

Teachers Tools

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PSR & Youth Events for October

- ✓ October 1st - High School NCYC (Work Camp) Meeting after PSR
- ✓ October 2nd - All Ages Youth Night at Dixie Stampede
- ✓ October 11th - Casino Night Jr. High Fundraiser
- ✓ October 29th - Jr. High Work Camp Meeting after PSR
- ✓ October 31st - Trunk or Treat 6-9pm

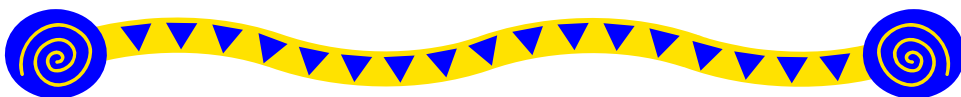
Haystacks

This experience helps young kids build friendships as they celebrate fall. You'll need a large plastic tarp and lots of shredded paper. Spread the tarp in a large open area and form a pile of shredded paper in the center. Let the kids jump in the "haystack" and play in the hay. Talk to them about how God created the seasons, and in the fall. Let kids talk about other fun things they can do in the fall, such as picking apples, carving pumpkins, or raking leaves. *Children's Ministry



Dress Up

Kids love to dress up and use their imaginations to visit faraway places and embark on valiant adventures. So why not engage your kids during Bible lessons by letting them become people from the Bible. Ask parent to come in and put on a skit about your lesson. Kids will LOVE watching their parents or putting on a play themselves. *Children's Ministry



Lean on Me

Have kids try this activity to help them understand the importance of working together. Have them form into pairs and sit on the floor back to back with their arms folded across their chests. On GO have them attempt to stand up together without using their arms. Kids will quickly discover that the task is difficult unless they work together to succeed. Afterward have a talk about what kinds of tasks are easier to accomplish with others. Read aloud Hebrews 10:24-25. Have them come up with ways they can work together to share Jesus' love.

On the Road with Jesus

You will need:

Bibles, Water, a Basin or Large Bowl and a Towel

Dim the lights. Play soft music. You are going to washing each other's feet. It was the act that John described as the "full extent" of Christ's love. Don't treat this moment lightly. Questions to ask your class:

John says that Jesus showed them the full extent of his love. What do you think he did?

Why do you think the washing of feet was such a big deal in Jesus' time?

Why does this show us about the kind of person Jesus is? Why do you think Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet?

Read John 13: 1-17



Bonus Time Box

If your lesson runs a little short here is a great "back up" plan. Keep a Bonus Time Box on hand. This box is filled with age appropriate games, puzzles, books, CD's, crafts, etc. Use this box if you finish your lesson a few minutes early.



Full Contact Spoons

This is a great game! You will need several decks of cards so you can play a traditional game of spoons. (Unfamiliar with spoons? See www.familyfun.go.com/games/indo-or-outdoor-games/game/famfgam_spoons.) The twist is that instead of placing the spoons on the table in front of players, put them in another room completely. They will play until they are exhausted.

Shine your Light - Lesson on John 8:12

We are to be light in the darkness of the world. Even one light can make a difference. Give your lesson on John 8:12 and halfway through your lesson turn off all the lights and finish your lesson in total darkness. When finished give the teenagers each a glow stick and have them break the lights one at a time. The amount of light put out by one light is amazing and after all the lights are broken discuss how we can be the light of Christ to the world around us.