

United Tribes: 9/12/10
K-1 Team Building: Service
Youth Room Upstairs

I. Transition

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

II. Opening (9:45)

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

B) Discussion time (Guide Leads)

- Welcome back.
- Each United Tribe group gets a special service project where we reach out to the community. Who remembers what their group did last year for outreach?
- Today we have a special guest here to discuss with us how we as a church as United tribes can do outreach. Introduce Guest.

III. Guest Teacher Reisa George (10:00 am)

Tell the Group:

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

Ask the Group:

What do you think Outreach means?

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

Tell the Group:

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.

Ask the Group:

What does that mean – Christian concern?

Can you think of a Bible Story about helping others (Good Samaritan, Noah's Ark, Moses, Great Commandment)

Tell the Group:

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

Did you know that kids can do outreach too?

We need your help. (Explain Food for Kids, who the food goes to, why these kids need food. How they will be able to help kids by packing back packs this year. So look for opportunities this year to come with your parents and pack food for kids that need it. If you have any memorabilia that is appropriate to share such as Thank You notes, photos etc. please bring that to share too).

Tell the Group:

Another thing special to the K-1 class is that they always decorate our special Christmas Angels. (Explain Angels and how they help. Who they are for, what is asked for and why, when they go up in the church. If you have any personal stories related to the angels please share these as the kid really like them).

Give the Group:

The little angel pins to remember their team service project and that they too can do outreach. They should pin the pins to their lanyards.

III. Activity (Lead by Guide 10:15 am)

K-1 Decorate Angels. Have the children sit at the tables, create and string. The guide collects the angels at the end of the activity to use on the angel tree. Children are welcome to take home blank angels and return them decorated if they wish.

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. For prayer suggestions see below.

V. Dismissal

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

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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
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

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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,
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.