

## 2 – 4 Year Olds Children’s Meeting

### LESSON 13 ANIMALS IN AUTUMN – HEDGEHOG

**Teachers:** Pray together and read Genesis 8:22

**Opening Time:** from Toddler Song Book or others.

**Memory Verse:** “Throughout all the days that earth remains, seed time and harvest ... shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22

#### **Lesson:**

1. God always takes care of you. He takes care of all the little forest animals too. Have you noticed that the weather is changing? What are some things you have noticed? The air is cooler. The leaves are turning beautiful colors. God has very special ways to care for us and for all His creatures, even when the weather becomes very cold.
2. In winter, it is hard the little animals to find food and to stay warm, so some animals take a long winter nap in a warm nest until spring comes. They use this time of the year to make their nests and to eat plenty of food, so they are nice and fat.
3. One animal that sleeps in the winter (or hibernates) is a hedgehog. A hedgehog is a little animal, small enough to fit in my hand, but too prickly to hold! He has spines, like pointed needles, sticking out all over his back. When enemies come near, he curls up in a little ball, so that his spines cover all the rest of his body. When his enemies come and find a prickly ball...much pricklier than a pine cone...they just go away. Hedgehogs have long noses called snouts, which they use to hunt insects. They eat insects, snails, mice, frogs, lizards and even snakes. All these things he eats are hard to find in the winter, so he just takes a winter nap. For his nap, he makes a good nest out of leaves, probably under a fallen tree or a big rock.
4. God made each one of His creatures in a very special way. Thank You, Lord, for all Your special creatures!

#### **Activities:**

##### **Coloring page**

##### **Craft**

Cut paper plate in half  
Glue brown paper strips  
Glue googly eye  
Color the nose



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