

WALKING WITH GOD

Memory Verse

Micah 6:8

...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Central Thought

I can love God by walking with humbly with Him.

Bible Story

Genesis 12-17 Abraham, God's Friend

OBJECT LESSON

Following the Footprints

Materials: foot prints template, action list (see attached), masking tape, music

1. Pair children together in pairs, linked arm in arm.
2. While music plays, pairs of children move from 1 foot print to the next.
3. When the music stops, children perform action written on the footprint.
4. Children start walking again when the music starts.
5. Repeat several times. OPTION: Speed up/Slow down the pace with different songs.

We can all think of someone we love and enjoy spending time with. Walking together is a great way to learn more about each other. Just like you can get to know a friend when you take walks, you can get to know God when you walk with Him.

GAME

Three-Legged Walk

Materials: obstacles (tables, chairs, boxes, etc.), rope or strips of cloth to tie legs together

1. Pair children up together, standing side by side.
2. Tie left and right leg of each child together.
3. Children walk together through the obstacle course/

When each of you walked together, you leaned on one another. God wants us to walk with Him. Sometimes we will have to lean on Him to help us through obstacles in our life.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

I. Introduction: Walking with a Friend

Illustration:

Walk around the room, arm in arm, with someone (child or adult)

- Someone you like/love
- Spending time together
- Get to know each other (likes/dislikes, etc.)
- Make suggestion to do something. Friend willingly goes along.
- Correct behavior.

II. Walking with God

A. We can do the same things with God that we can with a friend.

1. We walk with God because we love Him.
2. We walk with God because we want to spend time with Him.
 - a. Praying
 - b. Reading the Bible
 - c. Quiet time
 - d. Thinking about Him
 - e. Other ways??
3. We walk with God because we want to get to know Him better.
 - a. Praying
 - b. Reading the Bible (give examples)
 - c. Quiet time
 - d. Thinking about Him
 - e. Other ways??
4. We walk with God when we do what He tells us to do.
 - a. Reading the Bible (give examples)
 - b. Holy Spirit (give examples)
5. We walk with God when we do things His way, and not our own.
 - a. Reading the Bible (give examples)
 - b. Holy Spirit (give examples)

B. Leaning on God

1. Opening Game: Three-Legged Race
 - a. When we walk with God, we can't go anywhere without Him.
 - b. When we walk with God, sometimes we have to lean on Him when there are obstacles in our life.
2. Proverbs 3:5-6 (*MV from Lesson 3 Trusting God*)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path.

 - a. If we love God, we trust Him.
 - b. If we trust Him, we lean on Him to lead us down the right path.
 - c. If we're following Him down the right path, we're walking with Him.

C. God Blesses Us For Walking With Him

1. Abraham

a. Abraham walked with God all his life.

- i. He talked to God.
- ii. He worshipped God.
- iii. He spent time with God.
- iv. He was obedient to Him.

b. God blessed Abraham.

- i. Great name, meaning father of many nations.
- ii. Nations.
- iii. Land, as an everlasting possession.
- iv. Son Isaac.

2. Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him (make Him happy), for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- a. If we love God, we will believe what He says.
- b. If we believe what He says, we have faith in Him.
- c. If we have faith in Him, He is pleased with us.
- d. When He's pleased with us, He will reward (bless) us. (give examples)

III. Practical Application

A. Choose 3 ways you will walk with God this week.

B. Tell someone about how you got blessed for walking with Him.

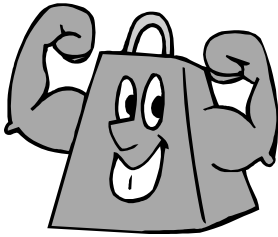
ACTION LIST



JUMP UP AND DOWN



RUN IN PLACE



SHOW MUSCLES



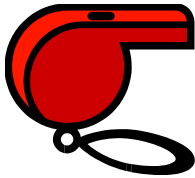
DANCE



PRETEND TO
PLAY INSTRUMENT



SING



WHISLE



PRAY

