

SPARKS

We have Communion so timings may be shorter.

MAIN POINT: For each child to hear how all good gifts come from God above and how he wants to give us those good gifts.

11:00am Free Play: *Some time to play before beginning the main session.*

11:20 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.*

11:25 Story + Snack:

Ask the children about gifts. What is the best thing they've ever been given? What did they get for Christmas or their birthday?

Tell the children that people who love us give us gifts. God loves us so much that he wants to bless us and give us good gifts. The gifts God gives us are beautiful weather or our family and friends.

The bible tells us that God gives us everything we need but also the things we ask for. We learnt a while ago about the story of the man who kept knocking and asking and how God wants us to do the same. Ask the children if they remember. Then tell the children that last week we looked at the Good Samaritan who was a stranger who was super kind. This man gave more than he needed too because he cared. If a stranger can give good gifts then God is even better at giving gifts!

LEARN BIBLE VERSE - James 1v17: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from God who never changes.

You could do actions to help the children remember it or say it in lots of different voices from shouting to whispering to saying it in a silly voice.

11:35 Craft: CLOUD

Using the cloud outlines decorate the cloud with cotton wool as well as sticking the bible verse in the middle.

11:45 Pray together:

Ask the children if there is anyone they would like to pray for?

See if they can name someone they love who they would like to pray for.

But also ask if there is anyone else who they want to pray for, maybe a country who needs God's help?

11:55 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.

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

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11:00am 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!

11:15 GROUP TIME

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

Ask the children what the best thing that has happened this week or something they would like to share.

Tell the children that we are starting a new series called RADICAL GENEROSITY. Ask them what they think this means.

We're starting off by looking at where our good gifts come from.

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The bible tells us that God gives us everything we need but also the things we ask for. We learnt a while ago about the story of the man who kept knocking and asking and how God wants us to do the same. To keep talking to him and asking for what we need but also for what we want.

11:30 BIBLE + Snack

Give out the bibles and see if they can find the book of James. Read chapter 1v16-18. Ask them what this passage says about where good gifts come from.

Then look at Philippians 4:19: And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

And Ephesians 3:20: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us

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11:45 CRAFT: Arrow Bookmark

BLAZE: *There will be some arrows drawn out on some card ready to be cut into*

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bookmarks. Then get them to write out the bible verse onto their bookmark.

FLAMES: *There will be precut arrow bookmarks to decorate and a bible verse to add to their bookmark*

11:55 PRAY

Ask the children if there is anything they'd like to pray for.

Then pray together.