

WELCOME NOTE

Dear teacher,

All glory and honour be unto our loving Father in heaven. May you be filled with His love and peace as you prepare for the lesson.

Why was this new syllabus written?

1. The main objective of this is so that God's words are written on their hearts.
2. Second objective is that the children can apply what they have learned about the verse in their daily lives.
3. Third reason is so that as they grow up, when they face challenges, they will be able to have an impression of what they have learned and turn to God first.

Here are a few things you should do before you dive into the preparation:

1. Spend time with God. Being connected to the Holy Spirit is important because we are imparting His teachings.
 - a. Pray
 - b. Sing praises
 - c. Read the bible passage reference.

While preparing:

1. Decide the flow of your lesson. You don't have to follow the traditional way of teaching.
 - a. Do the craft first so that you can use it during the Bible story.
 - b. Play the game first so that the kids can understand the lesson from their experience.
 - c. Pick and choose the activities. The stated activities, games and crafts are only suggestions. Feel free to make changes to any part of the lesson plan to suit your teaching style.
2. Download the game or craft template if needed.
3. Regarding the story part, use your preferred method to bring the message across.
 - a. Power Point Slides
 - b. Ready videos from the Internet
 - c. Puppets

- d. Draw while telling the story
- e. Enlarged pictures
- f. Drama
- g. Adding in a song or two

During the lesson, spend time to get to know the children.

1. Use the time while they are doing craft or while waiting for their parents, take a chair and sit by the door and chat with them.
2. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to tell you which child you should approach for that day.
3. Here are some openings that you can use, questions like the following let the child feel noticed, important and cared for.
 - a. "How was your week in school/at home?"
 - b. "I noticed you are wearing.../you brought.../you look.../you have a scar on your..."
 - c. "Just now you told us about...do you want to tell me more?"
 - d. "You were running around/disturbing your friend/looking at something/playing with something. How did you feel?"
4. Pray with the child.

We hope that you will enjoy every bit of teaching these precious little ones. Let us remember that we are obeying Jesus' command to feed His sheep (John 21:15-17). May you be filled with the Holy Spirit and grow closer to the Lord.



Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the Lord.

Overview

Week	1
Bible Passage Reference	Zephaniah 2:1-3& 3:6-20
Topic	Patience
Focus	Introduction
Memory Verse	Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the Lord.

Pre-lesson

1. Opening prayer: Dear Father God, thank you for bringing us safely to CBC today, please help us focus in class and understand your word today so that we can draw closer to you. In Jesus' name, Amen!
2. Short discussion
 - a. Who do you like to spend time with?
 - b. What do you do with this person / these people?
 - c. Do you know how to spend time with God?

Lesson

1. Recite the memory verse with the children.
2. Object lesson:
 - a. Prepare some bread, different spreads (kaya, butter, strawberry, chocolate), butter knife, sprinkles or chocolate rice, cut fruits, gloves, tray and clean up items.
 - b. Choose a volunteer and tell him/her that you want to eat a sandwich.
 - c. There may be two situations:
 - i. The child goes ahead to make the sandwich without asking what type of sandwich you are asking for.
 - ii. The child asks about the sandwich in detail.
 - d. Explain to the children:
 - i. "This child made a sandwich that is not what I want. This makes me unhappy.
 - ii. "This child made sure my sandwich is what I want. This makes me feel pleased."
 - e. Continue by explaining that this is the same as when we seek the Lord in our lives. We can make God happy when we live our lives according to how He wants us to.
3. Why it is important to seek the Lord
 - a. Keep ourselves humble - God is almighty.
 - b. Be obedient to His instructions - do not sin.
 - c. Get blessings from God - enter into the kingdom of God.
4. How to seek the Lord
 - a. Pray everyday - practice listening to God's voice.
 - b. Read the Bible and join CBC - to learn His instructions.
 - c. When you go through difficult times - ask God what He is teaching you now.
5. Recite the memory verse with the children. Encourage them to practice at home.

Game - Hide and Seek

1. This game can be played before the lesson.
2. Hide cards printed with "Why it is important to seek the Lord" and "How to seek the Lord". (Refer to the template)
3. Also hide some empty cards so that every kid gets a card.

Craft - Ways to Spend Time with God Wheel

Materials	1. Printed craft template. 2. Glue 3. Coloured pencils / crayons 4. Split pin 5. Scissors
Before Lesson	1. Print and cut out the two circles. 2. Make a hole in the 'x'
During Lesson	1. Let the children colour the pictures and memory verse. 2. Place Circle A above Circle B then secure with a split pin.

Closing

1. Recite the memory verse with the children. Encourage them to practice at home.
2. Ask the children if they have any prayer requests.
3. Closing prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, thank you that we can learn more about you today, please help us to stay humble, obey your words, pray everyday and always remember to seek you first. In Jesus' name, Amen!

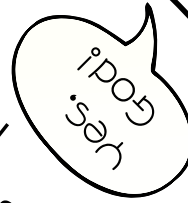
Game items

Keep ourselves humble	because God is almighty.
Be obedient to His instructions	so that we do not sin.
Get blessings from God	to enter into the kingdom of God.
Pray everyday	to practice listening to God's voice.
Read the Bible and join CBC	to learn His instructions.
When you go through difficult times	ask God what He is teaching you now.

Zephaniah 2:3
Seek the Lord.

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