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How To Use The Lesson Plans

1. Lesson plans are a page long. Each plan is followed by a page that explains the activities in more detail. After reading through the two pages a couple of times, you can just look at the activity name on the first page and remember what to say and do. The plans are not scripts to be read aloud. They are just your prompts as you talk to the children about their great God. It is understood that you will pray with the children during each class. Prayer is not specifically listed in the lesson plans.
2. Lessons include activities and songs. Children are encouraged to participate in each activity by “playing” with the visual aids. Babies participate in the songs by playing rhythm instruments (rattles, drums, small tambourines, etc.) or waving flags. Keep these items readily available in your room. They are not mentioned in the lesson plan material list. Although babies are encouraged to participate, they are not “required” to participate. Sleeping babies are always welcome in class. Spiritual truth is aimed at the spirit, not the mind.
3. Each lesson contains several items used to illustrate the teachings. Put these in a large box. It is too distracting to the children if your teaching aids are all out in plain view. Each plan has a Materials Needed section at the end. Use it as a checklist for packing your lesson box. Keep rhythm instruments or flags in your box for every lesson. They are not listed in the plan.
4. Most activities are illustrated using common household items and toys. Some activities require you to cut out the activity patterns included with each unit. Copy these patterns onto card stock, then laminate your finished products so they can be reused. They are not intended to be sent home with the children.
5. At some point during each lesson, Bibles will be handed out to the children. Bible songs are sung at this time, but no instruments are used. Purchase small New Testament Bibles that their little hands can manage. They can open the Bibles, and you can help them treat the Bibles respectfully. (You do not have to locate the correct page for each child. Some quotes are from the Old Testament. It’s okay that the words are not on the page in front of them. They will hear the Word from you.) All Bible verses are taken from the New International version, unless otherwise noted.

6. You will need to make a few purchases for this unit. Buy a set of small New Testament Bibles. You want something that little hands can manage. Also you need a Jesus doll. Usually Christian book stores sell these. If you wish to purchase a Jesus doll online, you might try www.CookMinistries/FaithKidz.com (The entire two year curriculum uses these items repeatedly.)

7. You will also need to make (or possibly purchase) a cross that matches the size of your Jesus doll. Options include: glue or nail two wood scraps together; use a heavy cardboard cutout; use two wooden rulers cut to size and spray painted.

For the tomb, you can cover an empty oatmeal box with construction paper. The round lid makes a good stone to roll away.

When you make the clock (in the activity patterns section) attach the hands with a brad so they are moveable.

Decorate and laminate the crowns and staple a length of elastic around the back so the children can wear them easily.

Lesson 1 - First Sunday Of Advent

Activity 1 - Bibles

“‘The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ - which means, ‘God with us.’” (Matthew 1:23)

Activity 2 - baby doll

Advent means “coming” or “arrival”. One of the things we do in advent is remember how Jesus came to live with us.

Song - Silent Night

Activity 3 - glove

God is still with us. He lives in our hearts.

Song - O Little Town of Bethlehem (3rd or 4th verse)

Activity 4 - crowns

Another important thing we do in Advent, is look forward to the time when Jesus will come again. He will not come as a baby next time. He will come as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Song - O Come All Ye Faithful (chorus)

Activity 5 - peeping tube

Jesus wants us to be ready for His return. “If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’” (Mark 13:36-37)

Activities for lesson 13 - First Sunday Of Advent

Activity 1 - Bibles

Sing “The Word Of God” (p. 19) as you hand a small Bible to each child. Quote the Bible verse and reference twice. Collect the Bibles as you sing “Sanctify Us” (p. 19).

Activity 2 - baby doll

Let the children take turns holding the baby doll. (Optional: In place of the baby doll illustration, the children could set up a nativity scene if you have one with large, unbreakable pieces.)

Activity 3 - glove

Show that the glove is empty and useless without a hand in it. Only a hand can fill the empty space perfectly and bring life to the glove.

Activity 4 - crowns

Make crowns for the children (p. 24). Let the children wear the crowns through this activity and the song that follows.

Activity 5 - peeping tube

Make a tube from an empty coffee can by cutting the bottom out. Cover it with decorative paper. Play peek-a-boo with the children. Jesus wants us to watch for Him this intently - and with this much joy!

Materials needed:

small Bibles

baby doll (or nativity scene)

glove

crowns

peeping tube

The Word of God (Hebrews 4:12)

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The Word of God is liv - ing and ac-tive, work-ing in my heart.

Sanctify Us (John 17:17)

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Sanc-ti-fy us by the truth; Your Word is truth.

