

DAY 1

Funky Monkey



Ingredients (8 servings—3 crackers per serving)

- 24 round snack crackers, such as Ritz
- Slices of white cheese cut into twenty-four 1 to 1½-inch circles
- 24 mini pretzel pieces broken into smile shapes
- 48 Cheerios
- 48 chocolate chips

Lemon Squash Drink Ingredients

- Powdered lemonade mix and water, 1 quart for every 5 children

Note: “Lemon Squash” is another name for lemonade in Australia.

Basic Supplies

- Zippered baggies, 1 per child
- 1 to 1½-inch round cookie cutter or round measuring tablespoon
- Plates, napkins, and cups, 1 of each per child
- Stirring spoon
- Drink pitchers or coolers

Pre-prep

1. Cut the white cheese into 1 to 1½-inch circles with the cookie cutter or round tablespoon.
2. Put the supplies in bags so the kids can assemble the monkeys before they eat them.
3. For each child to make three monkey crackers, place the following in a zippered baggie: 3 round crackers, 3 round pieces of white cheese, 3 smile-shaped pieces of pretzel, 6 Cheerios, and 6 chocolate chips.
4. Prepare the drink mix according to package directions.

Teaching Tie-In

Have you ever seen something at a zoo you found particularly interesting or fun? Discuss. Have you ever seen a monkey or an ape at a zoo? Take responses. Today, we’re talking about how we don’t share an ancestor



with apes. God made all the awesome kinds of animals, and then he made his most special creation—Adam and Eve. There’s no missing link between apes and man. People are people, and apes are apes.

Pray and thank God for being made in his image and for the Funky Monkey snack. Have the kids assemble their three funky monkeys, then eat. While eating, share the Conversation Starters and Fun Facts below.

Conversation Starters and Fun Facts

- Have you ever visited Australia? Would you like to?
- If you were going on a trip to Australia, who would you want to go with? Where might you want to go first?
- God created all the different animal kinds, which the animals that now live in Australia came from. What Australian animal would you most like to see and why?
- What does it mean to be made in God’s image? Answers can include being able to create, enjoy beauty, talk in full sentences, and have a relationship with God.

- One animal you won't see in the wild is a monkey. They don't live in Australia.
- Do you think a monkey is made in God's image? A kangaroo? A sea turtle? Only people are made in God's image.

Tip Corner

- Any 1 to 1½-inch food-safe kitchen object or mini cup can be used as the circle cookie cutter. Our cheese circles were 1¾ inches.

Super Simple Option

“Icy Poles”—Ice pops are called “icy poles” in Australia.

Healthy Options

“Rockmelon”—Cantaloupe is called rockmelon in Australia. When serving the rockmelon, talk about Ayers Rock (also called Uluru—OO-loo-roo).

Banana Mini Muffins or Aussie Bites—Bake your favorite banana mini muffin recipe or buy Aussie Bites,

which are available at Costco or online. As you serve up these delicious snacks, remind the mates that we don't share an ancestor with apes—“They can't make a monkey out of me.”

Bite of Australia Option

Every day, a famous Australian favorite is mentioned. Give each child one bite so they can try it!

Vegemite—This iconic Australian food is a favorite among locals. Spread 1–2 T. on a piece of toast, cut into small, one-bite squares or strips, and enjoy. Don't be surprised if the mates don't love it; it's an acquired taste. But it's good to try such an Aussie classic.

Toddler Option

Check the Toddler Snacks for daily suggested snacks with Teaching Tie-Ins and photos.

If you choose to serve other snack options included in this book, make sure they are safe for toddlers, with no choking hazards.