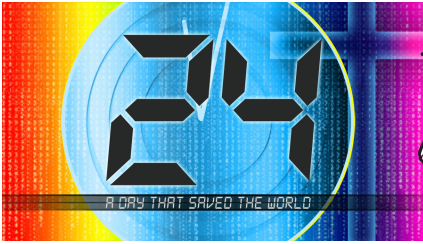


Small Group Experience

LESSON 3 - “When Things Go Wrong”



Watt's Up:

“No Matter What Happens - Jesus Gives Me Peace!”



Power Verse:

“...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

- John 16:33

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Bible

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

To review the Bible story, choose a volunteer to read John 16:33. This week's story is wrapped around this one verse. Spend time talking through the verse with the kids. Ask the provided questions and guide discussion as needed.

Say - “Hey tough stuff! I am glad you are here. Why am I calling you tough stuff? Well, this week our lesson talks about some pretty tough stuff. The good news is that it doesn't end that way! I need a volunteer who is willing to help me with some reading.”

-Choose volunteer and allow them to read John 16:33 from the Bible-

Say - “Thank you for helping me read the story. I know it was super short, but this story is packed full of lessons for life.”

Ask - What do you think the disciples were feeling when Jesus told them they would be facing troubled times?

-Allow kids time to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Why do you think Jesus chose to share this with his disciples? Why tell them trouble would come?

-Allow the kids time to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Did Jesus give the disciples any hope? How?

-Allow the kids time to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

- * “Bobs Bad Day” Print Piece (provided; print one set per team)
- * “Bobs Bad Day Key Card” Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- * “Bob” Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- * Scissors (several pairs for the group to share)

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TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print all of the different print pieces. Once activity time begins, divide the kids into teams and give each team a copy of each print piece. Allow them time to cut out everything that needs to be cut. Once this is complete, have each team bring forward their Bobs Bad Day print pieces and place them in one pile. Mix up the pile! Teams will use the key card as a guide to help Bob get everything he needs to get his day back on track. Team members must race one at a time to find one item in the pile and bring it back to Bob and place it on his picture. Once an item is placed, the next team member can race to choose another item to bring back. If a player accidentally brings back a piece Bob already has they must return it and try again. Continue on this way until all of the pieces have been retrieved and Bob matches his key card picture. The first team to complete the task wins! This can be played multiple rounds as time allows.

Say - “Poor Bob is having a really bad day. He is ready to leave his house and he can’t find most of his stuff! We are going to have a race to see which team can help Bob get his stuff together and get his day back on track. First we need to cut out all of the game pieces. Each team has been given a set to cut out, please cut them out now.”

-Allow time to complete this task-

Say - “Now that you have all of your pieces cut out bring all of the ones from Bob’s Bad Day and place them in a pile in front of me. I am going to mix up the pile so that everyone’s pieces are combined. To play the game one player at a time from each team will race to the pile and choose one piece of stuff Bob is missing. They will then race back to their team and place the item on Bob. There is a key card to help you know where each item goes and how many items you are looking for. Continue on this way until Bob matches his key card picture. The first team to complete Bob and get his bad day back on track wins!”

-Play the game as many times as you would like or time allows-

Group Sharing**SUPPLY LIST:**

- * “PowerVerse” Print Piece (provided; print one per kid)
- * Pencils, crayons, or markers

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group, print and cut the “PowerVerse” Print Pieces. Once group sharing begins, give each kid a print piece and something to write with.

Say - “I am giving each person a paper and something to write with. You will need it for group sharing. On your paper are the words of the power verse. We are going to spend some time talking through this together. This Earth and this life are not always full of kittens, rainbows, and sunny days. There are bad days. Tough stuff happens. Jesus took the time to teach his disciples about the tough days in life. It definitely mattered to Jesus that we make it through tough times. Our power verse opens with the phrase, “...Here on Earth you will have many trials and sorrows.”

Ask - What does that mean to you?

-Allow time for the kids to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

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Ask - What are some tough times you have faced? These can be anything from bad days to huge disasters. Write your answers on the first blank on your page.

-Allow time for the kids to write their answers-

Ask - Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

Say - “I am glad the verse didn’t end there! That would have been a bummer! Thankfully the verse goes on to say, ‘But take heart.’”

Ask - What do you think that means?

-Allow kids to respond, discuss their answers with the group-

Say - “Write these words in the blank beside ‘Take heart.’ Be brave, have courage, don’t worry! That’s what Jesus meant when he said, ‘Take heart.’ He was saying, ‘Here on Earth you will have many trials and sorrows but be brave, have courage, and don’t worry!’ That is already sounding so much better. Let’s continue. The last part of the verse says, ‘I have overcome the world.’”

Ask - What do you think that means? Write your answers on the third blank of your paper by the world.

-Allow time for the kids to write their answers-

Ask - Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

-Allow kids time to share their answers and discuss with the group-

Say - “Trouble will come, that is certain. The great news is that Jesus is greater than any trouble we will ever face. He wins!”

Prayer Time

Say - “Jesus is there for you. He is waiting to help you through every situation life might throw your way. Let’s take a few minutes and pray asking Jesus to be with us and be our strength and victory in troubled times.” (PRAY)

Closing

Say - “The disciples probably didn’t expect their last dinner with Jesus to include a conversation about how much trouble they would face in their lives. That usually isn’t what you do when you are spending your last few minutes with someone you love. Jesus had a plan. He told the disciples these things because he did LOVE them so much! He told them these things as a reminder that he would always be with them! Our lives will be faced with troubled times. Tough times come with no warning and there can be days that seem overwhelming. When these days come we should remember that Jesus has a plan. He loves us so much and he will always be with us. We can be brave, have courage, and let go of our worry. Jesus won the battle, he defeated trouble. We have victory because of Jesus! I am proud of you guys, have a great week!”

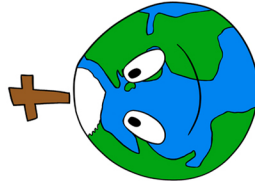
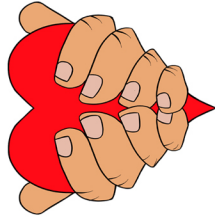
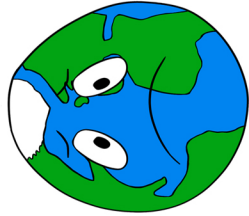






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