

Plan for year N1 lesson 18.

The aims of this lesson are

- a) to consider how to show that we love God
- b) to introduce the idea of sacrifice.

The objectives are that, *after fully participating in both the lesson and the homework*, the student should be able to:

- a) say nice things about people
- b) recite part of a prayer from memory
- c) understand that a bean or seed is sacrificed to produce a plant.

materials: beans, blotting paper, transparent plastic cups ; “Stories for children” with picture; plain paper & crayons; worksheet.

1. Introduction. Game: Music Man. [a song, but with actions & responses to release exuberance of some students and encourage shy students.]
(Teacher) I am the music man, I come from down your way, and I can play
(students) What can you play? (teacher) I play piano.
(all, hands pretend to play) pia-pia-piano, piano, piano, pia-pia-piano, pia-piano.
REPEAT with different instruments as appropriate,
e.g. boom, boom, big bass drum, [repeated 4 times, 4th boom,boom double speed]

Next 3 items sitting on the floor in a circle.

2. News.
3. Mark homework.
4. Virtue (discuss). Revise Truthfulness.
5. Virtue (role play).
6. Revision of previous lesson.
7. Playtime.
8. New Topic introduction. [*sitting in a circle.*]
Discuss ways to show that we love God.
e.g. praying, do nice things, say nice things about others.
Each person to say a nice thing about the person next to them; teacher could start and then go round circle, who had nice things said about them has the next turn at saying something.
9. Writings for New Topic.

O SON OF BEING!

Love Me, that I may love thee.

If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee.

Know this, O servant.

10. Story. [Stories for children #7.]

God made a little seed. The wind blew it high above the trees and down into a meadow full of grass. The spring rain fell to soften the soil and the sun shone down to warm the earth. The little seed began to grow. First, a slender stem which waved in the wind, then tiny green leaves like fairy wings. It grew until it was taller than the grass and then one day, at the beginning of summer, it opened its beautiful pale pink petals to sway and dance in the sunlit air. The little seed had grown into a flower.

God put a little seed of love in our hearts. When we help each other, the love begins to grow. When we say nice things, the love grows even greater. When we pray to God, that little seed of love fills our hearts with happiness.

11. Art re New Topic.

Draw different coloured flowers, or use stick-on shapes to make flowers.

12. Playtime.

13. New Topic (continued).

We can show that we love God by a sacrifice. This could mean that there is something that we like, and would rather keep, but we give it to someone else who perhaps needs it more than us.

Show some beans. From one of these beans, a plant could grow. But in order to grow, the plant uses up what is inside the bean. So the bean is sacrificed for the plant. We will see what happens if we keep a bean wet and let it have sunlight.

Give each student a transparent plastic cup, and a piece of blotting paper that will form a cylinder inside the cup. Then give a bean to put between the paper and the cup. The paper is then made very wet, but surplus water poured out of the cup. The paper near the bean is pushed firmly against the cup to hold the bean in place.

14. Prayers/Writings. (more next 2 years.) [in worksheet for learning]

“Is there any Remover of difficulties save God? ...”

15. Discussion.

16. Music. Listen to some nice orchestral music this week.

17. Playtime.

18. worksheet.

19. Revision of this lesson.

20. Set Homework.

Take bean in cup home, keep paper wet, keep cup on a windowsill where it will get sunlight. Look each day to see what is happening and report back next lesson.