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Joseph (New)

Trigger

God's Phone Call

Material

- Cell phone

Steps

1. You need an accomplice for this object lesson. Before the lesson, add your partner's phone number to your contacts, but rather than use his name, write "God." So when he calls you during the lesson, the name "God" will appear.
2. At the beginning of the lesson, ask your contact to call you. Show the kids that you have a phone from "God."
3. Tell the children: "It's like God is calling me to tell me what I need to do to be happy, or safe and blessed. Wouldn't you take a phone call from God? The children say yes! Then you should always follow God's commandments."
4. Continue: "That's what Joseph lived. An messenger of God appeared to him to give him instructions as to what he should do. He did it."
5. Read Matthew 1.24 "When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife."
6. Finish by saying that when we obey, we do it immediately, without complaining, joyfully. That's obedience.

Key Verse

Matthew 1:24

Multimedia & Clips

Images

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Clip-YouTube

1. Superbook - Episode 8 - The First Christmas - Full Episode (Official HD Version)
2. The Story of Christmas (Mary and Joseph)
3. God's Story: Christmas

Object Lesson

Obedience Makes Us Free

Material

- 1 dog leash

Steps

1. Tell this story.
    - A farmer had 2 dogs since they were puppies. Both were quite wild and always fled if they left the yard. Both dogs were trained to be useful to the farmer and not harmful. After a few years, one of the two dogs was able to get out of the yard at any time. He helped on the farm and received rewards and praise from the farmer for taking the training so well and not continuing to flee. The second dog had not done very well in training and did not want to obey the farmer. He was still at large and had problems if he left the yard. The second dog lived its existence on a long leash, attached the the yard's fence. He could not be trusted to be left free or to help on the farm. While the first did not need to be tied up, since he had learned to obey.
2. Ask the children, "What dog do you think felt the most freedom?"

Songs

www.youtube.com

- Christmas with a capital C
- My God is so great

The Heart Of The Father

& Prayer

Joseph is a powerful example of obedience. Joseph could have, through his disobedience, destroyed God's plan, the Father for humanity.
We too can by our disobedience destroy the plan of God, the Father, for our lives. One of the things that can prevent us from obeying God is when we think too much.
If Joseph had started to think long and analyze the situation, he might have refused to obey God. You must learn that what God asks of you is for your own good. Do not forget that he is a Father to you and what our fathers ask us is for our good, even if, at times, we do not see it. Obedience is not always easy to do. At

times it is even a sacrifice, but obedience is always better than disobedience. Trust God the Father and obey him and you will see that it will be a blessing for your life. This does not mean that there will be no trials in your life, but remember that the Father is always there to help you. He's a faithful father. Just as he has been faithful to Joseph, he will be faithful to you.

Prayer

"Father, help me to obey! I don't always want to obey you, but help me, I know that with your help I am able to do everything. Help me see that obedience is always better than disobedience, that obedience is always the best thing to do, whether with you or with my parents. Thank you for helping me. Amen."

Craft

Wooden Bookmarks

Material

- Wooden sticks (popsicle sticks)
- Permanent markers (or burning iron if the children are older)

Steps

1. Distribute wooden sticks and permanent markers to the children.
2. Ask them to decorate them to create beautiful bookmarks.
3. Remind them that Joseph was a carpenter. He worked the wood.

Activity

Where Is Jesus?

Material

- Images of Jesus at 12

Steps

1. Print the images of Jesus at 12.
2. Hide them in the room.
3. Ask the children to help you find them.
4. Refer to Joseph and Mary who searched for Jesus after their visit to the temple.

Physical Activity

Attention! Concentration!

Material

- Plastic cups

Steps

1. Place the children 2 by 2 face to face, knees on the ground. Place a plastic cups between the two children.
2. “Head, thighs, knees and cup” are the words you utter.
3. Tell children that when you pronounce your head or thighs or knees, they must touch the corresponding part of their body. Then, when you pronounce cup, they have to pick up the cup as quickly as possible. The first child who picks up the cup is the winner of the round, the other child is eliminated (the one who has not picked up the cup quickly enough) and leaves the game.
4. The game continues between winners until there are only 2 children left.
5. As a picture is worth a thousand words, watch the short video (in french) and you will immediately understand (see clip on website)!

Snack

The Angels Messengers

Material

- Marshmallows (for body and face)
    - Marshmallows with toasted coconut (face) optional
- Chocolate icing (for mouth and eyes)
- Pretzels covered in white chocolate
- Tootsie roll with lemon
- Rice Krispies treats
- Lollipop sticks (lollipops)

Steps

1. Place the items on the table.
2. Ask the children to put 3 white marshmallows on a lollipop stick.
3. Then ask them to glue 2 white chocolate pretzels on the back of the marshmallows using the icing. It’s going to be the wings.
4. Then ask them to use the chocolate icing to make the angel’s eyes and mouth.
5. Finally, microwave a roll of Lemon Tootsie for 7 seconds. Ask the children to shape it into hair with their fingers, wrap it around the angel’s head and fix it with icing.
6. Place your angel on a square made of rice krispies treat.