

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Preschool Lesson Eighty-eight: Joshua's Charge & Death

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges
Bible Reading & Discussion: Joshua 23:1-16; 24:29-33
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Salvation
Learning Objectives: (1) Israel is commanded to serve the Lord their God. (2) Israel is warned against serving other gods. (3) God regenerates sinners to faith and life in Christ.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: Lead students to sing songs about the Bible & the Judges. Spend some time discussing the meaning of new songs. Encourage students to think about what they are singing. Be very careful to choose songs that only speak truth. Ask students to help lead songs, including actions and visuals as appropriate.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Leader Read Aloud & Action Reading
Scripture: Joshua 23:1-16; 24:29-33
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Whenever students hear "Lord your God," they stand up. Leader should mark the passage ahead of time and pause to give students time to respond.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Word poster #1
10 minutes Strategy: Order Please
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle in order by height or birth date, etc. Students answer questions in this order.
Questions:
- Who had fought for Israel? (The Lord)
 - The Lord gave Israel rest from whom? (Their enemies)
 - Joshua said, "You shall cling to the Lord your *blank*. (God)
 - The Israelites were told to, "to do all that is written in the book of the law of *blank*." (Moses)
 - Joshua warned the Israelites not to serve or bow down to other *blank*. (gods)
 - If the Israelites served other gods, the Lord's *blank* would be kindled against them. (Anger)
 - How old was Joshua when he died? (110 years old)
 - The Israelites had brought the bones of whom out of Egypt to bury in Shechem? (Joseph)
 - Who died and was buried at Gibeah? (Aaron's son Eleazar)
- Tell students that in this lesson we see God as a "promise keeper." Have students repeat the word and use fore-finger to cross heart.
- Group Prayer** Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, listing His attributes.
- Bible Memory** Transitional Thought: As He had promised, God saved the Israelites from their enemies, gave them rest and a new life in the Promised Land. As he promised, God gave Christ to save sinners, give them rest and new life in Him.
10-15 minutes Materials: White board with markers and eraser
Strategy: Body Motions
Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

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Verse: "Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ..."
Ephesians 2:5

Exaggerated body motions are chosen to represent most words in the passage. Students read the passage a few times using words and body motions. Next students repeat the passage using body motions and words from memory, without looking at the words.

Bible Craft Materials: Paper, markers, sample project

As time allows Activity: Reversible Heart

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give students a paper heart. On one side have students glue the words, "Dead in our sins" and draw tombstones & skulls. On the other side of the heart have students glue the words, "Made alive with Christ" and have students draw the cross and smiley faces. Discuss with students the fact that our hearts are dead in sin until God makes our hearts alive and we put our faith in Christ.

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.