

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.

Supplies: (Heidi will provide all supplies and they will be waiting for you in your room).

Pictures with story on back.
Copy of song from Hymnal.
Scratch art crosses, ribbon, scratch tools.

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
- Practice Pre-K Cheer they will perform this in front of congregation next month.

IV. Story Time:

Read the life of Jesus story provided. Story is written on the backs of the pictures.

V. Song Time:

Teach the children the song, "Spirit of a Living God".
Words:

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Author: Daniel Iverson

Add in hand motions where children raise hands each time they say “Spirit of a living God” and hold hands on heart for rest of song.

Examples of the song:

<http://www.viadecristo.lv/eng/dievagars1.html>

<http://my.homewithgod.com/heavenlymidis2/spirit.html>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRlyMax9HIU&feature=related>

Tell the children that everyone here at UCG will be singing this song during Lent.

Ask the children if they know what Lent is.

Tell the children Lent is the time from now until Easter.

Encourage the children to sing the prayer each night before they go to bed.

Tell the children that their teacher will ask next week and see who has remembered to say the prayer each night.

VI. Activity

Help the children create scratch art crosses.

Encourage them to hang them in their room to help them remember to sing their prayer each night during Lent.

VII. Closing Circle:

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

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.”

Sing “Spirit of a Living God” song

Or Sing “Jesus Loves Me” song

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 art reminder to do the prayer during lent.

Lesson created from 2010 UCG Children's Lenten Brainstorming Team composed of Vince Amlin, Tracy Bachman, Larry Reimer, Sandy Reimer, and Heidi Stein Story pictures and words adapted from the books:
Meet Jesus The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher written by Lynn Tuttle Gunney
And The Light of the World The Life of Jesus for Children written by Katherine Paterson and Illustrated by Francois Roca.