

Hannah

Ask: Is it easy to tell how a clown feels?

Introduction to Clowning: Practice being a happy/excited/grumpy/angry/sad etc. clown.

Ask: Have other people ever made you feel sad?

Say: Today we are learning about someone who was sad – and about how they became happy.

Bible Story by Clown

Puzzles: Look at the puzzle of Hannah to see what happened. Then split into groups and do the other puzzles.

Sing Songs

Return to tables

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

Craft: Sad→Pray→Happy face.

- Colour in the 2 faces.
- Use a paper fastener to attach the mouth.
- Glue the faces on either side of the paddle pop.

Discuss the following depending on age, interest and time:

Do you think that Hannah had prayed for a baby before? (she probably had)

Assuming that Hannah had prayed for a baby before; did God grant Hannah's wish immediately? (No)

What should we do when we feel sad? (Pray; think of things we can be thankful for)

If we pray will God give us what we want immediately? (Sometimes yes, no or later)

Have you ever heard people say "If only I had something... then I would be happy"?

Discuss: Being rich or having lots of things doesn't mean you will be happy: imagine if you had all the toys you wanted, but you didn't have any friends, or your parents were too busy to see you, or people were mean to you. How would you feel?

Discuss: Have you noticed that the TV, magazine, radio and shops are filled with ads and things to make you want to want more things?

What should you do if you are coveting something? (Pray; perhaps ask for it; think of things we can be thankful for)

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. Practice doing this in your head.

Application:

Think up a story to tell with your face. Be prepared to share it with the group. (Something someone is sad about, they pray and then they are happy)

Ask: What should we do when we feel sad, or when we are coveting something?

Say: We should pray; we could ask our parents about it, then, instead of nagging or bugging them about it, we should think about things we can be thankful for.

Finish with Prayer: Give the children the opportunity to pray quietly for things they want, then to confess their sins, then go around the group and thank God for some of the things He has given us.