



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

GOD-GIVEN PICTURES

Props Needed: A pair of swim goggles (if goggles are not available you can use sunglasses)



Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP LESSON:

- The Holy Spirit can show you something, sometimes like a dream or just a picture and it's called a vision.
- The Bible talks a lot about visions.
- In a vision from the Holy Spirit you might see something you are supposed to do or someone you are supposed to pray for.
- You can't just have a vision because YOU want to; a vision from the Holy Spirit is one of His special gifts that you only see when He allows you to see it.

REMEMBER:

- The Bible tells us that young men and women will see visions; that means kids too!
- You might never wear glasses or night vision goggles, but the Bible says that you will have visions and dreams. Be ready to "see" what the Holy Spirit wants to show you and share it with your mom, dad and friends!

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What are some different types of glasses or goggles people wear? (eyeglasses, sunglasses, night vision goggles, swim goggles)
2. What gift of the Spirit did we talk about today? (visions)
3. What are some things the Holy Spirit might show us with our Holy Spirit goggles on?

POINT TO MAKE:

- I have in my hand swim goggles and they help you see under water.
- One of the Holy Spirit's gifts is visions.
- Visions are special pictures the Holy Spirit wants you to see, but you don't see them with your natural eyes, you see them with your spiritual eyes.

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

HOLY SPIRIT: VISIONS

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:17, "... your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

A vision is when the Holy Spirit lets you see into the spirit world.



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 #710:

- What is your favorite vegetable?

Question #330:

- What is your favorite time of year?

ICE BREAKER Game:

Who Am I?

- Write Bible character names on pieces of paper.
- One for each child.
- First child picks one of the papers.
- Everyone goes around and tries to guess who it is by asking questions that can be answered with a yes or a no.
- EX: Are you a boy? Were you in the Old Testament?
- The person who guesses the correct answer then gets to pick a name.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: A Voice Like A Waterfall (pages 412 & 413)
3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Revelation 1:1-20

- 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:

John Sees Jesus

BIBLE CONNECTION:

The Apostle John was sent to the island of Patmos as punishment by the Roman government. Back in Bible days being sent to the abandoned island was like being sent to jail. While he was on the island he experienced a gift of the Spirit, called a vision; John saw Jesus with his spiritual eyes. Jesus spoke to John about the end times and about the body of Christ.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Who sent John to the Island of Patmos? (Roman government)
2. What gift of the Spirit did John experience? (a vision)
3. Who did John see in the vision from the Holy Spirit? (Jesus)
4. What did John do with the things Jesus told him in the vision? (wrote the book of Revelation)

POINT TO MAKE: *The things Jesus spoke to John were the things John wrote down to make the book of Revelation in the Bible.*