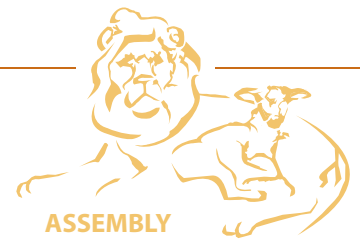


NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: DANIEL 2:1-49



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

LESSON IDEAS

BUILDING THE STATUE

Supplies:

- a medium-sized ball
- paint four large wood blocks the following colors: one each gold, silver, bronze, black or gray (these can be cut from a scrap 2x4 and cut to 10-12 inches)

The children can stack these to represent the statue King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about. Then, using the medium sized ball, see who can knock down the stack of blocks. Ask the children if they know what kingdom the rock in the story represents. They should answer, God's kingdom.

GETTING IT RIGHT

Supplies:

- pictures of a rock
- a statue with 4 distinct sections

Draw a picture of a large rock and a statue like the one described by King Nebuchadnezzar in his dream. Draw the statue with its four distinct sections. Photocopy the drawing three times. Cut apart the sections of the statue. Color one set just like the scripture depicts with a head of gold, chest of silver, belly of bronze and legs of iron. Use the corresponding colors. On the copies, change things around. Color one head gray, another bronze, etc.

Use the different pieces to test the class. See if they can order the sections correctly. Hold up the picture of the rock and ask the children to tell you who it represents.

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JESUS IS THE ROCK

Supplies:

a rock that is large enough
that no one in the class
can lift

Use the Scriptures explain to the children that Jesus is called The Rock in Scripture. Have them examine the rock in class and then ask them to consider why God used a rock to illustrate what Jesus is like. Have them list all the ways the rock is like God (for example: God is a solid foundation, God is strong, etc.)

WHERE IS JESUS?

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.

As it is written,

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame" (Romans 9:33)

In the dream, Nebuchadnezzar saw a rock that was not cut out by human hands. That rock, Jesus Himself, would usher in an eternal kingdom. Jesus is the rock about which He told Peter,

"Upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18)

