



Summer Science

Day 3

Bible Point: How God forgives, we celebrate!
Bible Verse: Jonah prayed, "Help me, God! I'm Sorry!"

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Bible Point: What God Forgives, We Celebrate!

Set up:

- Create your space as a lab
- Table outside

Materials:

- Spark Story Bible pg 150

Welcome:

Say: During our large group opening, we learned the story about Jonah and the Big Fish. Ask: Who has been fishing before? What size fish was it? Was it big enough for you to sit in its stomach for 3 days? God asked Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to tell the people to repent to God. But Jonah didn't listen, and what happened?

Read the Bible story together from the Spark Story Bible found on page 150, Jonah and the Big Fish.

Ask: What happened to Jonah while he was in the whale? Did he seek forgiveness for not listening to God? Do you sometimes need to ask forgiveness?

Say: It is hard sometimes to forgive people when they have done something wrong to us. But we can be like Jonah, and we can say we are sorry when we need to forgive or be forgiven. God forgave Jonah when he said "Sorry!" and God forgave the people of Nineveh. God will forgive us, too.

Bible Point:

Leader: What God forgives,

Everyone: We celebrate!

Experiment: Jonah and the Whale catch game

Say: Today we are going to make a Jonah and the Whale toss and catch game. The game reminds us of forgiveness; it's catching! We can forgive each other over and over again!

Supplies

- Blue Cup

- Googly eyes
- Glue Dots
- Whale Tale
- String
- Balloon filled with flour
- Sharpie

Prep in advance: (In advance poke a hole in the bottom of the blue Solo cup. Cut a string to length. The string should be about a yard long. Thread the string through the hole and tie it to itself on the other side of the cup. Basically, you will have a string wrapped and tied around one edge of the cup. Also have the balloons pre filled with flour)

Here is what to do:

1. With a sharpie, write the child's name on the cup.
2. Give each child a tale piece. Have them fold the bottom of the tail so that it can be glued to the cup.
3. Using glue dots, attach the eyes and tail.
4. Give each child a balloon that has been filled with flour.
5. Have them draw a person on the balloon with a Sharpie.
6. Tie your Jonah balloon to the end of the string.

Let the kids play with their Jonah and the whale toss game. See how many times they can catch Jonah!

Pray: Ask kids what they want to pray for, especially concerning forgiveness {what mistakes were made, fights with siblings or parents, not getting along with friends}.

Sample prayer:

Dear God,

Today we pray for [fill in the blank with kid answers].

We ask you to heal the world.

Amen.