

Eli

Trigger

Dancing kernels of corn

Material

- Water
- Large jar
- Baking soda
- Corn kernels
- Vinegar

Steps

1. Place two cups of water in a large jar.
2. Add 2 tablespoons of baking soda to the water and mix everything well.
3. Then add corn kernels to the mixture.
4. Then add 1 cup of vinegar. This will overload the mixture, so be prepared to spill some.
5. Then watch the grains dance. The idea here is that Eli let everyone do whatever they wanted without worrying. Just like kernels do what they want.
6. Adding more vinegar may cause the reaction to recur.

Optional

- This experiment can also be done with soda.
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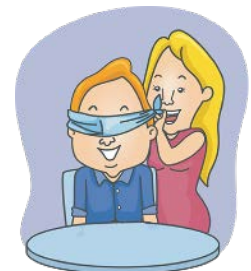
Do you turn a blind eye to certain situations?

Material

- Blindfold to hide eyes

Steps

1. Tell the children about the following situations.
 1. The cashier gives you more change than you were supposed to receive. What do you do?



2. You are at a friend's house and everyone wants to watch a movie that, to your knowledge, would not be appropriate. What do you do?
2. Then when the children answer what they are going to do, ask them if they can support their answer according to God's truth. Our daily choices that are made according to the Word of God help us to be witnesses who reflect God for those around us. Faced with difficult decisions, the Holy Ghost will encourage us to show boldness and confidence in obeying God.
3. Put the blindfold on your eyes and keep talking.
4. Continue and explain that Eli, at the end of his life, did not know how to handle the difficult choices of his life. He closed his eyes. It is as if he pretended not to see the situation of his sons who were not acting well.

Key Verse

Psalm 119:10

Multimedia & Clips

Images

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Clip - YouTube

- Slapstick Theater (Samuel and Eli)
- Eli's Sons Take the Best Meat
- God Speaks to Samuel

Object Lesson

Don't compromise!

Material

- 1 orange
- 1 bowl of water



Steps

1. Take an orange and ask the children what will happen if you put it in a bowl filled with water (sink or float).

2. Put the orange in the water and see that it floats.
3. Take the orange and write moral standards on it: tell the truth, obey the rules, etc. Tell the children that now orange is filled with principles that God teaches us to follow.
4. Peel the orange: all the principles inscribed on it will disappear.
5. Ask the group again if the orange will sink or float.
6. Put the peeled orange in the water and see that it is floating.
7. Discuss with children that when you start not caring about God's principles, remove them like a peel, start making compromises, be nonchalant, turn a blind eye to situations that are not in accord with God, that's where you start to sink. God's principles and directives may sometimes seem to us to be prohibitions, but in fact they protect us like a life jacket.

Filled With The Power Of God

Material

- 1 cup (cup of tea)
- 1 bucket
- Water
- Dark coloured liquid (like cola)



Steps

Part One

1. Fill a bucket with water.
2. Pour water from the bucket into the cup of tea. Explain that God is like the bucket and that we are like the cup of tea. We can never fully understand God, but we should spend our lives trying to be as full of him as possible.

Part Two

1. Empty the cup of tea and refill the bucket with water.
2. Fill the cup of tea halfway with the cola.
3. Repeat that God is like the bucket and us like the cup of tea. We must be filled with God's wisdom, love and power. However, to do this, we must empty ourselves.



4. Pour water from the bucket into the cup of tea and show how the water mixes with the cola. Explain that God cannot fill us with blessings, power, love if we are already filled. First, we have to empty ourselves.
5. Pour more water from the bucket into the cup of tea until all the cola is gone.
6. Elisha, wanted to see the power of God and he did not hesitate to let him completely fill his life.

Songs

YouTube

- He is the light
- 'Tis So Sweet

The Heart Of The Father

Prayer

Eli learns that his sons behave badly, they disobeyed the commandments that God had given them. Eli must have been heartbroken to see his boys do this. He was an righteous man and a man who sought to please God.

God too was heartbroken at the behaviour of his boys, because He loved them. HE is a Father for us and fathers want the best for their children. The rules that our parents give us are not there to crush us and interfere with our freedom, they are there to help us grow and be happy.

Is it always easy to follow the rules? No ! Even adults sometimes have difficulty obeying.

Here's a little trick to help you obey: keep your heart close to the heart of the Father. When we are close to His heart, it is much easier to respect the rules because He helps us.

How to approach the heart of the Father?

- Take time to talk to HIM. The best way to get to know someone is to spend time with them and talk to them. It is the same with God the Father. The more you talk to Him the more you will get to know Him. Tell Him about what you are going through, tell Him about your days, tell Him about your sorrows, your joys, your disappointments, what makes you angry, etc. Pay attention to His voice and learn to recognize His sweet voice, the one that reassures us and does us good.



- Read the Bible. By reading it, we learn to know Him too, so it is important to read it. It is a guide for your life and a good way to see how the Father is good, powerful, filled with love, etc.

Never forget that when you make mistakes, you will disobey His commandments, but He will forgive you.

Come closer to Him, to His heart and let Him love you. You will find it much easier to obey His commands with a heart filled with His love.

Prayer

“Father, I want to draw near to You, I want to know You more and more, to walk in Your ways and walk on the right path. Teach me to know You. May your sweet presence invade my heart and fill me. I love you. amen »

Application

1. Make a list with the children of the rules that they find difficult to follow.
2. Then, discuss with them the importance of certain regulations and help them to see its regulations differently.

Prayer

Eli was a man who truly loved God, but he made a bad choice by turning a blind eye to the bad behavior of his children surely because he did not want to displease them.

Let's think about our lives for a few moments. We are all exposed at some point to people who are doing evil around us. How do we react? Do we choose to do what they do? For example, a friend makes a bad move and asks you to lie with him to cover up his bad deed. What are you going to do? Are you going to lie with him? Are you going to choose to tell the truth? Are you going to tell him he shouldn't lie? The more you love God the Father, the more you get to know him and the easier it becomes to make the right decision. When you're going to go through this kind of situation, before you act, take the time to retire for a few minutes and ask your heavenly daddy what he thinks and how you should act. Take the time to think carefully before you let yourself be influenced by others.

Prayer

“Father, I love you and I want to love you all my life, help me to see the temptations that are before me that could take me away from you. Help me stand for the truth and stand up against sin. Amen.”

Application

Take the time to talk to the children, ask them this question: “Have you ever had to make a choice between doing wrong or not like Eli's children?”

Ask them how they acted and if they did wrong how they could have done otherwise.

Craft

Find Eli's Work tools

Material

- Game finds Eli's work tools (attachment)

Steps

1. Distribute a sheet of each game to each child.
2. Tell them to color Eli's work tools.



Activity

Optical illusions

Material

- Slideshow of optical illusions (ppt illusion)

Steps

1. Introduce children to the optical illusions slideshow.
2. Tell the children that sometimes we, like Eli, don't want to see certain situations. But when you pay attention, you can see well and you can't ignore what you see or feel. As in optical illusions, we may decide not to see and not to push our attention any further. But if, on the contrary, we want to see, then we see something other than at first glance.

Physical Activity

Near - Away

Material

- Image that represents God

Steps

1. A child walks out of the room or walks away while other players hide an image that represents God.



2. Ask the child to come back to the group and tell them that they need to find the image.
3. Depending on whether it moves away or nears the hideout, the other players shout “near” or “Away” until the player finds the object.

Optional

- Instead of guiding the search with words, the players all clap their hands, more or less loud, more or less fast, at a given pace, depending on whether the child researcher approaches or moves away from the hidden object.
- You can also choose a song that is very well known to children and that you also sing as you do: fast and strong, or slowly and slowly.

Snack

Priest's Pectoral

Material

- Grapes
- Graham cookies (large shortbread)
- Cream (butter cream or Nutella)



Steps

1. Prepare the first part of the snack in advance.
2. Cut the grapes in half.
3. Put cream on each Graham cookie. Give one to each child.
4. Let the children put twelve cut grapes on the cream.

Skyler's Zoo

YouTube

Skyler and the Pangolin