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Lesson 3
Planes

Underlined Items may be printed Free from Preschool Post
There are more Optional Activities online as well.

Morning Circle

Letter "Z." Show the children the letter "Z." Sound out the letter with the children. Does the letter tickle their tongues? Show the following words, along with an accompanying picture, to the children as you read them aloud: Zebra, Zero, Zipper, Zoo, Zigzag, and Zeppelin. As you show the children the picture of the Zeppelin, ask them if they've ever seen anything like it. Ask them if they've ever seen a blimp. Explain briefly how Zeppelins are different from other types of aircraft. For more information on Zeppelins, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zeppelin> .

Explain that today's lesson is all about airplanes. Bring in some model airplanes to show the children. Children's die-cast metal or plastic toy airplanes would work fine. Show various types: small Cessna-type planes, commercial planes, and military or cargo planes. Ask the children if any of them have flown in an airplane before. Take some time to discuss this with the children. Where did they go? What did they do on the plane? In the airport? What did they see, smell, hear, feel, and taste?

Read by *Amazing Airplanes* by Tony Mitton.

Music & Movement:

Try one or both of the following action rhymes or songs with the children: (print online)

"I am an Airplane"
"The Wings on the Plane"

Snack Time: Have an "airline snack" of trail mix or pretzels and lemonade.

Additional Activities

Take the children to a local airport for a fun excursion. Ask to have a guided tour. If you know of any parents who fly their own planes, ask permission for the children to come have a look up close at their aircraft.

Plane Coloring Pages and Worksheets available online

Center Activities

1. Paper airplane making center. Provide a demonstration, then help the children make paper airplanes and have some races.
2. Airplane dramatic play. Provide caps and jackets that resemble pilot or steward uniforms for dress-up play. Provide some old pieces of luggage, a scale, a wagon, rows of seats for the inside of the plane, some old "seat belt" buckles (old belts will do just fine,) card stock or paper "tickets," some luggage tags (ask an airline counter if they might lend a stack,) and a "ticket counter" with paper, calculators, and rubber stamps and ink pads.
3. Counting review (also aids in understanding the concept of "zero.") Give each child a "tally sheet" for various objects which may (or may not,) be found on the table. For example, list ten items the children must find and count. List these down the sheet with an accompanying picture to help the children associate the object with its written name. (more details online)

Art Activity

Foam Core Planes

Use foam core (or matte board, or foam board, or styrofoam trays like those found in supermarkets for holding meat) and cut out two rectangles for each child, about 4 inches (approximately 10 centimeters) wide by 11 inches long (approx. 28 centimeters.) In one of the rectangles, cut a 4 inch (10 cm) slit for the "wings." Take the other rectangle and insert it into this slit. Secure with sticky tape or a bit of Blue Tak. Provide some stickers and markers for decorating.

Bible Story

Olvina Flies, by Grace Lin.

Explain that, although we might be afraid of new things, like flying on an airplane, that Jesus promises to be with us no matter where we are, even if we're high in the sky!

Bible Verse Bracelets:

"The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Psalm 121:8

Song: "Angels watching Over me"