along the inner side of the Temple wall.
- ▶ Many of the first Christians came from Jewish backgrounds, meaning they probably already followed God's command to give to the poor (Deuteronomy 15:4-8). Uniting and caring for others may have been a natural connection with their faith family.
- ▶ Acts 4:33 records the great power with which the apostles testified about Jesus' resurrection. It's likely this refers to a boldness given by the Holy Spirit but might also indicate that their life of unity and joy became a powerful witness to those around them.
- ▶ While Acts shines a light on the rapid growth of the early church (Acts 2:47; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31; 21:20), in a city of around 200,000 people, they still represented a minority of the population. This small band of believers needed to stick together and support each other!



Why It Matters...

Is your child like or unlike the early Christians? Why? Do they have a heart to serve, share, and bear one another's heartaches? What would happen if kids today had the same spirit of that first faith family? What would the church of tomorrow look like? You have the opportunity to create in your child a passion for sharing Jesus' love in powerful and practical ways! With Jesus' power, we can transform tomorrow's faith community into an environment of belonging, sharing, caring, and community. Today, help your child discover how Jesus' power can help them be faithful friends who truly care for each other.



SUPPLY STATION

- ▶ Fun Friends Puzzle Page (Use puzzle in your packet or [click here to print your own](#))
- ▶ crayons/markers
- ▶ scissors

It's time to get chugging along with some fun crafts at *Rocky Railway!* **Craft and Play** is a hands-on way to put our Bible learning into action. All suggested activities can be modified to meet your at home materials. A few "Alternate Track" ideas are included below for this purpose. *All aboard to Craft and Play!*

OPTION 1: Fun Friends Puzzle

Today we hear about being a good friend to others. Jesus' power helps us be good friends! (Trust Jesus!) When we're all friends with Jesus, he helps us fit together, kind of like a puzzle. Let's make something to help us remember how we fit together with Jesus as friends.

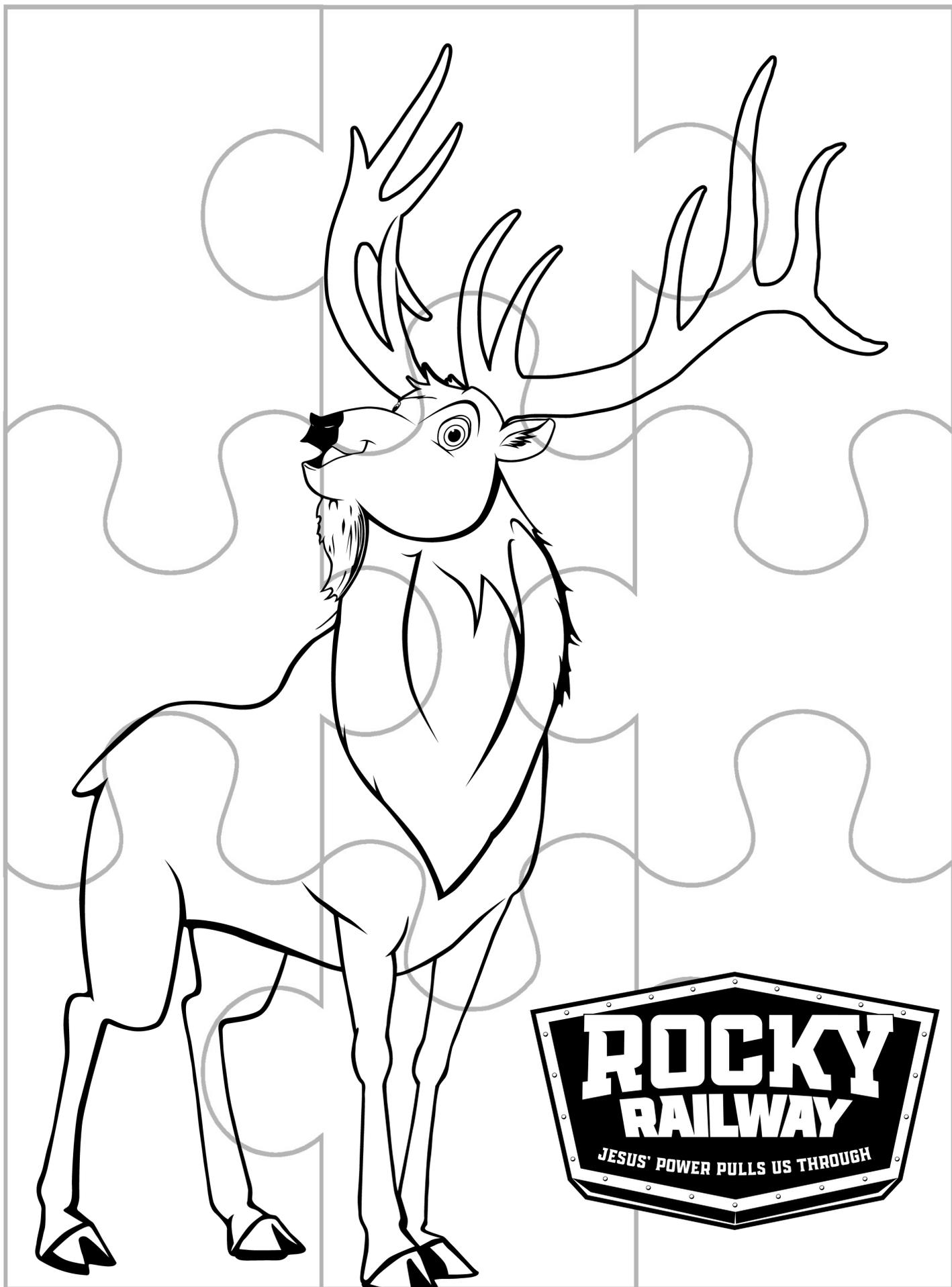
Chug it Out!

Color the puzzle page. Cut out in pieces. Work together to assemble the puzzle.

Alternate Track

You can draw your own picture on a piece of white paper. Color it and cut it out into puzzle shapes. Reassemble the puzzle. You can also pull out a puzzle that you have at home and assemble it with your family. If you want to save the puzzle, place pieces in a plastic bag or paper clip together and play with it at a later time.





**ROCKY
RAILWAY**
JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

OPTION 2: Awesome Antlers

Our special Buddy today, Lawrence Elk, has a great herd of friends to hang around with. Jesus gives us good friends too and **Jesus' power helps us be good friends.** (*Trust Jesus!*) Let's make something to remind us of Lawrence Elk and all of our good friends!

Chug it Out!

Draw eyes and a nose on the long construction paper. Trace from the child's hand to elbow twice on the pieces of white paper. Color the hands and arms. Wrap the construction paper around the child's head, adding an additional piece if necessary, to create the head band. Staple/tape the pieces together at just the right size. Cut the hand/arm outlines and attach to the band as antlers. Put the hat on and walk around thinking of ways to be a good friend.

Alternate Track

Have fun with this craft and make it your own. If you have googly eyes and pompoms, use them for the face.

SUPPLY STATION

- ▶ sheet of construction paper cut in half to have two long pieces
- ▶ white piece of paper
- ▶ markers/crayons
- ▶ glue stick/stapler/tape
- ▶ scissors

