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KIDS

JULY 27TH & 28TH

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:

SERMON ON THE MOUNT "A VITAL CONNECTION" (JOHN 15:5)

As kids arrive, greet them by name and tell them you're glad they are at church today. While kids filter in, ask the below question & get to know them!

1. What is something you have always wanted to do?
2. What is your favorite way to spend your free time?

ACTIVITY #1 - GET CREATIVE

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, butcher paper with memory verse, craft supplies, glue

1. Together, look up this month's memory verse and read it together several times.
2. Lay out the butcher paper, glue, and craft supplies.
3. Write out the memory verse in big, block letters on the butcher paper.
4. Invite the kids to cover the memory verse letters with the craft supplies, either sticking or gluing them.

SAY TO THE GROUP: "Our verse reminds us that nothing going against us will ever be able to win because of the way God loves us. How cool is it that we get to have confidence in God no matter what because we know that Jesus has already won?! Let's all work on this month's memory verse for one last time this month so that we can always remember what it teaches us."

ACTIVITY #2 - MY MINISTRY CARDS

WHAT YOU NEED: Notecards, pens/pencils

1. Pass each student a notecard
2. Encourage them to think about an area of their lives they can make their ministry. Have them write that down on one side of the note card.
3. On the other side, invite the students to write ways they can share about Jesus in their ministry. This could be either something they want to talk about or a way their actions can reflect Jesus' character.

SAY TO THE GROUP: "Today we are going to learn about how Jesus did his ministry and the things he shared about God when we preached. How many of us know that we do not have to be pastors to preach or to have a ministry? Let's take a moment to think about an area of our lives that we can make our ministry and preach about the word of God. It could be at sports practice or in your class at school or even at home. But take a few seconds to think about a part of our lives that we want to bring God into and how we can do that this week."



ACTIVITY #3 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

1. What is something that stuck out to you about what Jesus said in his sermon?
2. What does it mean for us to be a light in the world?
3. If someone treats you poorly, or even betrays you like Judas did to Jesus, how can we still treat them like Jesus would?
4. How can our actions reflect Jesus?

ACTIVITY #4 - PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: Jumbo popsicle sticks, markers, a cup

1. Hand each student a popsicle stick.
2. Explain that each student will write a prayer request on the popsicle stick. They can be anonymous.
3. Then, have each student place their prayer sticks in a cup.
4. Pass the cup around and have each student grab a popsicle stick – if they pick their own, have them pick again.
5. When everyone has a stick, have each student pray aloud for the popsicle stick they received.

PRAY WITH THE GROUP

“Dear God, thank You for loving us the way that you do. Help us to be more like Jesus and to reflect Your character in everything we do. I pray that You will help us to glorify Your name when we share about You in our ministries. We love You, God. In Jesus name we pray,

AMEN!”

