



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

AT HOME, AT CHURCH, AT PLAY

PROPS: M & M's (enough for everyone to have a few)

LESSON:

- In 1941 M & M's were created.
- The Army wanted a candy that they could give the soldiers that wouldn't melt in their backpacks.
- Chocolate gives a quick burst of energy to the body and is easy to carry.
- They won't melt and make a mess.
- M & M's are chocolate inside and a hard shell outside.
- Soldiers could take them anywhere and they wouldn't melt or get messy like a Hershey chocolate bar would.

POINT TO MAKE:

- M & M's are like our worship.
- Just like we can have M & M's at home, at church and at play, we can worship God at home, at church and at play.
- We should have a lifestyle of worship to God.
- The Father God is our friend and when we worship Him we get closer to Him.

DISCUSS:

- We worship God by spending time with Him.
- Our worship is an expression of our love for Him.
- Worship is when we tell God how much we love Him.

We can worship by:

- Singing
- Clapping
- Dancing
- Lifting our hands
- By being quiet

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. We can only worship God at church? (no, we can worship Him anywhere)
2. When we worship God what does it show Him? (how much we love Him)



SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Dismiss

FINDING GOD WORSHIP

MEMORY VERSE:

John 4:23, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." (KJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Worship brings us close to God.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

Question #147:

- What is your favorite song?
- Why?

Question #817:

- What is your favorite room in your house?
- Why?

ICE BREAKER Game: LOOK WHO'S SILLY

- Starting with the first child, have each take turns sharing their goofiest face with the group.
- Take a vote on who has the silliest face.
- If time allows go again, having each one share their most serious face.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Story not in the Day by Day Bible

3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: 1 Chronicles 15:25-29

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

BIBLE STORY:

David's Dance Of Worship

BIBLE CONNECTION:

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant of God housed the presence of God. David was king when the ark was captured by the enemy. When David became king he brought the ark to the City of David. He had a strong relationship with God, and when the ark was brought David could not contain himself. He danced and danced.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Why did David dance in the streets? (he was glad the presence of God would be near)
2. Who was embarrassed by his display? (his wife, Michal)
3. How can pride enter in and hold us back? (we become embarrassed or insecure thinking about what people will think if we get excited about God)

Point To Make: *David's relationship with God was strong. He danced and danced and did not let his pride enter in the picture. He was so excited the presence of God was near. His wife, Michal, was embarrassed by him.*