

SLAM

PARABLES

Topic: Parables

Today's Objective: that the children would learn what parables are and why Jesus chose to use them in his teachings.

Lesson Outline:

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Please note that this is only a guide.

Game:

Act it and Create it:

Divide the kids into teams of 3 or 4.

Have each group act out a parable that has been spoken about.

If you want to make it harder make it so that they can't talk at all.

Then; have the teams take one of the parables and take the concept Jesus is teaching about and make it more modern.

Welcome & Worship:

Welcome all the kids and ask them an ice breaker type question ☺

The Facilitator will let you know when it is time for worship. Please come downstairs and join with the other children for Worship ☺ Please encourage the children to join in and help the younger children to engage. We would also ask that you participate as the children will watch you also.

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 & Activity:

Start today's discussion by asking the kids some questions:

Who loves to listen to stories? Why do you like to listen to stories?

Did you know that Jesus told lots of stories when He was on earth as a way to teach us some important lessons? Do you know what these stories were called? Jesus' stories are called parables. A parable is a simple story that tells a lesson. Where in the bible do we find a lot of parables? Why do they think Jesus chose to tell stories in this way?

Many of you have already learned about some of the parables Jesus taught when He was here on earth. Can you name any or tell about them? Divide the kids into two or three teams. Give each group a bible, pen and paper. See how many parables they can find and write on their paper in 2 minutes.

See if all the kids can tell you the main point (briefly) of each parable

Take a closer look at 2 of the parables and explore what Jesus was trying to teach us. (try to pick 2 they don't know much about.

Complete the find-a-word on the following page

(taken from: <http://www.biblestudygames.com/biblegames/wordsearchpuzzle/game4.htm>)

Parables of Jesus Christ Word Search Game

This Bible word search game has 14 answers.

E X C W B U U T T R C Z S W H
E Z E O C N N E W E A M T B I
R W F P J J M N O W S E I M T
T Y G M Q U E V D O U T L X O
G O X N Z S R I E S S D D L E
I S E R A T C R B D E R R G R
F T Y R W S I G T O J A B O U
T A U I Y T F I O Z E G E D S
W L O C P E U N R P H N H L A
O E I H Q W L S S M P E A O E
S N E F U A Z L F X P T P V R
O T F O A R E E Z A B M P E T
N S A O K D P F Q U I O Y Y D
S B E L O S T S O N B T O O I
G O O D S A M A R I T A N U H

Two Debtors - Good Samaritan - Rich Fool - Lost Son - Fig Tree - Unjust Steward -
Tares - Hidden Treasure - Pearl - Drag Net - Two Sons - Ten Virgins - Talents - Sower

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:

Have each child write in their prayer journals. If they can't think of what to write encourage them to write one of the following:

- Prayer points (something they would like to ask from God)
- A praise point for a prayer they feel God has answered.
- Draw a picture or word that they get during prayer.