

Under the Big Top Activity Listing

*** All grades begin class time with Prayer and Share Time ***

- 7/1 - Lesson 1: **All: Verse Pennant Craft**
The Gifts They Got
What's Your Gift?
- 7/8-Lesson 2: **All: Act It Out**
K, 1 & 2: Circus Train
3rd & 4th: What Should Sam Have Done?
- 7/15-Lesson 3: **All: Cup Stacking Race**
Verse Pennant Craft
- 7/22- Lesson 4: **All: Verse Pennant Craft**
K, 1 & 2: Ernestine the Influential
3rd & 4th: Missed Opportunities
- 7/29- Lesson 5: **All: Three Ring Circus**
K, 1 & 2: Circus Train
3rd & 4th: Gifts Scramble
- 8/5- Lesson 6: **All: Verse Pennant Craft**
What's My Gift?
- 8/12- Lesson 7: **All: Thank You Cards**
K, 1 & 2: Keep A Count
3rd & 4th: End of The Tightrope
- 8/19- Lesson 8: **All: Bible Study Bookmark**
Obedience Freeze Tag
Preparing Calendar



BIBLE STUDY BOOKMARK

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Lesson 8 - God Is Preparing Me For More Gifts!

PURPOSE:

This activity will give the children a tool to help them study the Bible by reviewing the verses from this series.

DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will make bookmarks that list the Bible Verse references from this series. They will decorate the bookmarks and put them in their Bibles. Then they will be instructed to look up one of those verses every day in the upcoming week.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet. For each child, you will need crayons, stickers, and a "Bible Study Bookmark Lesson 8" from the Lesson Materials CD-ROM.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. On the count of three, whisper our Main Point today. (*God Is Preparing Me For More Gifts!*)
2. Good job! When we study the Bible, God uses that to prepare us for more gifts.
3. We are each going to make a bookmark that will help us study the Bible this week.
4. Your bookmark will have the references for each of the Bible Verses we've learned over the last eight lessons.
5. Let's get started making our bookmarks.

For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, see the Small Group Leader DVD.

TO LEAD THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. First, color your bookmark to match a circus tent!
2. Then you can use this to decorate your bookmark.
3. Good job!

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Now that you've made your bookmark, you need to take it home with you and use it every day.
2. Every day, pick one of the verses listed here and look it up in your Bible.
3. If you need help, ask one of your parents to help you.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

Now you have a new way to study your Bible every day. As you study your Bible, remember that God is preparing you for more gifts. Studying your Bible every day will prepare you for more gifts.



LESSON 1
James 1:17a

LESSON 2
Luke 12:48b

LESSON 3
2 Corinthians 9:8

LESSON 4
Galatians 6:10

LESSON 5
1 Peter 4:10

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OBEDIENCE FREEZE TAG

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Lesson 8 - God Is Preparing Me For More Gifts!

PURPOSE:

The children will be reminded of the importance of obeying God in order to be prepared for the gifts He has for us.

DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will play a game of freeze tag while coming up with ways to obey God. One child is the Freezer and the teacher is the Unfreezer. The children will tell the teacher one thing God wants them to do in order to be unfrozen.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity you will need this Help Sheet.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Who knows how to play freeze tag?
2. Whenever the Freezer touches you, you won't be able to move again until I unfreeze you.
3. Now, in order for me to unfreeze you, you are going to have to tell me one thing God wants you to do.
4. You can tell me anything, from loving your neighbor to learning more about God.
5. You can tell me anything we've ever learned!

For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, see the Small Group Leader DVD.

TO LEAD THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Who wants to be the first Freezer?
2. All right! One, two, three, go!
3. What is one way you can obey God?
4. What is one thing God wants you to do?
5. Okay, let's switch to a new Freezer.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Good job thinking of things God wants us to do!
2. When we do something God wants us to do we are obeying Him.
3. The more we obey God, the more He prepares us for new gifts.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

God has gifts for all of us! Remember that it is important to obey God so that we can be prepared for the gifts He has for us.



PREPARING CALENDAR

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Lesson 8 - God Is Preparing Me For More Gifts!

PURPOSE:

The children will make a plan to be at church and then review some of the ways God uses church to prepare them for their gifts.

DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will fill out a calendar for the next month. They will mark the days they will go to church and then write one of the ways God uses church to prepare them for their gifts on each of those days. This can include things like learning how to pray, studying the Bible, learning Bible Verses, obeying God, and learning Main Points.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet. For each child, you will need writing/drawing materials, and a "Preparing Calendar Lesson 8" from the Lesson Materials CD-ROM.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. So what is our Main Point today? (*God Is Preparing Me For More Gifts!*)
2. That's right! We don't know exactly which gifts God is preparing for each of us, but we do know there are several ways He prepares us for our gifts.
3. Church is a place that God prepares us for more gifts.
4. We are going to look at when we should be at church and then talk about how God might be using church to prepare us for more gifts.

For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, see the Small Group Leader DVD.

TO LEAD THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. The first thing we're going to do is fill in church on our calendars.
2. Write down every day you will be coming to church.

Note: Have the children include any days you have something for them at your church.

3. Next to each day you'll be at church, I want you to write a way that God can use church to prepare you for more gifts.
4. What are some ways God can use church to prepare you for more gifts? (*Teaching us how to pray. How to study the Bible. How to learn Bible verses. How to obey God.*)
5. When we learn these things, we will grow closer to God and learn to obey Him more. When we obey God, He will give us more gifts as we grow.



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AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. You all did a great job on your calendars!
2. Let's all say the Main Point together! **God Is Preparing Me For More Gifts!**
3. You are going to take this calendar home with you today.
4. Put the calendar somewhere you will see it every day so that it can remind you that God uses the church to prepare you to receive more gifts in the future.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

Now you have a plan to be at church this month. Remember that it is important to be at church because God uses church to prepare you for more gifts.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY