

Lesson 44

-Achan's Sin-

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2-5 Years:

Opening Prayer to welcome the start of the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together again today. Please help us to learn about you. Help us also to do the things you want us to do and follow in your footsteps. Amen.”

Activity:

As the children come in, have them place one thing that belongs to them in a box. It could be a necklace, shoe, sock, hair bow, etc. After everyone has put something in the box, have them tell the rest of the class what they put in the box and why that item is important to them. Put the box up on a counter or somewhere out of the way.

Activity:

Have the children help you build a big tent using big blankets and/or sheets, chairs and tables. After the tent is built, sit inside of it with the children and talk about how the Israelites lived in tents.

Bible Story:

Tell the story of Achan's sin from Joshua 7. You can use a children's bible to tell the story or just tell it in such a way that this age group can understand.

Joshua

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Discussion:

Ask the children if it is nice to take things that do not belong to them. Emphasize to them that just like Achan hurt others by what he did, they also would be hurting others if they took things that do not belong to them. Also emphasize that God is always watching us and can see when we do good things and when we do things that are not so nice.

Discussion:

Get the box from the beginning of class back out. Ask the children if they remember putting something in the box. Remind them that each of them has something inside the box. Ask the children how they would feel if you just take the box home with their belongings in it and keep all of those things for yourself. Then you can emphasize to them that God felt the same way when Achan took things that did not belong to him. Return the children's' belongings to them.

Song:

Sing the Achan song to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me"

Achan took a wedge of gold,
Silver and a robe we're told

Buried them inside his tent
About his business then he went.

Jehovah noticed
Jehovah noticed
Jehovah noticed
That Achan stole the gold.

When we steal or disobey,
Lie or fight or fail to pray,
Someone knows just what we do,
where we are, and why, too.

Jehovah noticed
Jehovah noticed
Jehovah noticed
He sees all that we do.



6-8 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together again on this day. Please help us to learn from your words and follow in your ways. Amen.”

Activity:

As the children come in, have them place one thing that belongs to them in a box. It could be a necklace, shoe, sock, hair bow, etc. After everyone has put something in the box, have them tell the rest of the class what they put in the box and why that item is important to them. Put the box up on a counter or somewhere out of the way.

Bible Story:

Tell the story of Achan’s sin from Joshua 7. You can use a children’s bible to tell the story or just tell it in such a way that this age group can understand.

**Discussion:**

Ask the children if taking other people’s things is okay. When they have all agreed that it is not, ask them why it is not okay. Emphasize to them that God sees everything we do, good and bad, and that He would see if we took something that belonged to someone else, just like he saw Achan. Explain that not only do we not want to hurt God, but that we don’t want to hurt people either.

Discussion:

Get the box from the beginning of class back out. Ask the children if they remember putting something in the box. Remind them that each of them has something inside the box. Ask the children how they would feel if you just take the box home with their belongings in it and keep all of those things for yourself. Then you can emphasize to them that God felt the same way when Achan took things that did not belong to him. Return the children’s’ belongings to them.

Activity:

Have the children draw a picture of how they would feel if someone stole one of their toys. Then have them write “Do not steal” on their paper.

Closing Prayer to ask God for help in doing nice things instead of mean things to others. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for being there for us. Please help us to do nice things to others so that we don’t hurt you or them. Keep us safe in your care. Amen.”

9-11 Years:

Opening Prayer to welcome the start of the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together to learn about you. Please help us to follow you and walk in your footsteps. Amen.”

Bible Story:

Have the students take turns reading the story of Achan’s sin from Joshua 7.

**Discussion:**

Ask the students if God will notice all sins or just the big sins. Discuss who our sins affect.

Discussion:

Have a class discussion about how others sins affect you. Talk about how you can help others obey God.

Activity:

Have the students write a television ad about why we should not sin. Then have them perform the commercial.

Closing Prayer to ask God for help obeying. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for leading us in our fellowship. Please help us to obey you. Keep us safe in your name we pray. Amen.”

12-14 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together to worship you. Please help us to gain a better understanding of you and your words. Help us to follow your path. Amen.”

Bible Reading:

Have the students take turns reading the story of Achan’s sin from Joshua 7.

**Discussion:**

Ask the students if God will notice all sins or just the big sins. Discuss who our sins affect.

Discussion:

Have a class discussion about how others sins affect you. Talk about how you can help others obey God.

Activity:

Have the students write a news story about Achan. Have them include in the story the moral: why we should not sin.

Closing Prayer to ask God for help obeying. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for leading us in our fellowship. Please help us to obey you. Keep us safe in your name we pray. Amen.”