

What's inside?

Puppet skits: Several reproducible puppet skits to choose from to fit your needs. Skits consist of 2-4 puppets each. Every skit focuses on salvation through Jesus Christ, God's love for us, peace through Christ, & how very precious we are to our loving heavenly Father who created us, & created all for us.

Lessons: Along with the skits, there will be a handful of lesson plans. Each Lesson brings the message of Jesus to children & adults alike. Upbeat interactive sermons convey God's love through His word. Each lesson is written so that a person who has never heard of Jesus before can easily understand who He is & what He has done for them.

Leader Tips: Whether you are setting up in a local park or traveling overseas, there is a lot of planning to do. Simplify the process by taking full advantage of the tips & resources included in this book.

Object Lessons: Lessons that contain objects, illustrations, & visual aides to help express the message with a visually dramatic presence.

Great Commission Crafts: Crafts that serve as a witnessing tool! They'll learn more about Jesus while making the craft, & then they'll take what they make with them as not only a reminder of God's love but as a tool to help them tell others about Jesus!

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Skits



The One Way to Heaven

Brooke: (*enters alone*) This is just great. What is the point of me being on time if he is always late? Helloooo? Hel looooo?

Melody: (*enters*) Hello. Are you calling me?

Brooke: No. I was not calling you, Melody. I was calling Joel. He is late. As always.

Melody: Nobody is perfect.

Brooke: Well I'm pretty close, but I'm a rare exception. So, quit wasting time & help me call Joel.

Melody: I didn't mean to waste time. I don't try to waste anything.

Brooke: Sometimes I feel like I am wasting my breath.

Melody: (*sweetly & innocently*) Maybe you shouldn't talk so much. That could help you save your breath.

Joel: (*enters*) I can agree with that! Why don't you quit talking so much, Brooke? Save your breath!

Brooke: Why don't you try being on time.

Joel: I tried it... once.

Melody: We are all here except Chucky.

Chucky: (*enters*) Here I am!

Melody: Chucky! I am so glad you are here. Now we can introduce everybody.

Chucky: Allow me!

Melody: Go for it little bro!

Chucky: This is our big brother Joel.

Joel: The one & only!

Brooke: Thank goodness for that!

Chucky: And that would be our big sister Brooke.

Brooke: I might not be the oldest, but I am definitely the smartest.

Joel: Just ask her, she'll tell ya.

Chucky: This is my big sister Melody. She's just a little bit older than me, but I love Jesus just as much as she does!

Melody: That would be me!

Chucky: And I'm Chucky!

Brooke: Let's quit wasting time & do what we came here to do.

Joel: Speaking of wasting, why are you still wasting your breath?

Brooke: Speaking of breath, why does yours always stink?

Joel: Maybe it's yours. Your breath is closer to your nose than mine is.

Brooke: Joel!

Chucky: Uh oh. Here they go again.

Melody: We are here to tell everybody how to get to heaven.

Joel: When I grow up, I am going to be an astronaut & fly to heaven.

Brooke: Why wait until then? Why not hike a ride to the moon right now?

Chucky: There is only one way to heaven.

Melody: Jesus is the only way to heaven. By accepting Jesus into your heart, you can live with Him in heaven for eternity.

Brooke: Eternity means forever & ever & ever.

Joel: I feel like you have been talking for eternity.

Chucky: To go to heaven, all you have to do is ask Jesus to come into your heart & forgive you of your sins.

Brooke: Sin is the bad stuff that you do or say. Personally, I think Joel's bad

breath should be a sin.

Joel: You're smelling something closer to your nose.

Brooke: I never!

Joel: You never shut up!

Melody: Sin can be unkind words that you say to somebody else like YOUR BROTHER or YOUR SISTER.

Brooke: Sorry Joel.

Joel: Sorry Sis.

Chucky: That's better!

Melody: Just remember, if you want to go to heaven, & you are really sorry for your sins, all you have to do is ask Jesus to forgive you & He will wash all your sins away.

Chucky: Jesus will make you brand new! He not only forgives your sins, He totally forgets them too!

Brooke: I am so exceptionally smart that I never forget anything.

Joel: Yep. She's smart. Just ask her. She'll tell ya.

Melody: We better go before they go at it again.

Chucky: Good idea Sis.

Joel, Brooke, Melody, & Chucky: BYE!!! *(exit)*

Lessons



God's Gift

God loves you more than anything that you could ever imagine. But since God is holy, sin separates us from God. God's holiness means that He is all good, all love, totally pure, with not even a drop of anything bad. God is absolutely perfect. This is why our sin separates us from God. Sin is any bad thing that we have ever done, thought, said, or told somebody else to do. Sin is lying, cheating, hurting others, & disobeying God. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that everybody has sinned, each & every one of us. Me, you, & everyone that ever lived except God's only Son, Jesus. The Bible also tells us in Romans 6:23 That the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life through CHRIST JESUS our Lord. The first part of that verse means that we all deserve to be punished by death & be separated from God forever because of our sins. This is what we deserve, & this is what our punishment should be. We do not deserve to ever go to heaven. But the good news is that God loves us so much that there is a second part to that verse, & we will talk about that later.

Object Lesson:

You Will Need: One big empty box wrapped as a gift (the bigger the better) & one helper.

Leader: The person that is giving the message **Helper:** The person giving the gift

Helper: (*runs up to the leader very excitedly with the gift*) Look! Look! I have something for you. It's a gift! I couldn't wait to give it to you

Leader: Not right now. Can't you see I am busy?

Helper: It will only take a minute to open the gift. Come on, it's incredible!

Leader: I can't, I told you that I am busy. How incredible can it really be?

Helper: It will change your life forever!

Leader: I don't believe it.

Helper: Honestly, it will not only change your life, but it will save your life! Please, open it! I went through so much to give you this gift. More than you'll

ever know. Please take this gift!

Leader: Like I said, I am busy.

Helper: *(Walk away very sad with your head hanging down, looking back a few times- as if you are heartbroken)*

Leader: *(Address the kids with the following sample questions. Be sure to include some of your own! Allow time for response.)*

Sample Questions:

If you knew a gift could change your life, would you open it?

Why would you open the gift?

Do you have any unwrapped gifts at home?

If you worked hard to make somebody a gift & they never unwrapped it, how would that make you feel?



Jesus was God's gift to the world. Jesus was God's gift to you. Remember, Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death, but the GIFT of God is eternal life through CHRIST JESUS our Lord." God has given us the gift of life. God has given you a way to be washed clean of all your sins, & to live forever in heaven with Him. This gift is Jesus. Jesus, God's Son, was nailed to a cross & when he was hanging upon that cross, He took the sins of the world upon Him. Jesus paid the price for the sins of the past, present, & the future. Jesus died for your sins. That was God's gift to you. Now all you have to do to be washed clean of those sins is accept the gift God gave you. All you have to do is accept Jesus to be your Lord & savior & do your best to turn away from sin, & follow God. Jesus is the only way

to heaven. If you do not accept Jesus, it is like leaving a gift that could save your life unwrapped.

Prepare for your altar call. Allow time for the Holy Spirit to come & have His way in your service. Allow ample time for the Spirit to move.

Great Commission

Crafts



Eternity Bracelet



Refer to lesson “Color Me His” on page 30 while working on this project.

Simply string colored beads in the following order:

Black– Our sin

Red – Christ’s blood

White – Washed clean

Blue – Baptism

Green – Growing in God

Gold – Heaven

Once the ends of the bracelet are tied together it will form a circle that never ends. It continues forever just like we will live forever with Jesus for eternity.

You can buy beads & string at almost any craft store or online at www.orientaltrading.com

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