



GROUP LESSON

KIDS COMMUNITY GROUP LESSON (I WILL SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD)

Leader's Guide

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Engaging one another:

What's something you love to share? What do you like for others to share with you? How does it feel when someone keeps something special all to themselves and doesn't share with you?

Engaging God:

Through Worship

John 15:13 NLT *There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

Give the children an opportunity to thank God for what he has done for them this week. If some of them can't think of anything, remind them of all that God does each day.

Through Prayer

1 John 5:14-1 NIV *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

Give each of the children an opportunity to pray. Talk to the children about prayer; when they pray they are talking to a friend, it's just that this friend created the universe and that's why it's important to show respect to Him. Talk with them about how they would feel as a friend if someone only talked to them when they needed something. Remind them that although God loves to hear from us about our needs, it's also important to Praise God for who He is, ask God to help others, and thank God for hearing our prayer.

Try a popcorn style prayer. Tell the children that you will open and close the prayer and give time in between for them to say something to God. Explain that it doesn't



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have to be anything special or big. They can just share something they're worried about or just thank God for something good in their lives.

Through the Word

God's Word: Ask the children if they heard the story of the Lepers in church last Sunday. If they need background, explain that the people of Samaria were under attack and cut off from any food supply so the whole city was starving. Read 2 Kings 7 from a Children's Bible.

Discussion: Lepers were treated very badly because Leprosy was easy to catch and people who had it were kicked out of society. Do you think these men should have kept the food to themselves? Why did they do the right thing?

This story reminds us that we get the greatest gift of all if we have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Everyone needs God's love. Everyone needs to know that eternal life comes from salvation through Jesus Christ. Since we know this, we are called to share God's love and plan with others.

Activities:

Hide M&M's or another candy (with individual pieces) around the room. Tell the children to hunt for the candy individually. When someone finds a package of candy, have them yell – 'Share'. When they hear 'share' everyone should freeze while the finder runs around and shares the candy. After everyone has some, start the search again and repeat.

Make cards for friends and family to share Jesus' love.

Discuss ways to share the salvation message with others.

Some ideas: <http://www.churchleaders.com/children/childrens-ministry-how-tos/145204-helping-kids-share-the-gospel.html>



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Scripture Meditation

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere. Mark 16:15 NLT

Start a challenge with a reward system for memory verses in your group. Find out how most of the children learn verses best. Some do well with hand motions of sign language, through songs or beats or art/drawing.

Here are some ideas:

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/1243/teaching-aids/assorted-ideas-for-memorizing-verses-part-1.php>

Explain the context of the verse so that the children understand how important it is to know God's word.

Supplies: Crayons/Paper

Activity: Have the children write out the verse on a sheet of paper. Pray with them asking that the Holy Spirit reveal the truth of this verse.

Give the children 5-10 minutes to draw pictures and/or, write words about what God is sharing with them. After they have time to color/draw/write have the children explain what God has shared with them.

*If children explain the pictures in ways that are not Biblical, (lovingly) help them understand what the verse means.

Engaging the World:

Isaiah 58:7 NLT *Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.*



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What's your next step? Baptism? Serving? Inviting a friend? Using your gifts? Think about it. Pray about it. Next week, share with the group what your next step will be.

Pray for someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus. Draw them a picture, or write them a letter letting them know that God loves them.