

SLAM

I DREAM...

Topic: Dreams and goals for the coming year

Today's Objective– is that the children could think about and pray for their dreams and goals for the coming year.

Lesson Outline:

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Please note that this is only a guide.

Game:

Play some icebreaker games with the kids – 'Ha!' Or 'Murder-winks' is are great games to start a lesson

Welcome:

Welcome all the kids and ask them to share with you the best thing that happened in their holidays so far or something that they are looking forward to

Discussion:

Today's discussion (see Page 2) is based on:

I have a dream...

That one day all of mankind will intimately know the maker of the universe and bow to him.

That one day I will stand in the king's glory and be in awe

That God will use me to comfort others and shine his light

That God will use me to feed the hungry, offer shelter and be a safe place for people in need.

That God will use me to show children that they are valued and loved and to help their voice be heard.

That I can truly make a difference in this world.

Activity:

Using the paper in the SLAM room, write a list of your dreams and goals for the coming year. Try to think about all the areas of your life and write a goal for each of them. For example; school, an activity that you do outside of school such as sport, an area you would like to grow in with God, something you would love to try for the first time etc. Once everyone has finished writing their dreams and goals ask anyone who would like to share their list. Pray for each person's dreams and goals. Suggest to each child that they place their list somewhere where they can see it and remember the things that they want to achieve this year.

Wrap up:

Please have a leader or helper close in prayer. Children can be released at the conclusion of the service and return to their parents.

Please turn the lights out, close the door and return the sign in folder to the kids' church table once all the children have left.

Discussion

Today's discussion will be based around the following:

1. How are you feeling about starting a new school year?
2. Consider the following statements. What do they mean to you? Do you agree with them? Do you believe them?
 - *"It always seems impossible until it's done."*
Nelson Mandela
 - *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26*
3. What are some things that you have always dreamed about doing?
4. What are some areas that you think you could set some goals in for this year?
5. I believe that God would love to be part of our planning and dreaming for the coming year. Let's take some time to pray and see if there are areas of our lives that God brings to mind. Spend some time dreaming with God – remember he is the God of the impossible so dream big!

Please remind the children to respect everyone's thoughts and ideas.

Leading Prayer in SLAM

Come Together:

Bring the children together in a circle. Ask if there is anything that they would like to pray for.

Some Questions you may ask to help them think:

- Is there something that you would like to praise God and thank him for this week?
- Are you sick or do you need healing?
- Have you hurt anyone or been hurt by something this week that you need to ask forgiveness for?

Pray:

Pray together— there are two choices here:

They can pray for each other or they can pray for themselves (out loud).

Praying for each other:

If they would like someone else to pray for them ask the child to sit in the middle and for another child to pray for them (ask for volunteers). If both children are comfortable they can lay hands on as they pray.

Praying for themselves:

If they would like to pray for themselves they can either sit in the middle or where they are. Ask them to pray in a loud voice so everyone can hear. We want them to be comfortable so be flexible and sensitive to the child's needs.

Continue through the group until everyone has been prayed for.

Listen:

Then take time to sit and listen to God and see if there is anything that he would like to say to the group. Ask each child to sit silently and listen to God. Explain that God may speak to them all in different ways, e.g. a picture, an idea a colour etc. Then after a minute ask if there is anything the children felt God was saying.

Write:

If anyone has anything please write it in the SLAM Prayer Journal with the date, service time and child's name. Then have a leader thank God for the lesson and any healings, words or pictures.