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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about you guys. We're going to talk about kids like you! Have you ever felt that being a kid stinks? You can't drive yourself to McDonald's, you have to do homework, and you have to go to bed early. Well, in this lesson, we're going to learn that it's great to be a kid. In fact, Jesus made a point to say how important kids are to him. One day, Jesus was walking around talking to people when some parents showed up with their kids. They wanted Jesus to pray for them. The disciples tried to push the parents away saying that Jesus didn't have time for kids. Jesus heard what was happening and told his disciples to stop. Jesus said that kids are great and that he likes their attitude better than adults. Wow! Jesus was saying kids are important, not just adults. And, Jesus was praising the attitude of kids as being better than that of adults. Here's what that means. Jesus was saying that kids don't think they have it all figured out. They know they need help and guidance. Adults sometimes think that they're smart enough to do things on their own. Jesus doesn't like that attitude. So kids, be glad to be a kid and know that Jesus loves you and thinks you're very important!

Big Idea

Jesus thinks that kids are SUPER important

Key Question

What is the attitude Jesus likes?

Memory Verse

Mark 10:14b "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children"

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Share a time you felt ignored. How did that feel? Share a time you felt important? How did that feel?** (Tip: Feeling ignored is the worst. We like to feel important and Jesus thinks you are super important!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **A humble heart that knows we can't do it on our own.** (Kids get that they need help. You can't drive or go to work to make money so you depend on adults for help. So, when it comes to faith, you get that you need Jesus to help you. But, adults can be know it all who don't think they need help. So, it's harder for them to accept that they need Jesus' help.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Describe what you like and don't like about being a kid? What is the right attitude to have toward Jesus? **4-5th** What do you think about know it alls? Why doesn't Jesus like that attitude?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Ephesians 2:8-9. What gift did Jesus give us? Why can't we brag about ourselves?** (Answer: Jesus' forgiveness is free. It's a gift and we can't do anything to earn it. He died for us because he loves us. That means we can't brag about all the good stuff we do because those things can't save us. Only God can.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: JESUS LOVES KIDS CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a piece of paper. Have them draw a big heart on their paper and then have them cut it out. Have them color and decorate their heart.
- Then, give them the Heart Template (page 5) and have them cut out each item. Have them color the picture.
- Then have them glue each item onto the heart.
- As they work, read the story from Mark 10:13-16. Remind the kids that Jesus loves kids and thinks they are super important. And, Jesus likes the attitude of kids who are humble enough to know that they need help and aren't know it all.

Supplies needed: Paper, Pencils, Scissors, Heart template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Glue

OPTION 2: HIT THE TARGET MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Before playing, tape two lines on the floor next to each other. Place buckets at equal distances from the taped lines.(place it closer for younger ages and further for older. Make it somewhat challenging to hit the target)
- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bean bag and a set of Memory verse words (page 6-7). Have them place the words on the floor next to the line.
- Have the teams line up single file behind each line. When you say, "Go!", have the first kid in line try to get the bean bag in their bucket. If they do, they get to grab a word and tape it up on the whiteboard. If they miss, the next kid in line goes. Continue playing until a team has successfully gotten all their words up on the whiteboard and in the right order to say the memory verse. First to do it, wins.

Supplies needed: Tape, 2 Buckets, Memory verse words (pg. 6-7, pre cut, 2 sets per class), 2 Bean Bags

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LIFE OF JESUS

What Jesus Thinks About Kids

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Sometimes people think kids aren't that important, but Jesus had something else to say about that.

Key Points:

- Some people think kids aren't important to _____.
- Jesus thinks kids are _____ important.
- Jesus taught that everyone has to be like a _____ to really know _____.

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Share a time you felt ignored. How did that feel? Share a time you felt important? How did that feel?*
3. *Why did the disciples get mad? What was Jesus' response?*
4. *Why do you think Jesus likes the attitude of a kid better than an adult?*
5. *Read Ephesians 2:8-9. What gift did Jesus give us? Why can't we brag about ourselves?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.

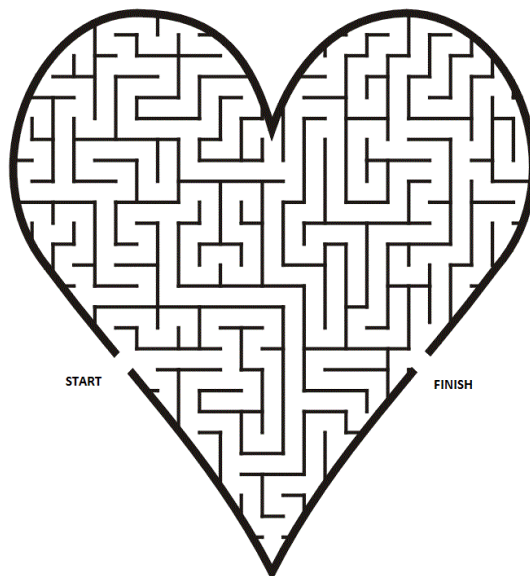


Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

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