



Construction Crew/ Kid Builders!

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Who You Gonna' Call?

Memory Verse: ...if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.
John 14:14

Lesson Overview: In this lesson, children will learn that Jesus cares about them very much, and wants to answer their prayers. They will come to know that Jesus will ask the Father to “care” for us just for the sincere asking, and that Father God will send the Holy Spirit with the answer.

Requirements for the Lesson:

1. A sledgehammer.
2. An axe.
3. Any other tool that is safe to be in the classroom that is heavy.

Object Lessons and Lead-in to the Lesson: 2 Kings Chapter 6 “The Floating Ax Head”

From this story, you can discuss how God cared enough for the man who lost the borrowed ax head in the water to return it to him.

Lesson:

READ: 2 Kings Chapter 6:1-7

1. God's Power

This is a very interesting story. It certainly isn't something that you see every day. Have you ever seen an axe? As you can see it is quite heavy. *(Show the class the axe. Allow the class to see the sledgehammer or other heavy tools that are safe with close supervision. Be right there with each student, for they probably will not be ready for the heaviness of the tool and could hurt themselves.)* This story tells us that a tool that was this heavy actually floated! It's hard to imagine such a tool floating on thick mud, let alone water.

QUESTION: Do you think that this story is true? *(Take a vote)*

I know that it may be hard to believe, but it is a true story that really did happen.

QUESTION: Here is a question for you. Be careful to think before you answer. Who made the axe head float? *(Ask, "How many say the man of God?" Then ask, "How many say that God made it float?")*

If you said, "God did", then you are absolutely right! Remember that God is the only one that has that kind of power.

a. Why Did God Do It?

QUESTION: Why do you think that God would do such an amazing thing as make an axe head float to the top of the water? *(Allow the class to respond)*

One reason is that an axe such as the one that was lost was very expensive—even more than some men could have paid back for its loss. The man probably would have had to sell himself as a slave to make the money had he not gotten it back. It would have been like your dad wrecking a big dump truck and then having to pay for it. God looks out for his people, and He always makes it right. It might not be this incredible, but He does fix things for us.

This probably wasn't the real reason why God made the axe head float. God just loves everyone who loves Him. He cares about us and loves us, and He always wants to make our lives good.

b. The Man of God

QUESTION: Why do you think the Bible calls the man to through the stick in the water “a man of God”?

- He loved God
- He did what God said
- He believed in God
- He obeyed God’s commands and laws

These are some good answers. God did love him and cared for him.

QUESTION: But why do you think the man of God threw the stick in the water? *(God whispered to him to do it)*

God asks us to do some pretty strange things sometimes, but they are always for good reasons. Sometimes God just wants us to trust Him no matter how strange that it may seem.

2. Caring

This story is about caring.

QUESTION: What is caring?

a. Being Self-less

Sometimes caring is doing things for others and not asking for anything in return.

QUESTION: Have you ever did something for someone, and did not expect to get something in return? *(Ask someone to share, or share an example yourself)*

Sometimes when you give in this way, God will see to it that you receive a blessing. That means that He will give you a reward for doing something for another person. We shouldn’t ever expect God to do this because it spoils the blessing.

b. Others Before Self

Putting another before ourselves is also important. *(Helping someone with their thing rather than doing our own thing)* This is when we do what they want to do instead of always doing what we want to do. That’s called selfishness when we always put ourselves first. Jesus said this is very wrong.

c. Giving

We can care by simply giving. Giving is loving someone enough to do a great thing for them or giving them something that could cost us a lot. Remember that Jesus paid with His life to save us from our sins. That's the highest price that anyone could ever pay. Caring is not so much just giving something that we can afford, but giving something that isn't so easy. It may be something expensive, or something that is important to us.

d. Protecting

Caring can also be protecting someone from harm. If a dog was chasing your friend and you had a big stick to scare the dog with, then you could protect your friend. God really loves it when we protect our little brothers and sisters from danger. That's caring!

e. Forgiving!

There is still one more thing. We must not forget forgiveness!

QUESTION: What is forgiveness? (*Not being mad or angry with someone, even though they have it coming, and making it as if it never happened*)

Forgiveness is an important part of caring. We just cannot care for someone if we are mad at them. Our day is a lot more fun when we aren't mad all the time.

3. Jesus Cares

As Christians, we are always saying that Jesus cares for us and forgives us.

QUESTION: How do we know that?

- a. He answers our prayers.
- b. He protects us. (His hedge of protection, angels, powerful Spirit)
- c. He teaches us.
- d. He shows us.
- e. He just plain said so!
- f. (*The children could give several other equally valid answers*)

It is important for us to always know that Jesus and God always want the very best for us. They understand when things are not going too well in our lives, and they help us—especially when we ask.

4. The Catch

Everything always seems to have a catch these days.

QUESTION: What do you think God wants from us in return for His caring for us?

a. Our Love

He wants us to care for Him and love Him back! That's really not too much to ask for in return. Think about it. How much attention do you give someone who does not love you? Jesus does anything for us if we are sincere. That means if we really, *really* care!

b. To Believe And Have Faith

God wants us to believe and have faith too.

QUESTION: Do you remember what faith is? (*More than just believing; it's knowing that God and His ways are true*)

Remember the story when Peter tried to walk on the water out to where Jesus was standing on the water? Peter started to do it, and then he sank because he lost faith. Still, Jesus reached down and helped Peter up with His hand. Jesus will do the same thing for us. He wants us to have faith, but He doesn't get mad at us if we loose faith a bit. He just helps us get it back.

c. Loving and Caring

Just like we talked earlier, Jesus expects us to love and care for others as much as we would do for our selves. Think about that. Do you care for others more than you do yourself? It's very easy not to care more for others. We must be careful, because we can forget about putting others first before we even know what happened! We must always be careful about this.

4. God Cares For *You* So Much!

God loves us so much that He includes us all in everything He does—each and every one of us! We are each part of His big plan. We just got to care enough to be part of it. God cared so much that He let His one and only Son die on a cross for all the bad stuff that we ever did. He wants to answer all of our prayers. He may not always answer them the way that we want Him to, but He does what is best for us. That is so important. We may not always know what is best for ourselves and others, but He does. Give Him a try.

5. Close

(Ask if there is anyone that needs God to do something for them, their family, relatives, or friends. Allow others to pray for them.)

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