

Pre-K United Tribes: Lenten Lessons

United tribes will celebrate Lent by studying the life of Jesus and developing some Lenten rituals to remind them that at UCG this is a time of learning, reflection, and loving one another. They will hear the story of the life of Jesus and learn a song to be sung as a prayer for Lent. They will hear Jesus' commandment to love one another and they will make Lenten Gift boards to share their gifts with others weekly. They will hear how Jesus healed a bent over woman and participate in role plays. They will follow the way of the cross through the holy days of Jesus' life and make palm crosses.

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Craft sample
5 Labeled Envelope charts for each child
Cards to draw Lenten Gifts on
Stamps and
Stickers for Decoration.

I. Transition

Katie holds up class flag with class sign and greets each child in the Sanctuary and then walks them to the pre-k classroom. Children will follow you out and leave with their pre-Tribes. Some children will walk out with their parents. Invite the parents to stay and leave when they are ready.

II. Opening (9:45 am)

Teacher greets each child and asks them to find their name tag and sit on the carpet in a circle. Katie takes role.

III. Opening Circle:

- Teacher rings the chime and can pass it around the circle if desired
- Teacher lights the candle and class sings opening song.
- All blow out the candle together
- **IMPORTANT** Ask the kids to share if they were able to use the song prayer this week during Lent. Let the kids that have used the song prayer share how they did it.
- Practice Pre-K Cheer they will perform this in front of congregation next month.

IV. Story Time:

Ask the children what they remember from their lesson last week. They learned some things last week about Lent being a time before easter and the story of the life of Jesus.

Ask the children, "Do you remember what the name was for the people that Jesus kept close to him, the people who helped him?" (Disciples).

Tell the children, "A group of men and women traveled with Jesus. He chose twelve friends called disciples, to help him teach his ideas to others.

Ask the children, "What are some of the things Jesus did with his Disciples?" (taught people to forgive, cured people who were ill).

Tell the children, "Jesus was at the Passover Supper with his Disciples and he knew he was going to die, he gave his Disciples one commandment."

Ask the children, "What do you think his commandment was?"

Tell them, "You can find it in a

Bible John 13: 34-35

Read the commandment aloud.

"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another".

V. Song Time:

Review the song Jesus Loves Me

VI. Activity

VII. Activity by Guest Teacher (10:10 am)

Make an Envelope Chart

Using the sample as a guide.

Give each child a row of Envelopes with Labels attached

Each envelope gets one card with a picture of the gift the child will give during that week. Helpers please write what the gift is after the child draws a picture of the gift.

Examples of Lenten Gifts:

Hug my mother.

Say please when I ask for snacks.

Share my Ball.

Draw a picture for my friend.

Take cookies to my neighbor.

Help mom set the table.

Thank my teacher.

Send a photo to my grandmother.

Play with my brother.

After the children have drawn reminders of what gifts they will give they can decorate the envelopes with the stamps and stickers.

Instruct the children that they are to share one of their gifts each week and that we will check in with each other the next time United Tribes meets to see how they are doing with sharing their Lenten gifts.

VIII. Closing Circle:

Cue the kids on how to say a prayer. Sit quiet, close eyes, fold arms.

Sing "Spirit of a Living God" song

Say a short prayer of thanks to God for letting us be together to learn and play.

Include a short review of the day's discussion and activities.

Depending on the time and mood, the teacher can ask what each child's favorite part of the story was. "May the love in my heart pass from my hand to your hand."

Children should be dismissed to the playground no earlier than 10:30 and no later than 10:45. Set a table up next to the check out clip board to ensure each child takes home their Lenten Gifts Chart.

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