

John

Trigger

Crumpled Paper

Material

- Paper

Steps

1. Ask the children to draw a person on a sheet. A stick man is enough.
2. Ask the children to say hurtful things to that paper person.
3. Tell them that with each offensive statement, they must crumple a portion of the paper on which that person is drawn until the person is completely in a ball.
4. Now say nice things about this person. With each nice compliment, smooth the paper as best you can.
5. The end result is still a little crumpled. The idea is that hurtful words hurt, even after saying beautiful things. It is a principle to teach all children. You could also demonstrate the concept without giving a paper to each child.



Key Verse

1 John 3:18

Multimedia & Clips

Images

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1. God's Story: John

Object Lesson

Love Attracts Like A Magnet

Material

- Magnets
- Metal items such as coins, nails and paper clips



Steps

1. Show the magnets to the children and do the following object lesson.
 - I have something interesting to show you today: magnets. Who knows what magnets do? (Let the children respond.) yes! Magnets attract objects and in some cases repel them. So where do you use magnets? Yes! On the fridge, in a garage door, in a classroom. These are all places where you would use magnets. I will show you the power of magnets, but before I do, let us read a verse (1 John 3:18).
 - That's interesting! So these magnets are like love! Love attracts people, doesn't it? It's wonderful to be surrounded by people who love you. Let's pretend this magnet represents God. It is filled of love! (Hold the magnet in your hand.) Let's see what it attracts. Put the magnet on top of different objects to see which ones are attracted. Look at this! God's magnetic love attracts all kinds of people, doesn't it? God's love does not only attract people who love him. When we tell people that God loves them it is as if we were a magnet. We draw people to God.
2. Ask the children: "Who wants to be a magnet for God? How can we show them God's love? Maybe share our toys or a snack? Maybe if we tell them we love them?"

Songs

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- God is good
- Won't worry 'bout a thing

The Heart Of The Father

& Prayer

John is known to have the love of God and someone who passionately believed in the importance of loving God and loving others. He has written 5 books of the New Testament and he talks a lot about love in his books. He was called the apostle of love.

It would be nice if we could also be recognized as loving people, like the sons and daughters of the loving Father. Is it easy to always love people? Oh no! We all have people around us who are hard to love because we don't like their actions, because they have hurt us with their words or their gestures, etc. But what does the Father expect from us? He expects us to love everyone. Oh! Not easy, but doable if you



learn to love with the help of the Father. When you don't love someone, it creates discomfort in our hearts and around us. It shows in the way we speak and act. It is not pleasant for us or for others. If there are people in your life that you don't like, and with whom you're in a squabble, you have the opportunity this morning to live in peace again in your heart. Will the situation change in an instant? No, but your attitude and your heart can change in an instant. And the Father will help you find a way to re-establish the broken relationship between you and the person.

The Bible calls us to live in peace with all men. Does that mean that we have to be friends with everyone? No, it means that in our hearts, we have to love people and be at peace with them.

Prayer

"Father, you see what I'm going through right now, you see that there's this person I'm struggling to love and you know why I don't love him. Father, I ask forgiveness for all the evil thoughts I have in my heart towards them and for all the wicked words I have said about them. I'm sorry.

I ask you to give me love for them, show me how to love them with your heart. Thank you because you help me and because you do not abandon me, and because you will give me the wisdom to behave well towards this person from now on. Amen."

Application

Let us ask the Father if there are people we do not like.

Invite the children to find a quiet place in the classroom where they can focus on God and go back to themselves.

Are there people you don't like around you? People you'd never want to see again because they either hurt you or hurt a family member? You have the opportunity this morning to get rid of this anger and hatred towards this person. Make yourself a gift by choosing to forgive and begin to love the person.

Craft

Blessing Jam

Material

- Small empty jars of jam
- Cloth
- Ribbon or raffia
- Labels
- Coloured paper
- Pencils

Steps

1. Distribute a paper to each child.
2. Ask them to write verses or words of blessing, phrases from hymns, nice words:
3. "God loves you," "Nothing can separate us from God's love," "God hears you," "He's alive," etc.
4. Ask them to cut out all these sentences of blessings and wrap them individually.

5. Ask them to put them all in an empty jar.
6. Give 1 label to each child and ask them to write “Blessing Jam,” “Read Without Moderation” or “Eat it with your Family.”
7. Ask them to place a piece of cloth on top of the jar and attach it with a piece of raffia or ribbon.

Optional

- Children can decorate small papers (hole puncher / stickers / felt).

Activity

Find The Wow!

Material

- Paper
- Pencil
- Adhesive tape



Steps

1. Tape a paper onto each child's back.
2. Ask the children to walk around the room with their paper on their back and a pencil in their hand.
3. Ask them to write nice words and qualities on the papers of other children who circulate near them.
4. Also write qualities for each child.
5. At the end of the allotted time, ask the children to take the paper that is glued to their back and read it. They'll be happy.

Attention

- Make sure every child has nice words written on their paper.

Physical Activity

Love Tag

Material

- None

Steps

1. Designate a child as “the LOVE tag.”
2. Ask him to chase the others to try “tagging” one of them by touching him on his hand.
3. If a child is touched, he is simply eliminated.
4. The game ends when all players have been “tagged” by the LOVE tag.
5. The last to be touched may be the one that becomes the “LOVE tag.”

Optional

- You can put a hula hoop in the playground, it'll be the island of Patmos. Children can rest there for 5 seconds without being touched.

Snack

Patmos Island

Material

- Chocolate pudding
- Roasted coconut marshmallow
 - or Granola or puffed rice
- Rolled wafer
- Chocolate-coated almond
- 3 Mint leaves



Steps

1. Place the item on the table.
2. Ask the children to insert a rolled wafer into a chocolate pudding.
3. Then ask them to sprinkle the pudding with puffed rice or granola.
4. Give three mint leaves to the children so they can place them on the rolled wafer.