



Construction Crew/ Kid Builders!

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“Are You an Ink Blot or a Name?”

Memory Verse: **Be strong in the Lord and the power of his might! Eph 6:10**

Lesson Objective: This lesson is to help children distinguish between just casual Christianity and a real believer’s walk. They will be able to distinguish the difference between just saying they are a Christian and actually being one. They will also understand that it's God who says they are saved by the faith He gives and not just words alone. Children will understand that they must say it *and* believe it; or rather, to walk it.

Requirements for the lesson:

1. An old story book (a simple, short one with lots of names in it).
2. Three bowls of water—one very warm, one lukewarm (right at that goofy temperature that nobody likes and feels like it’s neither hot or cold), and one cold.
3. A blindfold.
4. Some pieces of paper marked “Sin”.
5. Tape.

Object Lessons and Lead-in to the Lesson:

“**Something’s Missing!**” – Take the old book and a black permanent marker and mark out all of the names in the book.

You can use this to illustrate the Book of Life. **Demonstrate** how somebody’s name was supposed to be in this book. In fact, the names were in there once, but now they are gone. Their spaces were reserved just for them, but they are now gone because they refused to believe in and follow Jesus—they were not saved.

Explain salvation, and explain to the children that if we say we believe (and truly do believe), we will live and act as Jesus commanded us to live and act. **Explain** that it is never too late to get saved (or get YOUR NAME in the Book of Life) while they are on this earth. However, once we die, it is too late. Since we do not know when that will happen, we must start living for Him now. Besides, we need to build our reward in heaven by doing His work now, not later.

“Sin Stinks!” – Prepare this ahead of time and place it where the children can see, but not have access to it. Put clear tape on each piece of paper on the side with no writing so that the paper will stick to your shoes when stepped on.

Ask how many children have pets? Let them respond. Ask them how many of them get the backyard clean-up duty. We all know pets leave less than desirable messes behind. Yes, this is a pretty disgusting example, but to God, sin is just as disgusting. Explain that it’s really awful when you go into the backyard and step on your pet’s little land mines. Remind them how hard it is to get the smell off of their shoes. No matter how hard you try, the smell just seems to be there.

Begin walking over the pieces of paper. Explain how sin just doesn’t happen, but that it also “sticks” to our soul. This is just like the way the papers marked “sin” stick to the soles of our shoes. (Show them your feet. They will see lots of papers marked “sin”.) Just like the smell of the doggie land mines, we can’t get rid of sin either. Only Jesus is able to get it off by his blood that he shed on the cross, and that’s why we need to get our souls clean. Otherwise, we’ll never get our name in the Book of Life.

“That Feels Sick!” – Also prepare the three bowls of water, but do this at the last minute just prior to class.

Use the bowls of water to demonstrate the lukewarm condition described in the Book of Revelation. Blindfold a volunteer, then bring in the bowls of water. Have the volunteer put their right hand in the warm bowl. Have them describe how it feels. Then have them put their right hand in the cold one, and then describe it. Lastly, have them put their left hand in the lukewarm water. It should feel uncomfortable, and they should not really be able to tell you a temperature of the water.

Explain: This is why God said in Revelation why He doesn’t like people who say they are a Christian, but do not act as one. You can’t really *tell* they are a Christian. People who say they don’t know Jesus are cold, and they can be made hot (or be saved). People who act as Jesus commanded are hot, and other people are made hot (or led to the Lord) by them. However, those who are lukewarm are useless, because no one can see Jesus in them—they are useless to God. He rejects this kind of person. Ask, “Are you that kind of person today?”

The Lesson:

1. Rally!*

He's A Great God... and greatly to be praised!... Hugh!

*Rally: Let the children echo some praises--the louder, the better! This is their big chance to get loud, so encourage them to do so.

2. Ink blot or a name?

<<<Ask this question, then read this Scripture:

a. Those that don't belong are crossed out.

Re 21:27 Nothing impure will ever enter...[the book of life]..., nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

DO THE OBJECT LESSON: “Something’s Missing!”

b. Sin -

The sticky stuff you get on your soul.

DO THE OBJECT LESSON: “Sin Stinks!”

(1) Imagine a world without sin

Try to describe what a world could be like without sin in it. It would be much like the garden description in Genesis. No sickness, disease, killing, dying, or tragedy. Never too hot, cold, rainy, icy, or dusty. Always perfect.

READ how the new heaven is described in Revelation 21:9-27.

Ask, “Does this sound like a place that you want to live?”

(2) Why did God put sin in the world?

(He didn't) We (His creation) allowed it to come in. God never wanted us to die and go to hell, but Adam and Eve allowed themselves to be deceived by the Devil in the garden of Eden, and let sin come into the world. Likewise, we keep on allowing sin to enter our lives.

(3) How do we get rid of it?

Accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, believe, and keep His commands.

c. Are you lukewarm?

Nothing makes God more disgusted with a person than one who praises him like a good Christian and then lives like the Devil. You're not a saved-good person because YOU say you are, but because God says you are when you go His way.

DO THE OBJECT LESSON: "That Feels Sick!"

4. Call to Salvation: Rom 10:9-10

Explain this passage of scripture.

a. Salvation:

Ask if anyone wants to receive Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord for the first time. Make sure a helper gets down the names of these children so you can talk with them and their parents about their salvation more in-depth at a later time. Try to do this within a few days, while the experience is still fresh.

b. Rededications:

Next, as how many children fell that from talking about this subject today, feel they should rededicate their life to Christ.

c. Sinner's Prayer:

Lead the children to Jesus in a sinner's prayer.

d. You MATTER to God

Explain how each child is important to God.

(1) NO little Christians

Every person is as big and important to God as the next. Don't let anyone say that you can't do certain things in Christ because you're young or small. This is a lie. God can use children just as powerfully as adults. He's used them to lead entire nations and work miracles.

(2) God's counting on you!

God has a special place you everyone in His kingdom. Everyone has something to do for God, but it's up to us to do it—God will not make you do it.

5. Close

Close with prayer.

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