

EXTRA for Children

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Grades 1 and 2: God Protected Noah Grades 3-6; Serve the Body; Do My Part
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Grades 1 and 2: Genesis:6:5-9:17 Grades 3-6: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-20,26-27

Power Up for Bible Study

Grades 1-2

Provide a soft ball or an inflated balloon.

- Post today's memory verse Joshua 24:24.
- Read the verse with the children.
- Tell the children to form a circle.
- You will toss the ball into the air and the children will play "keep it up."
- The first child to hit the ball will say the first word from the memory verse.
- The second child will repeat the second word, and so forth.
- The object of the game is to see how many times the verse can be repeated without the ball touching the ground. If the ball touches the ground the children must start over with the verse.
- Be sure no child hits the ball two times in a row.

Invite the children to join you as you learn the story of Noah and how he worshiped and obeyed God.

Grades 3-6

Gather several containers that are different in shape and size, but all have open tops on them (pots, paper cups, hats, pails). Place a tape square on the floor in the center of your room. Place the containers randomly in the square. Make a dozen paper balls from crumpled construction paper, any color. Repeat with a second color.

- Create two teams equal in number.
- Assign each team a color and give the team members the paper balls that are the color of their team.
- Tell the children when you give the signal to begin they are to toss their paper balls into the containers.
- They may toss into the same container as the other team.
- Paper balls missing a container must not be picked up but will remain on the floor.
- When all of the paper balls have been tossed, count how many of each team's landed in containers.
- This is the number of jobs or ways to serve that each team must list. (Example: If the "blue" team landed seven balls in the containers, they will list seven ways they can serve in their church.)

Say: "Each one of you has been given talents and gifts that God wants you to use to serve Him in His church. Today we'll learn how you can serve in your church."

Application Activities

Grades 1 and 2

Boat Art

PREPARE

Provide one large paper triangle per child and markers or crayons.

TEACH

Review today's story:

- God protected Noah and his family.
- Noah was faithful to obey God.
- The first thing Noah did when he walked off the ark was build an altar and worship God.
- We can learn from Noah's example and worship the Lord God and obey Him.

Give each child a paper triangle and lead them in the following folding steps.

- Place the triangle on the table in front of you.
- Fold the top point to the bottom edge.
- Fold the sides up to make a point.
- You will now have a diamond shape.
- Fold the bottom point up about one-third of the way.
- Tape the point down.
- Turn over and you should have boat.
- Print **Joshua 24:24** on the boat or sails.

APPLY

Children can use their boats as a bookmark or place them where they can be reminded of Noah's worship and obedience and God's protection on him.

Grades 3-6

Encourage Each Other!

PREPARE

Choose one of the following encouraging projects and gather the appropriate list of supplies:

Encouraging Flyers: Art supplies such as paper, markers, crayons, and stickers; Bibles; Concordances

Encouraging Posters. You'll need poster board and the same art supplies

Treats for the Preschoolers

Ask your Preschool Director for permission ahead of time to serve a snack to a preschool class. Coordinate with your director to post the appropriate allergy alert poster. Gather paper plates, plastic knives, hand wipes, bananas, vanilla wafer cookies

TEACH

Remind the children that one way we serve in our church is to be an encourager to those around us.

Locate Philippians 4:8 and ask for a volunteer to read the verse. Explain that we should all have a positive, happy attitude that will bring cheer to those around us.

Activity 1: Encouraging Flyer or Poster

- Lead the children to use the concordance to locate several verses that tell us to encourage one another.
- Give the children the supplies and guide them to make flyers that include the following: Bible verses, personal statements from the child describing what she loves about her church, and a short written prayer asking God to show His love to the people of your church.
- Tell the children to look around them when they leave Sunday School and give their flyer to someone as an encouragement to them.

Activity 2: Treats for Preschoolers

- Tell children to wash their hands and remind them not to touch each other, their face, hair or other objects once they begin preparing the food.
- Guide the children to peel the bananas and slice them.
- Instruct the children to make banana sandwiches by placing a slice of banana between two vanilla wafers.
- Place the sandwiches on a paper plate.
- Remind the children of how important they are to the younger people in your church. Say: “Be sure to smile and show kindness to the children as you serve them. Tell them Jesus loves them and so do you. Tell them you are happy that you were able to come and bring them a special treat today.”
- Serve the preschool class at the agreed upon time.

APPLY

Say: “Bad attitudes and complaints can spread throughout a church family very quickly. Part of being a good family member is remembering to speak kindly to and about God’s people. When you smile at others and tell them encouraging things, you are obeying the scripture and showing others that you can serve the Lord with gladness. Happy, positive attitudes spread quickly too!”

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