



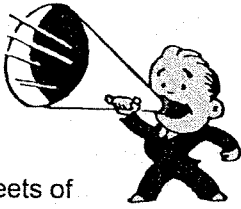
Worship is For Kids

help us. Today we are going to make prayer shields that will help us ask God for His protection and help.

In the first section of your shield, write down the name of a person that you want God to help you get along with. In the second section of your shield, write down a problem that you want to talk to God about. In the third section of your shield, write down a temptation that you are facing. In the fourth section of your shield, write about a time when God helped you.

After the students have completed their shields, lead them in a time of directed, silent prayer using their shields as guides. Encourage the children to ask God to help them in difficult relationships, with problems and temptations. Challenge them to thank Him for his help and protection.

PRaise TAKE THE PRAISE CHALLENGE!



Preparation: Two sheets of butcher paper taped to opposite walls. Label one sheet, "What God Has Done-His Mighty Acts." Label the other sheet, "Who God Is-His Excellent Greatness."

Presentation: Psalm 150:2 tells us two things to praise the Lord for. Let's read the verse together and see if we can find those praise phrases. Yes, we are to praise the Lord for His mighty acts, the wonderful things He has done, and we are to praise Him for His excellent greatness, who He is.

Divide the children into two teams. If you have teams with less than six, give each member of the group a marker. If you have larger teams, give one person a marker. He is to write team responses in large letters on the butcher paper. Challenge one team to write down as many great things that God has done as they can. Challenge the other team to write down all the wonderful characteristics

of God. After five minutes ask the teams to participate in a praise challenge. The first team will shout out one great thing God has done. The second team will shout out one of God's characteristics. Conclude by asking one member of each team to praise God for who He is and what He does.

GIVING



Check Your Giving Attitude!

Preparation: II Corinthians 9:7, NIV printed on large poster or chalk board.

Props: coins, offering envelope, offering plate.

Presentation: Prior to the worship session, ask several students to be prepared to act out each phrase of II Corinthians 9:7.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give"-student should think, count money, and put it in offering envelope, then in pocket.

"not reluctantly"-offering plate is passed to student. He tries and struggles to pull offering envelope from pocket then unhappily places it in the offering plate.

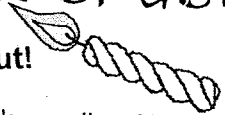
"or under compulsion"-as offering plate reaches student a large bully stands beside him demanding that he give an offering.

"for God loves a cheerful giver."-student smiles broadly and cheerfully places the offering envelope and all the change in his pockets in the offering plate.

After the skit, ask the children to tell what attitudes we sometimes have when we give to God. Which attitude pleases God? Why should we give cheerfully to God? Challenge each one to have a cheerful attitude as they give their offerings in today's worship service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Can't Blow It Out!



Preparation: A trick candle. These are usually available in the party section of the grocery.

Presentation: Ask each child to think of one thing he could do that might make God stop loving him. Light the candle and say "This candle reminds us of God's love." If the group is small, invite every child to come up, say that one thing, then blow out the candle. If the group is large, ask for five or six volunteers.

Discuss the following questions with the children-

What happened when you tried to blow out this candle?

How is this candle like God's love for you? How is it different?

Have the students form small groups. Ask them to read Romans 8:37-39 and make a list of all the things that cannot keep us from God's love. After three to five minutes bring the groups back together to discuss the many things that cannot keep us from God's love. Challenge the children to always remember that God loves them-no matter what!

(Adapted from Helping Children Know God, Group Publishers.)



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