

Children's Worship Lesson – October 4, 2020

Focus Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

Purpose: To celebrate our commitment to live in a diverse community

Preparation

Worship Table – green cloth

Bible

Pictures for story/activity at the end of the lesson

Large buttons and an open container

Moses headpiece

Bread and juice

Lighting the Christ Candle: *We light this candle to remind us that God is always with us*

Prayer

Thank you, God, for our church family

And for all our friends, especially Jesus.

Amen.

Song: Go fish – Ten Commandment Boogie

Introducing the Theme

Place the assorted buttons on the table. Let's look at all the different kinds of buttons that are here.

Spend some time examining the different types of buttons and talking about them.

Why do we use buttons? (doing up cloths, shoes, purses; for joining two things together)

Even though all these buttons are the same, in that they can do the same job, they all look very different. How are they different? (different sizes, shapes, colours)

Now take the container and toss the buttons back into the container.

Exploring the Theme – Bible Story



Just like these buttons, people come in different shapes, sizes, and colours. Show the teaching picture "God Loves Our Differences."

People speak different languages, eat different kinds of foods and wear different clothes. But all people are part of one family - God's family.

The people of Israel had to learn to accept differences as they adjusted to living together in the desert. Moses is going to tell us more about that now.

Moses Deals with Differences

Turn away and put on your Moses headpiece, then turn back around.

Hello again! I'm Moses, and it's nice to be back with you.

Over the last few weeks, I've told you about how I led the people of Israel through the desert. We were like one big family that belonged to God. But like most families, we sometimes argued and disagreed with each other.

One day I went off by myself up the mountain to talk to God about it. While I prayed, God gave me some rules that we could all use – rules that would help us be friends and show our love for one another and our love for God. We didn't have paper like you have, so they were written on clay tablets like this. (Show the "Clay Tablets" teaching picture.)

There were 10 rules to help us be God's loving people. There were rules like, don't lie, don't steal, and respect your parents. We called them the Ten Words; you maybe know them as the Ten Commandments. They helped the people to follow God's way and I didn't have to settle arguments anymore.

Remove your headpiece. You are no longer Moses.

The rules that God gave to the people of Israel in the desert are in our Bible today, for us to follow. They are here, in the book of Exodus.



1. Put God first
2. Worship God only
3. Use God's name with respect
4. Remember God's day
5. Respect your parents
6. Do not hurt other people
7. Be faithful in marriage
8. Do not steal
9. Do not lie
10. Do not be greedy of others

World(wide) Communion Sunday

Today is a special day, called World/Worldwide Communion Sunday.

Show the teaching picture "The Last Supper."

The last supper was Jesus' last meal with his disciples. At this meal, Jesus took bread and wine from the table, held them up and asked his disciples to do something special for him. He knew that he wasn't going to be with his friends much longer, and that they were going to have to carry on his work for him. He asked that when they gathered together, to please share bread and wine with each other, and think of him. Although they would not be able to see him, he would be with them, in a special way.

Today, followers of Jesus all over the world are gathering together to do what Jesus asked. If you have friends or grandparents who go to another church, they will be having communion today too. God's love is connecting all kinds of different people together today.



Activity/Game or Craft – “True and False”

Materials: Paper and pencil

Write down the Ten Commandments and place them face down on the table. Have each child and yourself (if you wish) choose a paper and give a true and false statement for that commandment. For example: Do not lie – you would have the child tell the truth about something and a lie and the other people have to figure out which one is true. Then you could quiz them to see if they remember all ten.

Video Dance: Can't Stop the Feeling – KIDZ BOP on YouTube

Closing Prayer

Thank you, God, for teaching us about the Ten Commandments.

Help us to follow these commandments every day, and remember your love and understanding for us.

Let us leave here remembering what we have learned.

Amen.

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