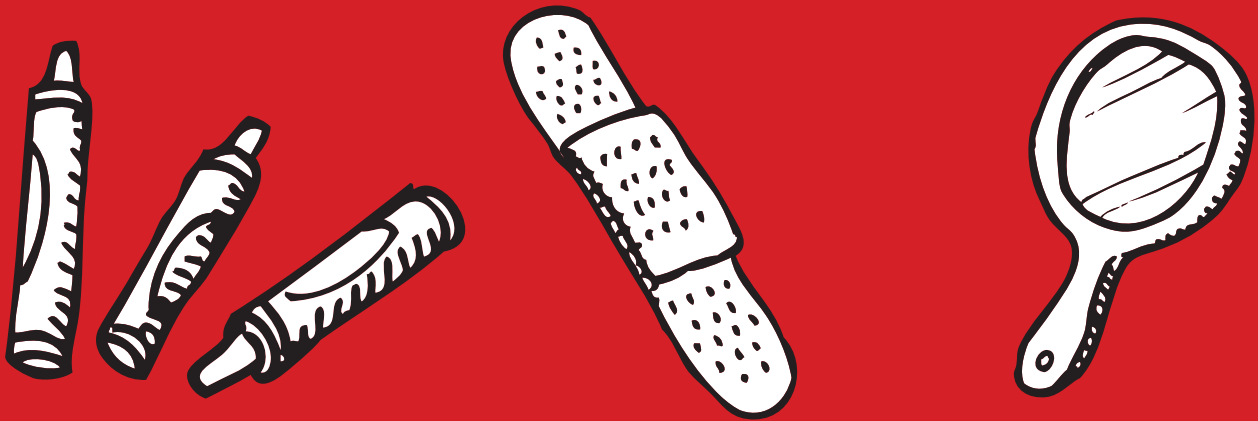


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Introduction

In this booklet, you'll find 25 object lessons designed as supplementary material for unexpected or last-minute classroom situations. Whether a scheduled teacher is sick or you suddenly need an extra lesson or activity, this booklet is here to rescue you!

You'll find each lesson includes an everyday object and a main scripture reference. Questions and answers are provided to lead classroom discussion and may easily be adjusted to fit your specific needs. Objects and life applications have been carefully selected for both deaf or hearing students. Each lesson also includes an optional activity, such as a game or craft project, that relates to the lesson.

We have provided an index with three different ways to find the lesson you need most. You can find lessons by their title, by object or by the Scripture reference used.

Teaching children about God is one of the most important things we can ever do. We hope this resource will be of help to you!



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Read the Bible Every Day

Object: Water

Bible Verses: Psalm 1:1,2

Action: Pour each student a small cup of water.



Discussion

Q: Why do we drink water?

A: We get thirsty. Our bodies need water.

Q: Is it important to drink water every day?

A: Yes. It is very important.

Q: What happens to our bodies when we drink water every day?

A: Our bodies become stronger and healthier.

Read Psalm 1:1,2 together, then everyone may drink their water.

Q: Do you know what meditate means?

A: Think about and study.

Q: Why should we read and study the Bible?

A: It tells us how to live our lives the way God wants us to.

Q: Is it a good idea to read the Bible every day?

A: Yes. Because if we read it every day we will remember how God wants us to live.

Q: What happens when we read the Bible every day?

A: Our hearts become stronger and healthier.

Conclusion

- Our bodies need water every day to stay healthy.
- Our hearts need the Bible every day to stay healthy.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us make time to read the Bible every day. We want to learn more from You. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Pitcher of Water
- Paper Cups
- Bible
- Plastic Spoons (optional)

Bible Verse

Psalm 1:1,2

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."

(NIV)

Paraphrase

"Blessed is the man who does not do what is wrong. He loves God's Word and studies it every day."

Optional Activity

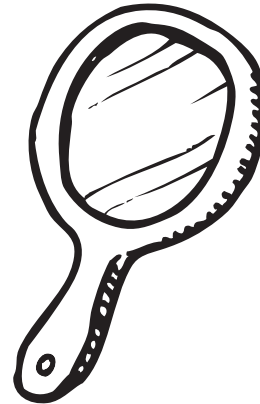
Divide into 2 teams. Each team should have a cup of water in front of them and an empty cup across the room. Each team member should have a plastic spoon. Direct the teams to take turns filling their spoon with water, hurrying across the room, and dumping the water into the empty cup. See which team can get the most water in their empty cup!

Reflect Jesus

Object: Mirror

Bible Verse: Proverbs 27:19

Action: Let each student look into a mirror.
Ask them to describe what they see.



Discussion

Q: What does a mirror do?

A: It reflects what is in front of it.

Q: Why do we look at a mirror?

A: So we know what we look like. We want to look our best.

Q: What else reflects like a mirror?

A: Water.

Read Proverbs 27:19 together.

Q: Water reflects our faces. What do our hearts reflect?

A: The kinds of people we are.

Q: What kinds of people do we want to be?

A: We should be like Jesus.

Q: Why do we want our hearts and actions to “reflect” Jesus?

A: So other people will see we are kind and loving - the same as Jesus.

Q: Why do we want other people to see Jesus “reflected” in us?

A: So they will want to know Jesus, too!

Conclusion

- Mirrors reflect what we see on the outside.
- Our hearts reflect how Jesus changes our lives on the inside.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, please help us act like You want us to. We want to reflect You so that others will know You better, too. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Mirror
- Bible
- Aluminum Foil (optional)
- Paper (optional)
- Crayons/Markers (optional)
- Glue (optional)

Bible Verse

Proverbs 27:19

“Just as you can see your own face reflected in water, so your heart reflects the kind of person you are.” (ERV)

Paraphrase

“Water reflects your face. Your heart reflects the kind of person you are.”

Optional Activity

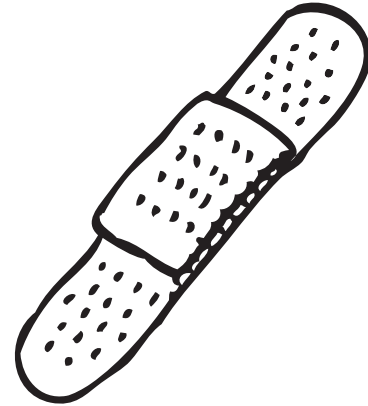
Have each student write the Bible verse (or paraphrase) with Scripture reference on a piece of paper. Cut a square piece of aluminum foil and glue it to the paper below the verse to create a “mirror.”

God Protects Us

Object: Adhesive Bandages

Bible Verse: Psalm 91:14

Action: Give each student a Band-Aid.
Ask them if they ever use Band-Aids.



Discussion

Q: Why do we use bandages?

A: To protect a cut or scrape.

Q: What does a bandage protect us from?

A: Water, dirt, germs.

Q: Does a bandage prevent the cut or scrape?

A: No. But it can help us heal faster.

Read Psalm 91:14 together.

Q: What does it mean to trust someone?

A: To believe or rely on someone.

Q: Who can we trust to protect us when bad things happen?

A: God.

Q: Is God powerful enough to protect us from anything?

A: Yes!

Q: Does that mean bad things will never happen?

A: No, but God will help us.

Conclusion

- Bandages protect us when we have a cut or scrape.
- Trust God when bad things that happen. He will protect and help us.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, we want to always trust You. Please protect us and keep us safe. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- A Box of Adhesive Bandages
- Bible
- Sharpie Markers (optional)

Bible Verse

Psalm 91:14

"The Lord says, 'If someone trusts me, I will save them. I will protect my followers who call to me for help.'" (ERV)

Paraphrase

"God will protect everyone who trusts Him."

Optional Activity

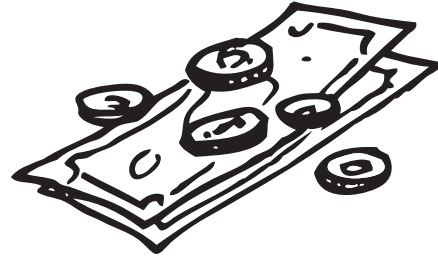
Have students write "God Protects" on the outside of their Band-Aids. They can keep their Band-Aids or wear them.

Give With a Generous Heart

Object: Coins or Dollar Bills

Bible Verses: Luke 21:1-4

Action: Let everyone see the money.



Discussion

Q: We need money to buy things. What kinds of things do you spend money on?

A: (answers will vary)

Q: Do you give part of your money to God's church or God's work?

A: (answers will vary)

Q: When you give money to God, does it matter how much you give?

A: Yes and no.

Read Luke 21:1-4 together.

Q: It would be nice to give a lot of money to God's work, but sometimes we do not have money to give. Which do you think makes God more happy - a huge amount of money, or people that give whatever they have with generous hearts?

A: People that give with generous hearts.

Q: If you don't have any money, what are some other things you can give to God?

A: Time, hard work, helping others, volunteering at church, etc.

Conclusion

- We need money to buy things.
- We can give money to God's work, but it is best when we give whatever we can with a generous heart.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to always give with generous hearts, whether we are giving money, our time or our hard work. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Coins or Dollar Bills
- Bible
- Paper Cup/Small Box (optional)
- Nickels/Pennies (optional)

Bible Verse

Luke 21:1-4

"As Jesus looked up, he saw some rich people putting their gifts into the Temple money box. Then he saw a poor widow putting two small copper coins into the box. He said, 'I tell you the truth, this poor widow gave more than all those rich people. They gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had to live on.'"

(NCV)

Paraphrase

"Jesus saw rich people giving a lot of money at the temple. A poor widow only gave two small coins. He said the widow gave more than the rich people because she gave all she had to God."

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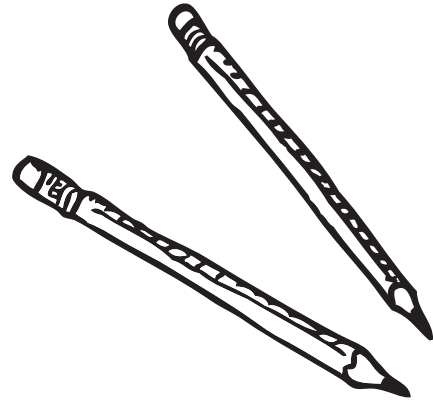
Set up a cup or box and pretend it is a Temple money/collection box. Have students stand several feet away and try to toss their "offerings" (pennies/nickels) into the "collection box." Let them take turns.

God Erases Sin

Object: Pencils

Bible Verse: Psalm 51:9,10

Action: Give each student a pencil. Ask them if they would rather use a pencil or pen.



Discussion

Q: Why do we sometimes use pencils instead of pens or markers?

A: Because pencils can erase mistakes.

Q: Does erasing a mistake mean it didn't happen?

A: No, but it gives us another chance.

Q: After we make a mistake and erase it, can we try again?

A: Yes. We can write again correctly.

Read Psalm 51:9,10 together.

Q: Who is the only one that can forgive the bad things we do?

A: God.

Q: Can God forgive *all* our sins? Even the ones we don't tell anyone else about?

A: Yes!

Q: When does God forgive us?

A: When we tell Him our sin and ask Him to forgive us.

Q: Why do we want God to forgive us?

A: So we can have clean hearts and strong spirits.

Conclusion

- Pencils have erasers on them so we can erase mistakes when we write.
- God can erase our sins (the wrong things we do) when we tell Him we sinned and ask for His forgiveness.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, we are sorry for our sins. Please forgive us so we can try again and do what is right. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Sharpened pencils with erasers
- Bible
- Paper (optional)

Bible Verse

Psalm 51:9,10

"Don't look at my sins. Erase them all. God, create a pure heart in me, and make my spirit strong again."
(ERV)

Paraphrase

"Erase my sins. God, give me a clean heart and strong spirit."

Optional Activity

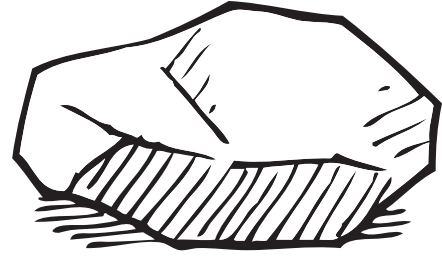
Have each student use their pencils to write down things they have done wrong. Then tell them to erase everything as an example of God erasing our sins.

God is Our Rock

Object: Rock

Bible Verses: Deuteronomy 32:4

Action: Show each student a rock or pass it around so they can feel it.



Discussion

Q: What are rocks used for?

A: Building things, paving roads, etc.

Q: Why do people use rocks?

A: Because rocks are very strong. We can trust them not to break.

Q: How long do rocks last?

A: A long time - thousands of years!

Read Deuteronomy 32:4 together.

Q: Why is God called a Rock?

A: Because He is very strong.

Q: Can we trust God?

A: Yes! Everything He does is perfect.

Q: God is honest. What does that mean?

A: Everything He says is true. We can trust Him completely.

Conclusion

- Rocks are very strong and we can trust their strength to build things.
- God is our true Rock. We can trust Him and everything He says.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for being our Rock. Help us to trust You because You will never let us down. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Objects Needed

- A Large Rock
- Bible
- Rocks (optional)
- Sharpie Markers (optional)

Bible Verse

Deuteronomy 32:4

"The Lord is the Rock, and his work is perfect! Yes, all his ways are right! God is true and faithful. He is good and honest."

(ERV)

Paraphrase

"God is the Rock. He is perfect! Everything he does is right. God is true, faithful, good and honest."

Optional Activity

Go on a rock hunt outside and let each student find a rock to keep. Wash and dry it. Have them use the Sharpie markers to decorate their rocks and write "God is my Rock."

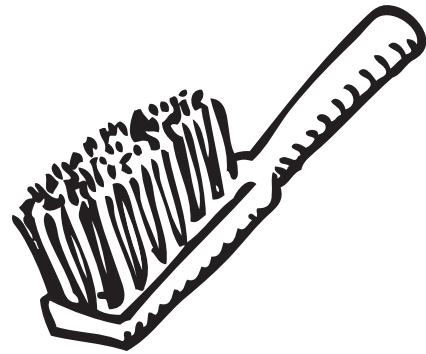
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Be Peaceful

Object: Hairbrush

Bible Verses: Romans 12:17,18

Action: Give each student a hairbrush or let them pass one around.



Discussion

Q: Why do people use hairbrushes?

A: To brush out the tangles in their hair.

Q: Why don't we like tangles?

A: Tangles look bad and they can hurt.

Read Romans 12:17,18 together.

Mistreating people is like creating tangles. We need to be peaceful instead, and remove "tangles" like using a hairbrush.

Q: What are some ways people mistreat each other?

A: They are mean or do bad things.

Q: Are we supposed to mistreat people?

A: No. God wants us to be peaceful.

Q: What if they mistreat us? Is it okay to be mean back?

A: No. We need to act like God wants us to behave.

Conclusion

- We use hairbrushes to remove tangles and make our hair smooth.
- Mistreating people is like creating tangles. We need to be peaceful instead and remove "tangles."

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to be peaceful with everyone around us. Help us to love and not fight. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Objects Needed

- Hairbrush
- Bible

Bible Verse

Romans 12:17,18

"If someone does wrong to you, do not pay him back by doing wrong to him. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. Do your best to live in peace with everyone."

(NCV)

Paraphrase

"Don't be mean, even if someone has hurt you. Try to be peaceful with everyone."

Optional Activity

Have the students stand in a circle, then reach across the circle and grab hands with two different people. Students should be in a huge "tangle." Slowly start to untangle the group by having them crawl around and step through each other's tangled arms - but they cannot let go of each other's hands. Eventually, they will untangle and form a circle again.

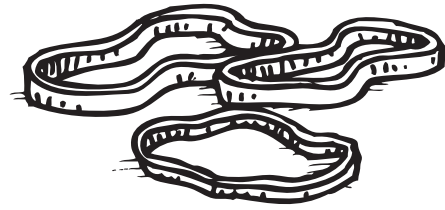
Date Lesson Used:

Jesus Gives Us Peace

Object: Rubber Bands

Bible Verses: John 14:27

Action: Show the class how rubber bands are stretchy.



Discussion

Q: What do we use rubber bands for?

A: Holding things/groups of things together.

Q: Pretend your life is a rubber band. When lots and lots of things are going on in our lives, what happens to that “rubber band”?

A: It stretches.

Q: What happens to a rubber band when it stretches too much?

A: It breaks.

Stretch a rubber band as big as you can.

Q: When the rubber band stretches and you’re afraid it might break, how does that make you feel?

A: Nervous or afraid you might get snapped.

When we have Jesus in our lives, He gives us peace - even when everything seems stretched beyond our limits and we are scared.

Read John 14:27 together.

Q: Would you rather worry about what might happen in your life, or have peace?

A: Have peace.

Conclusion

- Rubber bands stretch and hold things together, but they can break when it is too much.
- When our lives seem stretched beyond our limits, Jesus gives us peace.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to remember Jesus can always give us peace. Thank you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Rubber Bands
- Bible
- Paper (optional)
- Markers or Crayons (optional)
- Tape (optional)

Bible Verse

John 14:27

“I leave you peace. It is my own peace I give you. I give you peace in a different way than the world does. So don’t be troubled. Don’t be afraid.”

(ERV)

Paraphrase

“Jesus gives us a special kind of peace. We should not be afraid.”

Optional Activity

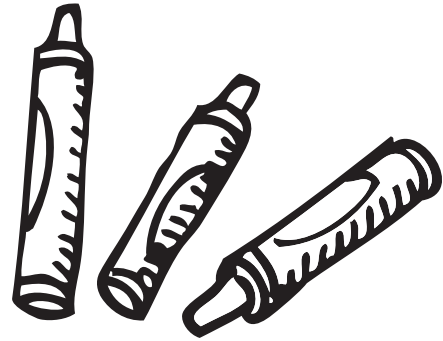
Have students draw things that cause stress or fear in their lives, then tape them to the wall as “targets.” Give the students rubber bands and allow them to shoot the targets.

Everyone Has Different Gifts

Object: Crayons

Bible Verses: Romans 12:4,5

Action: Pour out some crayons on the table to show all the different colors.



Discussion

Q: How are all these crayons similar?

A: All crayons are made of the same thing, have the same shape, etc.

Q: You may have a favorite color, but is there one color that is more important than the others?

A: No.

Read Romans 12:4,5 together.

Q: What are some things that make us all the same?

A: We have the same purpose - to be part of God's family.

Q: What are some ways we are all different?

A: Everyone has different gifts/skills and abilities.

Q: We may like doing some things more than others, but is there any gift/skill that is more important than the others?

A: No.

Conclusion

- Crayons are all different colors but have the same purpose.
- We all have different gifts and skills but we are all valuable parts of God's family.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making us all different. Help us to remember we are all valuable to You, no matter what skills You have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Objects Needed

- Box of Crayons
- Bible
- Paper (optional)
- Coin (optional)

Bible Verse

Romans 12:4,5

"Each one of us has a body with many parts, and these parts all have different uses. In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body, and each part belongs to all the other parts."
(NCV)

Paraphrase

"Just like our body has many parts, we are all a part of God's family. We are all good at different things, but we still belong to God's family."

Optional Activity

Let each student have a small piece of paper, and have them use different colored crayons to completely color the paper. Then, have them use the black crayon on top of all the other colors to cover it. Using a coin, they can scratch a design in the black layer to reveal the colors underneath.

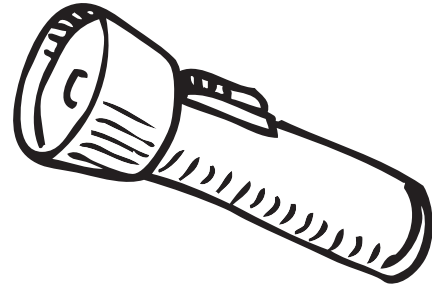
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Let Your Light Shine

Object: Flashlight and Bowl

Bible Verses: Matthew 5:14-16

Action: In a dim room, show everyone a flashlight and how it brightens the room.



Discussion

Q: What does a flashlight do?

A: Brightens dark places.

Q: What happens if you put a bowl over the flashlight?

A: It blocks the light and the room stays dark.

Put a bowl over the light to show how the room becomes dim.

Read Matthew 5:14-16 together.

Q: The Bible says we are to shine our light before others. How?

A: By doing good works and acting like Christians.

Q: What happens when we don't act like Christians and don't shine our light?

A: It is like putting a bowl over the flashlight. No one knows we love God.

Conclusion

- A flashlight can brighten an entire room.
- Let the "light" of God's love shine through the things you do so your good works draw others to God.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to be a light in a dark world. Please let the light of Your love show through our lives. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Flashlight
- Bowl
- Bible

Bible Verse

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light that shines for the world to see. You are like a city built on a hill that cannot be hidden. People don't hide a lamp under a bowl. They put it on a lampstand. Then the light shines for everyone in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

(ERV)

Paraphrase

"You are like light for the world. Do not hide your light. Shine so other people will see the good things you do and praise God."

Optional Activity

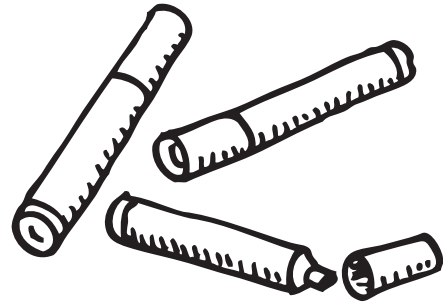
Create a silhouette/shadow show. Have two students stand a few feet away from a wall. Use a flashlight to make shadows of them on the wall. Have the students act out ways of showing God's love. The others can guess what the "shadows" are doing. When the right answer is guessed, the next two students may have a turn at acting.

God's Promise

Object: Colored Markers

Bible Verses: Genesis 9:14,15

Action: Give each student markers and paper, and instruct them to draw a rainbow.



Discussion

Q: Do you like to use markers?

A: (answers will vary)

Q: Why do markers help us draw good rainbows?

A: Because there are many colors.

Q: Do you like seeing rainbows in the sky? Why?

A: Because they are pretty after it rains.

Read Genesis 9:14,15 together.

Q: What does a rainbow remind us of?

A: God's agreement never to destroy the earth by flood again.

Q: Can we believe God's agreement?

A: Yes! God's agreement is a promise.

Q: What does God's promise show?

A: It shows God loves us very much.

Conclusion

- When we draw rainbows with markers, it is fun and pretty.
- When God makes a rainbow, it reminds us of His promise.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for Your promises. Help us to trust You more. Thank you for making beautiful rainbows. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Objects Needed

- Markers
- Paper
- Bible
- Sidewalk Chalk (optional)

Bible Verse

Genesis 9:14,15

"When I bring clouds over the earth and a rainbow appears in them, I will remember my agreement between me and you and every living thing. Floods will never again destroy all life on the earth."

(NCV)

Paraphrase

"When a rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my agreement. Floods will not destroy the earth again."

Optional Activity

Go outside to the parking lot or sidewalk and draw rainbows with sidewalk chalk.

Date Lesson Used:

God Molds Us

Object: Playdough

Bible Verses: Ephesians 2:10

Action: Give each student some playdough and let them create anything they want.



Discussion

Q: What can you make with playdough?

A: Anything.

Q: When you're finished making something, are you happy? Why?

A: Yes, because you created it.

Q: Even when it's finished, can you still mold and change it?

A: Yes.

Read Ephesians 2:10 together.

Q: Who made us?

A: God.

Q: What kinds of things does God want us to do?

A: Good things.

Q: How does God "shape" or "mold" our lives and attitudes?

A: By using good and bad situations to help us learn.

Conclusion

- We make things from playdough and mold it into anything we want.
- God made us and loves us. He is still molding our lives to do good things.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, please "mold" us and our attitudes so we will do good things for You. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Objects Needed

- Playdough
- Bible

Bible Verse

Ephesians 2:10

"God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do."

(ERV)

Paraphrase

"Through Jesus, God made us new people so we would do good things."

Optional Activity

Using their playdough, have the students create sculptures of themselves, the people God has made.

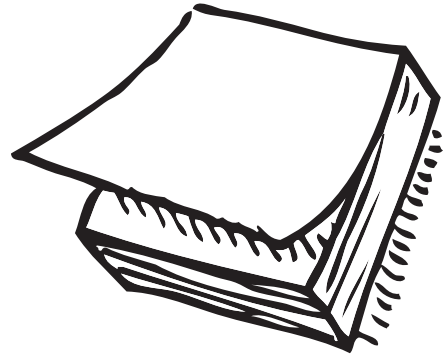
Date Lesson Used:

Not a Failure

Object: Adhesive Notes

Bible Verses: 2 Peter 1:8

Action: Show the class a sticky note and how it works.



Discussion

Q: Adhesive notes are used in most offices because they are very helpful. Have you ever used one?

A: (answers will vary)

Did you know adhesive notes were originally created by accident? A scientist tried to make very strong glue, but it wasn't strong at all. Everyone thought it was a failure until almost ten years later when another scientist used the glue for a note pad! Now these notes are used by almost everyone!

Q: The original glue wasn't really a failure, was it?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever felt like a failure?

A: *Allow discussion.*

Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. He felt like a failure several times. But in the end, he reminded us that if we follow God and obey Him, we are not failures.

Read 2 Peter 1:8 together.

Q: Even if you feel like a failure, are you?

A: No.

Conclusion

- Adhesive notes started out as a failure, but ended up being very important.
- Even when you feel like a failure, you are never a failure to God.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to follow You always, and remember we are not failures. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Adhesive Notes
- Bible
- Markers (optional)

Bible Verse

2 Peter 1:8

"If all these things are in you and growing, you will never fail to be useful to God. You will produce the kind of fruit that should come from your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(ERV)

Paraphrase

"When you obey God, you are not a failure. You are useful. You will grow as a Christian through Jesus."

Optional Activity

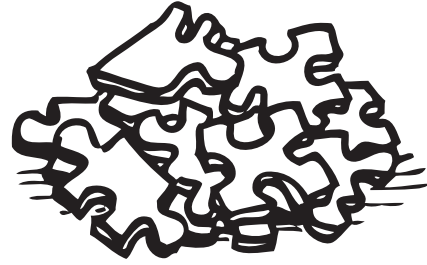
Have each student put four adhesive notes side by side to make a 4x4 grid and keep the edges touching. Using markers, they can draw one big picture that covers all four notes. When the picture is finished, they can rearrange the notes and see if a friend can put the "puzzle" back together.

God Has a Special Plan

Object: Puzzle

Bible Verses: 1 Corinthians 12:6

Action: Give each student a puzzle piece. Ask if they know what the whole puzzle looks like.



Discussion

Q: Is each piece of a puzzle the same?

A: No.

Q: When you put puzzles together, what do you pay attention to?

A: Size, shape and what the pieces have on them.

Q: What happens when you put all the puzzle pieces together?

A: You can see the whole picture.

These puzzle pieces are kind of like our lives. God has planned for us all to fit together in a beautiful picture.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:6 together.

Q: Does a puzzle piece know where it goes?

A: Of course not.

Q: In God's big picture, do we always know where we are supposed to fit?

A: No, God does not tell us everything.

Q: Does God know where all of us fit?

A: Yes. Because He can see the whole puzzle/picture. He made the picture.

Conclusion

- Each puzzle piece is unique and has a special place in the big picture.
- God has made us unique and has a special place for us in His big picture.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to trust You, because You can see the whole picture. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Puzzle
- Bible
- Glue (optional)
- Craft Sticks (optional)
- Random Puzzle Pieces (optional)

Bible Verse

1 Corinthians 12:6

"And there are different ways that God works through people but the same God. God works in all of us in everything we do."

(NCV)

Paraphrase

"God works through people in different ways. But He is still God and has a plan for all of us."

Optional Activity

Using 4 craft sticks, create a rectangle shape. Laying the ends on top of each other, glue the ends together. Glue puzzle pieces around the craft sticks to create a puzzle piece picture frame. Students may build their own picture frames.

Let Jesus Shine Through Us

Object: Candle

Bible Verses: Luke 11:36

Action: Give each student a candle and also keep one for yourself.



Discussion

Q: Why do we use candles?

A: They are pretty, smell good and give us light.

Q: What happens to the darkness when we light a candle?

A: It goes away.

Q: Are candles helpful lit or unlit?

A: Lit.

Read Luke 11:36 together.

Turn off the lights, then light your candle only.

Q: How are people like candles?

A: People can have a “light” inside them and it drives away the darkness.

Q: Who is the “light” in us?

A: Jesus.

Make sure students are sitting still and understand the dangers of fire. Carefully light each students’ candle with your candle.

Q: If we are like candles, does that mean we can share our “light” (Jesus)? How?

A: Yes. We can tell people how Jesus came into our lives and changed us. He can forgive them no matter what they have done.

Conclusion

- Lit candles give off light that chases away darkness.
- Jesus is like a light inside of us that chases away the darkness.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to share Jesus with others and show them the difference in our lives. Thank you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Medium Candles
- Matches/Lighter
- Bowl/Bucket of Water
- Towel (wet)
- Bible
- Flashlight (optional)

Bible Verse

Luke 11:36

“If you are full of light, and there is no part of you that is dark, then you will be all bright, as though you have the light of a lamp shining on you.”

(ERV)

Paraphrase

“If you have light inside, and no darkness, then you will be bright like a lamp.”

Optional Activity

Choose one student to be “it.” With the lights on, have students hide, then turn off the lights. Give the student that is “it” the flashlight and let him/her find all the other students. (Like Hide & Seek.)

Be Careful What Sticks to You

Object: Glue

Bible Verses: Proverbs 19:11

Action: Show everyone a bottle of glue.



Discussion

Q: Why do people use glue?

A: To make things stick together.

Q: Do you have to be careful what you put the glue on and how you use it? Why or why not?

A: Yes. If you are not careful, then you might accidentally stick things together that aren't supposed to be.

Read Proverbs 19:11 together.

Q: How do people act like glue sometimes?

A: They let what people say offend them (hurt their feelings), and by being offended they are acting like glue. When you are offended, that means you don't let go of what you should.

Q: Do you need to be careful about what you hold on to, like what others say?

A: Yes. You don't want to hold on to things people say that offend you.

Q: Do you need to be careful about what you say to others?

A: Yes. We don't want to hurt people's feelings (offend) with things we say.

Conclusion

- Glue causes things to stick.
- Sometimes we allow hurtful things to stick to us, but we shouldn't.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us guard our hearts and not hold on to things that hurt our feelings. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Glue
- Bible
- Tape (optional)
- Squares of Paper (optional)

Bible Verse

Proverbs 19:11

"Experience makes you more patient, and you are most patient when you ignore insults."
(ERV)

Paraphrase

"You can learn patience when you ignore the hurtful things people say to you."

Optional Activity

Divide into teams of 2 people. On squares of paper, have the students write good things about their partner. Then they can tape the squares to their partner. Make it fun by letting them tape good things to their partner's back, legs, neck etc.

Always Be Thankful

Object: Thank You Cards

Bible Verses: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Action: Show examples of thank you cards.



Discussion

Q: Why do we thank people?

A: To be polite, to show them that we and God love them, to encourage them, etc.

Q: Who are some people we should thank?

A: Parents, teachers, people who help us, etc.

Q: Should we thank God?

A: Yes, for many reasons! He made us and takes care of us.

*Read Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 together.
Read the first part of each verse, and have the students repeat the responses, "His love continues forever." (New Century Version wording)*

Q: What are some things we can thank God for?

A: Families, taking care of us, our homes, friends, food, our church, etc.

Conclusion

- We thank many different people for things.
- We need to remember to thank God for all He has done, too!

Lead students in a "popcorn" prayer. Have them take turns standing up and saying thanks to God for one thing, then sitting back down for the next student's turn. When all are finished, close the prayer.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for everything You have done, are doing and will do for us. We love You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Thank You Cards
- Bible
- Construction Paper (optional)
- Markers/Crayons (optional)
- Stickers/Foamies (optional)

Bible Verse

Psalm 136:26

"Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love continues forever."
(NCV)

Paraphrase

"Thank God for everything. His love lasts forever."

Optional Activity

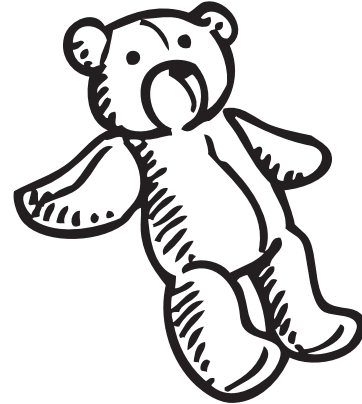
Fold construction paper in half to create a card. Have each student decorate two cards - one for someone in their life, and one for God.

God is Our Comfort

Object: Teddy Bear

Bible Verses: Psalm 94:18,19

Action: Show a teddy bear or stuffed animal.



Discussion

Q: Do you have a teddy bear or special stuffed animal?

A: (answers will vary)

Q: Some people like to hug a special stuffed animal really tight when they are sad or scared. Do you do that sometimes?

A: (answers will vary)

Q: Why are teddy bears comforting?

A: Because they are like a good friend. You usually tell good friends everything. They don't make fun of you or criticize you.

Read Psalm 94:18,19 together.

Q: Who is someone else you can talk to if you're really scared or sad?

A: Parents, friends, a teacher, etc.

Q: God should always be one of the first people that you talk to. He wants to be your best friend. He won't make fun of you or criticize you. You can tell Him anything. Do you know why?

A: Because He loves you very, very much.

Conclusion

- Teddy bears or special stuffed animals can be comforting when you are sad or scared.
- God wants to be your best friend so He can comfort you when you are sad or scared because He loves you!

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, we know You are always there to calm our fears and hearts. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Teddy Bear or Stuffed Animal
- Bible
- Tube Socks (optional)
- Filling/Stuffing (optional)
- Permanent Markers (optional)

Bible Verse

Psalm 94:18,19

"I know I was ready to fall, but, Lord, your faithful love supported me. I was very worried and upset, but you comforted me and made me happy!" (ERV)

Paraphrase

"I was in trouble, but, Lord, you took care of me. I was worried and upset but you gave me comfort."

Optional Activity

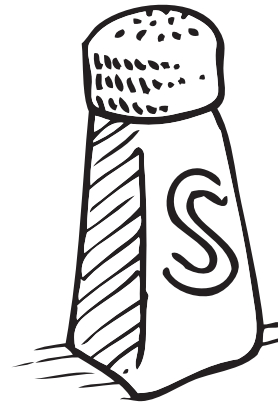
Create a stuffed sock toy. With permanent markers, draw happy faces on the tube socks. Have the students write "God is always with me" on the socks, too. Stuff the socks with any soft stuffing then tie or sew off the end.

Be Salt

Object: Salt Shaker

Bible Verses: Matthew 5:13

Action: Place a filled salt shaker on the table.



Discussion

Q: Why do we use salt?

A: To make food taste better. It improves the taste.

Q: Have you ever tasted salt that wasn't very salty? Is it still useful or should we just throw it away?

A: We should throw it away.

Read Matthew 5:13 together.

Q: What does the Bible verse tell us we are like?

A: Salt.

Q: We aren't salt physically. We are more like "spiritual salt." If we act like spiritual salt, like a Christian, how can we make better or improve situations?

A: Help hurting people, encourage others, act with love, teach what is right, etc.

Q: If we do not act like Christians (spiritual salt) then are we helping to grow God's family/Kingdom?

A: No. We are not being useful.

Conclusion

- Salt improves the taste of food.
- We can act like spiritual salt and improve the lives of people around us.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to keep a relationship with You and become like spiritual salt to the world and show Your love. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Salt Shaker
- Bible
- 1 Cup Salt (optional)
- 1 Cup Flour (optional)
- 1/2 Cup Water (optional)
- Bowl (optional)
- Wooden Spoon (optional)

Bible Verse

Matthew 5:13

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing, except to be thrown out and walked on."

(NCV)

Paraphrase

"You are like salt. Salt is only useful when it is doing its job and tastes salty."

Optional Activity

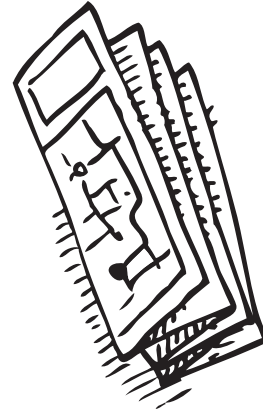
Combine 1 cup salt and 1 cup flour in a bowl. Add 1/2 cup water, then knead it into dough. Use the dough like clay, and have the students create something that demonstrates how they can show God's love to others.

The Bible is Our Map

Object: Map

Bible Verses: Psalm 25:4-5

Action: Show everyone a paper map or a map on a tablet or phone.



Discussion

Q: What kinds of things do maps show us?

A: Road names, miles, city names, mountains, rivers, etc.

Q: Why do we use maps?

A: To direct and guide us to places that are unfamiliar.

Read Psalms 25:4-5 together.

Q: We can use a map to guide us physically from one place to another, but what should we use to guide us spiritually?

A: The Bible.

Q: The Bible is like a map to help guide us and keep us on the path God wants. How does it do that?

A: The Bible teaches us how God wants us to act, how to treat others, and how to know right from wrong.

Q: How often should we read the Bible?

A: Every day!

Conclusion

- Road maps help guide us from one place to another.
- God gave us the Bible to guide us spiritually and keep us on the right path.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to realize that the Bible is Your map to our lives and everything that we need You have and will give to us. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Map
- Bible
- Old Maps (optional)
- Construction Paper (optional)
- Markers (optional)
- Scissors (optional)
- Glue (optional)

Bible Verse

Psalm 25:4-5

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."
(NIV)

Paraphrase

"God, show me your ways and how you want me to live."

Optional Activity

Create maps to God. Have students cut out old map pieces to create a new map, or draw their own. They can show on their maps the way from them to God.

Jesus is the Only Way

Object: Padlock and Keys

Bible Verses: John 14:6

Action: Give each student a different key. Pass around a padlock and let them try to open it. Show them that your key is the only one that works.



Discussion

Q: Why do people use locks?

A: To keep important things safe.

Q: What things at your house have locks?

A: Car, house, etc.

Q: Does any key work in any lock, or does each lock have only special key that opens it?

A: Only one key works.

Read John 14:6 together.

Q: Who is "the Father"?

A: God.

Q: Does Jesus say there are lots of ways to get to God, or only one way?

A: One way.

Q: How can we know God and go to Heaven someday?

A: By following Jesus and obeying Him!

Q: Why is Jesus the only way to God?

A: Because He died on the cross for our sins.

Conclusion

- Locks have only one key that opens them.
- There is only one way to God and Heaven: Jesus.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us Your only son, Jesus. Help us to follow Him so we can know You better. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Padlock and key
- Various other keys
- Bible
- Crayons/Colored Pencils (optional)
- Paper (optional)

Bible Verse

John 14:6

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.'"

(NCV)

Paraphrase

"Jesus said, 'I am the way, truth, and life. I am the only way to God.'"

Optional Activity

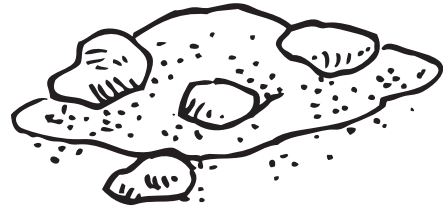
Have each student draw a key with crayons/colored pencils and color it, or trace one of the keys from the beginning of the lesson. Then tell them to write "Jesus" on the key to remind them Jesus is the only way to God.

Build Strong Lives

Object: Large Rock and Bowl of Sand

Bible Verses: Matthew 7:24-27

Action: Allow the students to feel the rock and feel the sand.



Discussion

Q: Which is stronger or more stable? The rock or the sand?

A: The rock.

Q: If you were in a terrible storm and the wind and rain were blowing hard around you, would you rather be in a house built on rock or one built on sand?

A: Rock.

Read Matthew 7:24-27 together.

Q: What happened to the house built on sand?

A: It fell with a big crash!

Q: What happened to the house built on rock?

A: It stood firm. It did not fall.

The teachings of Jesus are like a rock. We can choose to build our life on these strong words and be safe when bad things happen. Or we can choose our own ways and follow the world, which is like sand - loose and unstable.

Q: How would you like to build your life?

A: On Jesus' words/teachings like the rock.

Conclusion

- Rock is more stable and strong than sand.
- When we obey Jesus' teachings, we are building our life on a rock.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us to build our lives on Jesus' teachings. Thank you for being our strength. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Large Rock
- Bowl of Sand
- Bible
- Construction Paper (optional)
- Glue (optional)
- Colored Sand (optional)

Bible Verse

Matthew 7:24-27

"Everyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock. Everyone who hears my words and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house, and it fell with a big crash."

(NCV)

Paraphrase

"If you obey Jesus' teachings, you are like a man who built his house on rock. If you do not obey, you are like a man who built his house on sand."

Optional Activity

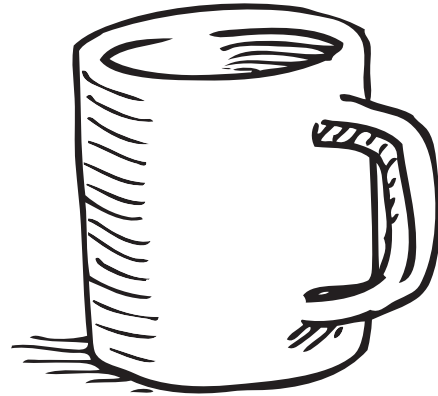
Using glue, have the students write, "Don't build your house on the sand." on a piece of construction paper. Then sprinkle colored sand on the glue and shake off the excess. Have the students use markers or crayons to continue decorating their page.

Clean on the Inside

Object: Mug or Cup

Bible Verses: Matthew 23:25,26

Action: Show everyone a mug or cup.



Discussion

Q: Is this mug clean or dirty on the outside?
What about the inside?

A: (answers will vary)

Q: If it is dirty on the inside, should we drink from it? Is it useful if it is really dirty?

A: No.

Read Matthew 23:25,26 together.

Q: This verse talks about cups and dishes.
Does it mean real cups or dishes?

A: No.

Q: What do the cups and dishes represent?

A: Ourselves/our hearts/our lives.

Sometimes we are more worried about how we look on the outside of our bodies than what happens in our hearts. But if we work at cleaning our hearts and minds (doing what God wants us to do), our outsides will become clean, too.

Q: Would you rather be clean on the inside (your heart and mind) by doing what God wants, or look perfect on the outside only?

A: Clean on the inside.

Conclusion

- We don't want to use a mug or cup if it is dirty on the inside.
- We need to be more concerned with cleaning our hearts and minds than how we look to others.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, please help us make sure our hearts and minds are always clean by following You. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Mug or Cup
- Bible
- Plastic Cups (optional)
- Pom-poms or Cotton Balls (optional)
- Large Balloons - not inflated (optional)

Bible Verse

Matthew 23:25,26

"It will be bad for you teachers of the law and you Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You wash clean the outside of your cups and dishes. But inside they are full of what you got by cheating others and pleasing yourselves. Pharisees, you are blind! First make the inside of the cup clean and good. Then the outside of the cup will also be clean."

(ERV)

Paraphrase

"First clean the actions of your heart and mind. Then your outward actions will become clean, too."

Optional Activity

"Shooting goodness from the heart."
Cut off the base of a plastic cup. Tie the end of a balloon (not inflated). Cut off the round end of the balloon and stretch it over the cup mouth. Put a pom-pom inside the cup. Pull the tied end of the balloon. Let go and watch the "goodness" (pom-pom) fly out of the cup. Create as many cups as necessary with students, and let them use targets for added fun.

Don't Judge by Appearance

Object: Books

Bible Verses: Luke 6:37

Action: Show each student several books and ask what they think they are about.



Discussion

Q: Do cover pictures on books tell what the story is about?

A: Sometimes, but not always.

Q: If a book has a blank cover, do we think it is a boring story?

A: Often, yes.

Read Luke 6:37 together.

Q: Do you know what it means to judge people?

A: To decide what they deserve, or decide what kind of person they are.

Q: Should we judge other people just by what they look like?

A: No. We do not know their hearts. We do not know everything about them.

Q: Why should we forgive other people when they do wrong things?

A: Because if we make mistakes, we want others to forgive us, too. We want God to forgive us.

Conclusion

- We cannot know what a book is about by just looking at the cover.
- We cannot judge other people because we do not know their hearts. Only God does.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, please help us not to judge other people, but love them like You do. Thank you for Your forgiveness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Objects Needed

- Various Books
- Bible
- Black and White Construction Paper (optional)
- Crayons (optional)
- Glue/Glue Sticks (optional)

Bible Verse

Luke 6:37

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

(NIV)

Paraphrase

"Don't judge or condemn other people. Forgive them so you can be forgiven, too."

Optional Activity

Glue together pages of black and white paper so one side is black and one side is white. Have each student draw a pretty picture on the white side then fold it in half like a book. The picture is then hidden behind the unattractive black cover.

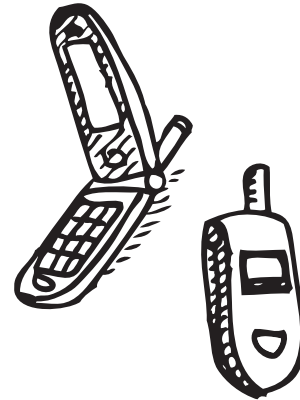
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Communicate with God

Object: Cell Phone

Bible Verses: Ephesians 6:18

Action: Show everyone a cell phone and ask them how to use it.



Discussion

Q: Why do people use cell phones?

A: So people can talk/text with each other.

Q: How often do people use cell phones?

A: (answers will vary)

Q: Is it good to communicate with friends, family, etc?

A: Yes.

Q: What happens when people don't communicate with each other?

A: They lose touch, become lonely and don't know each other anymore.

Read Ephesians 6:18 together.

Q: Is it good to communicate with God?

A: Yes, so you can have a relationship with Him.

Q: How can you communicate with God?

A: By praying and talking to Him.

Q: How often should you communicate with God?

A: Every day - any time you want.

Conclusion

- We use cell phones to communicate with other people.
- We use prayer to communicate with God.

Sample Closing Prayer

Dear God, help us not to forget or get too busy to talk to You every day. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Date Lesson Used:

Objects Needed

- Cell Phone
- Bible
- Building Blocks (optional)

Bible Verse

Ephesians 6:18

"Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people."
(NCV)

Paraphrase

"Pray all the time for everything you need, and pray for God's people."

Optional Activity

Have the students split up into teams of 2 and give each team a set of building blocks. One student will be the "builder" and the other will instruct them how to build a tower, but only the builder can touch the blocks. The "instructor" must communicate clearly how to build the tower the way they want. After the "builder" completes the task correctly, they may switch roles and build another tower.

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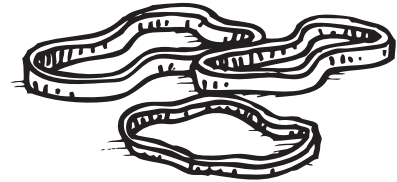
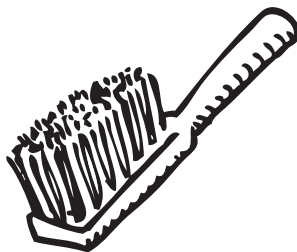
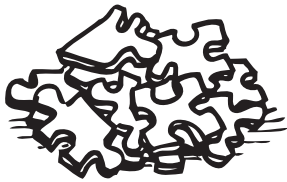
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