

SPARKS

MAIN POINT: For each child to hear that Jesus is the way and think about what happens when you don't follow the right way.

10:50am Free Play: Some time to play before beginning the main session.

11:15 Tidy Up Time: In order to keep their attention during the crafts and story be sure to tidy away everything so that there are no distractions in the room.

11:20 Story + Snack:

Start by reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Encourage participation!

Either read or watch on the Ipad 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. On Youtube search the title and either of the first videos will work well.

Then ask the children what they would need if they were going on a journey. Try to help them by pre-empting their responses like saying we wouldn't want to get sold so we might need to wear our... (let them shout COATS!) Hopefully you'll come up with a little list: coat, shoes, water, food, phone, teddy bear.

Ask what we'd need if we didn't know how to get to where we're going. Hopefully someone will suggest a map! But you might need to help with this. Let the children look at the maps. How would a map stop you from getting lost? Explain that explorers have compasses that help them know where they are going.

We are looking at a special book in the bible called Hebrews and in this book it tells us that we need to stay on the right road with Jesus and not drift away.

Have you ever gone the wrong way and got lost?

How did it feel? Scary etc. This is why Jesus wants us to stick with him and do life with him so that we don't ever go the wrong way.

11:30 Craft:

COLOURING SHEETS - Map to colour in.

COMPASS CRAFT - Using plates help each child make their own compass with an arrow and bible passage.

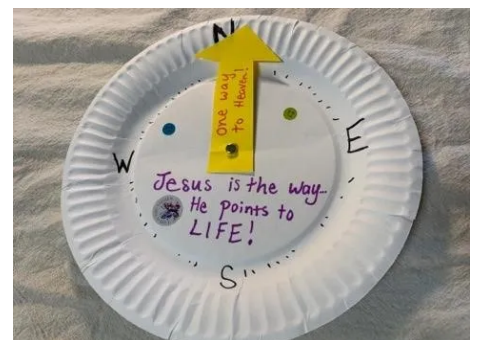
They can add stickers or whatever else they want to make it their own.

11:40 Pray together:

Ask the children if there is anything they would like to pray for or anything they would like to ask God to help with. Then as the leader, say a simple prayer including those things and then get everyone to join in with the AMEN.

11:50 Songs: Use the Ipad to worship God. Feel free to pick whichever songs you'd prefer by searching on YouTube

Some examples: Our God is a great big God/Alive by Hillsong/My Lighthouse by Rend Collective.



16th January 2022 - HEBREWS: Chapter 2+3 - Don't Drift

If ahead of time then free play or play games together like duck duck goose or musical statues using CD player. 12pm Children given their crafts and taken down stairs to the meeting point ready to be picked up.

FLAMES + BLAZE

MAIN POINT: For each child to hear that Jesus is the way and think about what happens when you don't follow the right way.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING: For each child to think about what truth they know about Jesus and what it would mean to turn away from that truth.

**10:50am Play a collective game once all children have arrived.
Something like duck duck goose, bean game, simon says, number ladders, what's the time Mr.Wolf, ZipZapBoing!**

11:00 GROUP TIME

Sit as a group and ask: *How are you doing?*

How was your first week back at school? What is one thing you like about school that you've missed?

(See how everyone is doing and if anyone has anything that they'd like to share with the group)

*Next find out what they remember about Hebrews from last week.
From being able to find it in the bible to remembering that Jesus is higher than everything even the angels!*

→ BLAZE: give out bibles and challenge them to find Hebrews as quickly as they can

→ FLAMES: give out bibles and in teams or as one big group see if you can find it.

11:15 BIBLE + Snack

Explain again that Hebrews is a book that is written for Jesus' followers to help them follow him better. It comes after Jesus has died, risen and gone up to heaven and is to encourage the church that is now forming.

Jesus' followers were really struggling and so this is to help them but also warn them in places to not turn away from Jesus even if it is hard.

Ask the children if they sometimes find it hard to follow Jesus or if they sometimes keep it a secret at school cause it can be hard being a Christian.

Sympathise with them and tell them that it is hard to follow Jesus but it is also amazing because God can give us the best life and also means we never have to be alone as God is always with us.

This brings us to Hebrews chapter 2!!

We won't read ALL of it as it's a little long so whilst you have your snack we will chat a little about it.

In our Bible passage today, the writer of Hebrews (we don't really know who that is) has something very important to tell us and they want us to listen carefully. If the writer was here with us this morning, they might get down on one knee and look us in the eyes to get our attention.

But they aren't here, of course, but through God's Word the writer of Hebrews gets our attention by first giving us a warning.

So let's read the first part of Hebrews 2v1-4

"So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, so that we do not drift away. The teaching that God spoke through angels was shown to be true. And anyone who did not follow it or obey it received the punishment he earned.

how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose."

The most important part is the very first verse!!

They say: We must pay the most careful attention to what we have heard so that we do not drift away." Hebrews 2:1.

What have we heard? What do you know about Jesus? What have you learnt about Jesus in Werbs' Kids? Together or as smaller groups make a poster about Jesus! Write down all the facts they know and then discuss why this is such great news.

11:35 CRAFT

Get creative making compasses

There will be some outlines of compasses that the children can cut out and add the points to, making them into their compasses to remind them not to drift and to stick with Jesus.

They can decorate however they want including sticking on the bible verse on the back. Maybe even adding a handle on the top should they want it.

Split pins will be available so that the needle can move around the compass.

FLAMES: there will be some pre-cut circle shapes for those less able.

11:50 PRAY

Ask the children if there is anything they want to pray for and then say this prayer together.

You may wish to encourage the children to pray out but they may not want to so instead you might want to ask each child if they have something they want to thank God for or something they want God's help with/

If you have time left over play another game together.