

SLAM

GIVING GOD YOUR BEST

Topic: What does it look like to give your best to God and to others?

Today's Objective: To help the children think about what it really means to give their best and not give in even when things seem hard or impossible.

Lesson Outline:

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Please note that this is only a guide.

Game:

Clap - This game is a variation of the old faithful "Hot/Cold" game. One person is chosen to be "it" and asked to leave the room so they can't hear or see what is going on in the room. Take about 1 minute and pick an action as a group for "it" to do when he/she returns. (A Jumping Jack, Pick Their Own Nose, etc). When "it" is given the signal to come back in the room he/she has to guess what he/she is supposed to do by walking around, touching things in the room or performing random actions. The group will clap louder and faster the closer "it" gets to completing the task. Remember there is no talking or other clues, but there will be a considerable amount of laughter, and you will be shocked at the detailed and complicated things you can get a person to do simply by clapping.

Fly swat Hockey - This game is played just like floor hockey except instead of expensive sports equipment, use giant fly swats. It is a real blast and perfect for smaller groups with limited space. Divide your group into two or more teams (no more than 5 players are on the floor at a time from each team). Create two goals by using buckets, large pots or just tape lines on the floor and have each team pick a goalie. The goalie is equipped with a an oven mitt (their glove). Each player is equipped with a fly swat. The puck can be whatever you can find in the church kitchen (balled up aluminum foil works great).

Welcome:

Welcome all the kids and ask them to share with you about any famous journeys they can think of. Ask the children if there are any journeys they would like to take someday.

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.

Discussion & Activity:

Over the last few weeks we have looked at what it means to be Honest, respectful, responsible and forgiving. Today we are going to consider what it means to give God our best and how all these things work together.

Watch the clip 'Death Crawl' from Facing the giants and then discuss with the children what we can learn from this clip. What does our very best really look like?

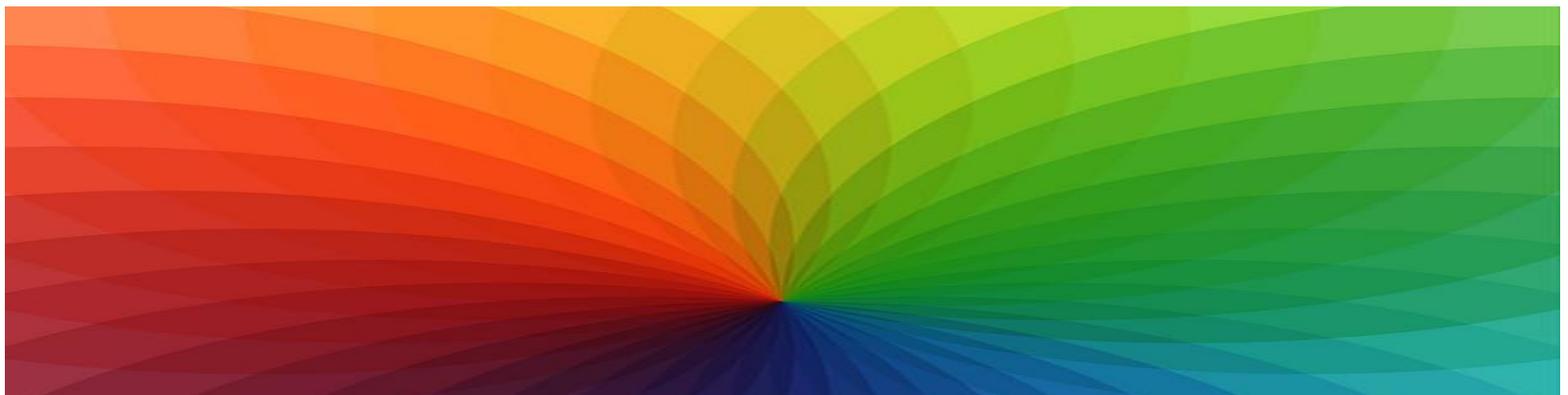
Have the kids look up verses on perseverance, strength and courage. What does the bible have to say about them and why are they important?

Create posters using the paper and magazines in the room to help them remember one of these verses.

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.



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.