

United Tribes: 9/20/10

I. Transition

Guide holds up clip board with class sign and greets each child in the Sanctuary and then walks them to their classroom

K-1 Room 9

2-3 Youth Room

4-5 West Wing

II. Opening (9:45)

A) Invite the group to get their name tags and sit in a circle on mats or couches. Take role, and check in with the kids. Anything they want to share from their week. Celebrations or concerns.

B) Discussion time (Guide Leads)

- Welcome back. Who remembers our Tribe Name? (Practice Cheer)
- Each United Tribe group gets a special service project where we reach out to the community. Today we have a special guest here to discuss with us one our special service project. Introduce Guest.

III. Guest Teacher Doris Harvey (10:00 am)

Tell the Group:

Each year each United Tribes group will have something special they do for the people of Gainesville. It is something we here at UCG call Outreach.

What do you think Outreach means?

Who are some of the people in Gainesville that may need our help?

In our church we believe it is very important to help others. The last line of our compact states that we will act in Christian concern for the welfare of all people.

What does that mean – Christian concern?

Can you think of a story that Jesus told about helping others (Good Samaritan, Great Commandment)

I come to you from the Board of Outreach and my committee is called Compassion in Action or CIA. In CIA we (Mission Statement).

I come to you from IHN. Who knows what IHN stand for?

In IHN we (Mission Statement).

We need your help. (Explain Welcome Signs and welcome kits and how they help families feel welcome, where they go, and how families use the signs to know where they are staying.). If you have any personal stories about families in IHN, thank you cards, or memorabilia please bring it to share. Kids like personalized stories.

Lead the Group (10:15):

Decorate the Welcome Signs. Have kids sit at the tables and create. They should have the word Welcome on the Sign and some white space to add families names.

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Help the kids assemble the welcome kits.
Give to Guide at end of activity.
Give the Group:
Their beaded IHN key chains so they can remember their special service project.

III. Activity (Guest 10:15 am)

4-5 Make Welcome Signs and Kits

V. Closing circle (Guides 10:40)

Include a short review of the day's discussion and activities. The guide asks each child to nominate someone for an award that shows they were a great part of the group for example, "I nominate Matt for the best listener award". It is okay if every child doesn't get a nomination and if a child doesn't have a nomination they can pass.

IV. Closing prayer. Guides says simple prayer asking for blessings on the time together today.

V. Dismissal

Please have the children line up and walk nicely out to activity time. Children should be dismissed to the playground no earlier than 10:30 and no later than 10:45.

Prayers

For your closing prayer you are welcome to create a prayer based on the activity, ask a child to pray or read a prayer. Some guides read the closing prayer printed in the bulletin each Sunday. Sandy has also provided the following prayers written specifically with UT kids in mind.

O God, you see me and know me
Every step I take, you show me.
Hold me, lead me, guide my way
Through every hour of every day
For all my life, in all I do,
Let me always be with you.
~ Reeve Lindbergh, based on Psalm 139

May the blessing of God's light be upon us,
Light within us, light around us.
May the blessing of the earth be upon us,
the blessings of the rain and the sun and the stars.
And may we always have a kindly word

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to bless all the people we meet each day.
~ *Celtic prayer*

May God bless you and protect you.
May you know God's kindness and grace
And may God grant you peace. Amen.
~ *Hebrew blessing*

O God, we thank you for this morning,
for this time together, for each person here.
Each day this week, help us to remember
to be grateful for all our blessings and
to love our family and our friends
as we want them to love us. Amen.

May the blessing of God go with you.
May God's grace and peace abound.
May God's spirit live within you
And God's love wrap you 'round. Amen.

Bless this good day
And all that it holds
Of joy and surprises
Of laughter and tears
Of kindness and hope!
Bless this good day
And all that it holds. Amen.

I thank you God
for this good day.
Bless my food
and bless my play.
Bless the Earth,

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the morning light,
and all that makes
the world so bright.
Keep me safe and close to you
And kind in all I say and do. Amen.

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