

The Candy Corn Devotion

Lesson

Show your kids a candy corn. Ask them how many colors do they see on the candy corn? (3) Ask them how many candy corns do they see? (1) Tell them that just like the candy corn has 3 parts in I candy, the Bible tells us about the Trinity - 3 persons in I God. The 3 persons in the Trinity are God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit (our helper).

Activity

Print this FREE Printable and have your kids color the 3 different parts of the candy corn with the correct colored crayons or markers. Read the poem together.

Bible Verse

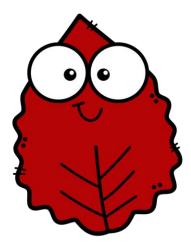
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

Just for Fun

Candy Corn Race: Have everyone race to see how many candy corns they can stand up in one minute.

Candy Corn Drop: Kneel on a chair and drop candy corn into a jar. See how many you can get in! For older kids, try using a 2-liter bottle to make it a bit more challenging!





The Falling Leaf Devotion

Lesson

Leaves fall from the trees during the season of autumn. As a leaf falls to the ground, let it be a reminder of how the Bible tells us to fall to our knees in worship at the name of Jesus. As a group, try to think of examples from the Bible of people who fell to their knees in worship and prayer.

Activity

Get a leaf from outside or cut one out of colorful paper and write the name Jesus across the middle of the leaf. Hold it up. Whenever you drop it to the ground, whoever the leaf falls closest to gets to fall to their knees and say a prayer.

Go outside and collect some leaves. Place under pieces of white paper. Rub with different fall-colored crayons to see the leaf prints come through. Write *"Fall" in love with Jesus* on the paper. Hang on the fridge or send to someone in the mail.

Bible Verse

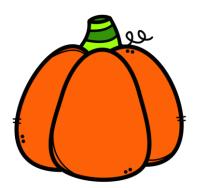
"When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone will kneel down to worship him. Everyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth will kneel down to worship him." Philippians 2:10

Just for Fun

Have everyone take turns pretending to fall to the ground like a leaf.

Make Leaf People.





The Pumpkin Devotion

Lesson

Do you know how a pumpkin grows? First, it starts as a tiny seed in the ground. Then it becomes a sprout. The sprout then turns into a vine. A flower begins to grow on the vine. The flower turns into a pumpkin. As long as the pumpkin is attached to the vine, it will grow and be strong. Once the pumpkin is removed from the vine, it won't grow anymore. Jesus tells us that He is like the vine and we are like the branches attached to the vine. When we stay attached to Him, we will grow and bear beautiful fruit. Fruit like the Fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we try to live without Jesus, we will not bear any fruit. Staying connected to the Vine is God's best for us!

Activity

Draw a green vine on a piece of paper and write the name Jesus above the vine. Give everyone a cutout orange pumpkin with their name on it. Place a piece of tape on the back of the pumpkin. Blindfold the kids and have them try to put their pumpkins on the vine.

Bible Verse

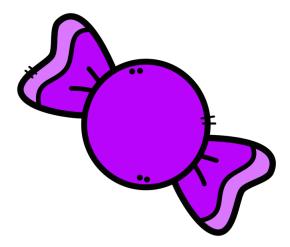
"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I remain in him, then he produces much fruit. But without me he can do nothing." John 15:5

Just for Fun

Play Roll a Pumpkin Game with your kids by clicking HERE.

Play Race to the Pumpkin Patch Game (or you could call it "Get Back to the Vine Game") by clicking HERE.





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Explain that you are going to give everyone a small piece of candy. Note everyone's excitement. Give everyone a small piece of Halloween candy. Have everyone unwrap it and eat it together. Ask them how it tastes. The goal is to focus on the word "sweet". Hold up a Bible. Tell everyone that in Psalm 119, the writer says that God's Word is so sweet - sweeter than honey (which was like candy to people in the Bible times). Just like we love to get excited about, eat candy, and crave its sweetness, we can desire God's Word. Then as we read God's Word, we can enjoy the goodness and sweetness of His promises for us!

Activity

Print out THESE FREE Halloween Candy Labels, cut out, and add them to small candies with tape. Or write Psalm 119:103 on Post-It notes and tape around candy bars. Hand out to Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween night or pass out to neighbors and friends during the month of October.

Read your favorite Bible verses out loud. After each verse read, have everyone say, "That promise was so sweet!"

Bible Verse

"Your promises are so sweet to me. They are like honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119:103

Just for Fun

Take THIS Candy Quiz with your family and see who knows their candy slogans the best!





The Scarecrow Devotion

Lesson

Ask your kids what they know about scarecrows. A scarecrow is dressed in old clothes and a hat. It is made to look like a person to scare birds, mainly crows, away from crops. A farmer puts a scarecrow in his field after he plants seeds in hopes that the crows won't eat up all of the seeds he just planted. Just as scarecrows protect the crops - God protects us. He can scare away anything that bothers us. God is our protector.

Activity

Ask your kids to share what makes them feel afraid (the dark, bugs, being alone, etc.). Write those fears on small pieces of paper. Put the papers in the center of the table. Have one child choose a paper and hold it while pretending to be a crow, cawing and flying toward another child acting like a scarecrow, standing with his/her arms out to each side. Have the person who is the scarecrow say Psalm 118:6 when the crow comes near. When the verse has been said, the crow will fly away. Repeat for all of the different fears.

Bible Verse

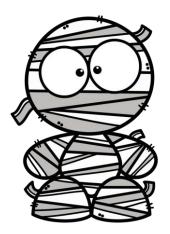
"I will not be afraid because the Lord is with me!" Psalm 118:6

Just for Fun

Try one of these fun and easy scarecrow ideas.

- See how many words you can make with the word Scarecrow in one minute.
- Make a scarecrow using snack items. Click HERE for instructions.
- Make THESE cute scarecrow oatmeal pies to give to neighbors.
- Or try one of THESE fun scarecrow party games.





The Mummy Devotion

Lesson

There is a story in the Bible (John II:I-45) about a man named Lazarus who was a friend of Jesus. He became very sick and his sisters sent messages to Jesus to hurry and come to their house so that He could heal their brother. Lazarus died before Jesus got to their house. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. In the Bible times, dead bodies were wrapped with strips of cloth and placed in tombs with large stones in front. Jesus told Lazarus' sisters to have the stone rolled away from the tomb. Everyone was surprised and said that Lazarus had been dead for 4 days and it would smell very bad. Jesus said to believe and see the glory of God. The stone on the tomb was rolled away. Jesus prayed and then said, "Lazarus, come forth!" Lazarus walked out of the tomb - alive! Sometimes we might think the Lord is late on answering our prayers or needs, but it is never too late for a miracle! He has a good and perfect plan. His timing is always best.

Activity

Wrap your child in toilet paper like a mummy. Say "Lazarus come forth!" and have your child try to break out of the toilet paper.

Bible Verse

"Then Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"" John 11:40 $\,$

Just for Fun

Make "Lazarus Dogs" for dinner. Click HERE for the recipe!

Make simple Lazarus mummies from toilet paper rolls. Click HERE for instructions.

