

Gideon's Army

Look at Pictures: Of surprising things or people who have been surprised.

Say: Today we are learning about something surprising that God did.

Bible Story

Say: This term we are learning more about the Ten Commandments. Last week we learned about the 1st Commandment which says that God is to be the most important thing in our life. Do you remember last week, how Gideon broke down the altar of the idol? This week we are learning about the 2nd Commandment which is about idols.

Read: The 2nd Commandment

Ask: What will God do for those who love Him and obey His Commandments, by only worshiping Him, and not the things that He made?

Say: God says He will show unfailing love to them and their children, grandchildren and so on.

Sing Songs

Return to tables

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks and then say the memory verse on the colouring page.

Craft: Cartwheel kid

- Colour in the kid
- Cut approx 50cm of string, thread through the two holes and tie in a loop
- Hold the cartwheel kid in the middle of the string, spin the string around several times and then pull tight to watch him do a cartwheel

Discuss the following depending on age, interest and time:

(Encourage the children/teens to talk to God during their day.)

How might talking to God be like having an imaginary friend? (can't see Him)

How is it not like having an imaginary friend? (He is real)

How is it like talking on a telephone?

How are you affected when someone in your family sins?

Revise from last week: What is a God? (Something that is very important to us: we probably spend a lot of time and money on it)

Has God ever help you to do something? (eg. When you prayed for help you when you were scared?)

How often do you talk to your best friend? How often do you talk to God?

Say: This cartwheel kid is to remind you that you can do amazing things with God helping. But remember God says we are to obey His Commandments and also talk to Him; and we can talk to Him about absolutely anything.

Say: A good way to pray is to remember "ACT". Ask, Confess, Thank. Ask God for anything you need or about anything you want; confess and tell God what you have done wrong; thank God for good things that have happened.

Finish with Prayer: "Dear God, I'm going to be quiet for a minute and everyone is going to ask you silently in the minds for anything that they need"... "Please forgive us for all of the wrong things that we do and now I am going to be quiet again and everyone will confess to you the sins they remember"... "And now God we want to thank you for everything that you do and we're going to go around the circle and say something that we are thankful to you for."...