

Theme: Grow in God

Goal: For the kids to grow to the next step in their Christian lives

Weekly Preaching Themes:

1. Planting (salvation)
 2. Pruning (getting bad stuff out)
 3. Watering (putting good stuff in)
 4. Harvesting (eternal rewards)
- (If there's 5 Sundays, we do a "Reproducing/Witnessing" lesson after week 3)

Story Time:

(used Betty Lukens flannelgraph)

1. Ruth 1 (Ruth stays with Naomi)
2. Ruth 2 (Ruth's life changes)
3. Ruth 3 (Boaz helps Ruth)
4. Ruth 4 (They all live happily ever after)

Songs:

Yes, I Can! (theme song)
Ask, Seek, Knock
Christ Paid a Debt
Heaven Came Down
Love Like an Ocean
Nothing But the Blood
Seek Ye First
Sunday-Go-To-Meeting
Watch What You Watch
Whiter Than Snow
Wordless Book

Memory Verse:

Psalm 1:3 (See below)

Method of Teaching: Had costumes to represent each phrase of the verse.

Chose kids to wear those costumes as we all said the verse (see the picture)

- "And he shall be like a tree" - brown fabric tree trunk with a leafy headdress
- "planted by the rivers of water," - a blue plastic tablecloth with a hole cut for the head, and some plastic reeds.
- "that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;" - brown fabric tree trunk, and a leafy headdress covered in plastic fruit
- "his leaf also shall not wither;" A giant cardboard leaf covered in green plastic tablecloth, and an inflatable sun
- "and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." - A big basket overflowing with plastic fruit.

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Offering:

How Does Your Garden Grow? Had two empty “gardens” (made of brown paper) on a bulletin board, one for boys, one for girls. For every dollar brought in, teams would get 1 paper flower in their garden. Whichever garden had the most flowers by the end of the month was declared the winner.

Offering was collected in flower pots.

Object Lesson:

What Happens to Plants?

The first week we brought in 4 healthy plants and discussed their needs: Light, Water, and Warmth. We then compared each of those to what believers need: prayer, Bible reading, and church attendance.

One plant was given everything it needed all month. The other plants were starved of one item (one plant got water and warmth but no light, etc.) Each week we displayed the plants and talked about what had happened to them over the past week. We then talked about what will happen to us if we neglect spiritual food.

Review Game:

Bugs & Flowers

Kids who answered review questions correctly came up and picked a leaf off a giant bulletin board flower (purchased from CarsonDellosa). Some leaves had flowers (1, 2, or 3) on the back. Others had a bug. The teams (boys vs. girls) would get 1 point per flower, and no points for bugs. Gave seed packets to the winners each week.

Best Kid Rewards:

Rewarded the 2 best kids in each seating section (8 total) with a flower-shaped lollipop.

Other:

Everyone planted a sunflower seeds in a Styrofoam cup on the first week. We watched them grow all month, then sent them home with the kids on the last week.

(The first time we did this, we planted the flowers on church property. Somehow we forgot to mention it to the landscaper, and the plants were pulled up within a week. Oops!)

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Bulletin Board Pictures :



Theme Board



Offering Board



Memory Verse Board



Other Boards

Other Class Pictures:



Memory Verse



Flower Object Lesson

