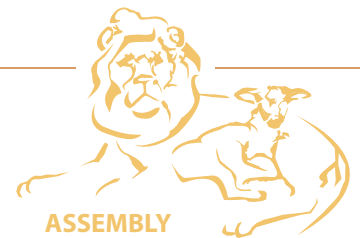


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The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

SOLVE THE PUZZLE

Supplies

a small wire puzzle (the object of these puzzles is to get the two wire pieces apart)

Ask the class if anyone has seen a puzzle like the one you have. Pass it to a few of the kids in the class who have not, to see if they can take it apart. Once they have tried it for a while, pass it along to another student. After some struggle, show them the solution. Usually the puzzles are quite easy to take apart if you know how to do it.

Read Luke 24:44-47. Explain to the children that the disciples did not understand the Gospel, even though Jesus was with them in plain view and had been resurrected. But, as soon as Jesus opened their minds to the Scriptures they understood. Jesus is the solution to the puzzle of sin. By His death we can be forgiven of our sin and live forever with Him in heaven.

WHAT IS A WITNESS?

Supplies

a jelly bean or other small candy to hide

Pick a volunteer to be the witness. Then tell the class you are going to hide a jelly bean somewhere in the classroom and they are to try and find it.

Hide the jelly bean in a really hard to find location so that no one could possibly find it without the help of the witness. Set the kids to looking, but do not give them any clues. After a while, they will begin to ask for help. Explain to them that the volunteer is a witness to what happened. That is, the witness saw you hide the jelly bean. Tell the class they can ask yes or no questions of the witness in order to find the jelly bean (i.e. Is it on the floor somewhere?)

With help, they will be able to find the jelly bean. Take time to help the children understand how important a witness is to help a person to find something that is difficult to find. Read Luke 24:48. Ask them how the disciples were witnesses of Jesus and what that meant they would be doing? How can we be witnesses for Jesus.

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WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

It is interesting to note the confusion of the disciples. They thought Jesus was a ghost or spirit. Once they began to believe, Jesus took time to share the most important information of all, the Gospel. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. But not just any part of the Bible, Jesus wanted them to understand the Gospel.

The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name... (Luke 24:46-47)

Then He commissioned them to be witnesses of the Gospel. Opening their minds to the Gospel was the last teaching of Christ before He ascended into heaven.

