

# Object lessons for council time fun

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## 1. **GOD IS DISGUSTED WITH OUR SIN.**

- a. Items – new water bottle, bottle labeled toilet water and eye dropper.
- b. Theme – It only takes one sin to make our lives disgusting to a Holy God
- c. Procedure
  - i. Explain how the water bottle is nice and cool and fresh - Wouldn't it be nice to drink
  - ii. But Wait Let's put just a drop from this bottle (without revealing the label) into this new bottle
  - iii. Reveal the "Toilet Water" Label
  - iv. After the "yucks" are over explain that in the same way the water is now disgusting so one sin in our life makes us un fit to be in God's presence.

## 2. **VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION IS EASIER WHEN WE HIDE OURSELVES IN GOD'S WORD**

- a. Items – iron centered BB pellets, glass baking dish, strong magnet contained within heart shaped card stock, with "ME" written on it, Small Bible (I use a pocket sized one with a snap closed cover.
- b. Theme – Temptations stick to us when we are unprotected by the Word of God hidden in our heart.
- c. Procedure
  - i. Pour BB's into glass dish – this makes a great attention getting sound
  - ii. Explain that the BB's represent temptations
  - iii. Hold up the heart with "ME" on it and the magnet inside
  - iv. Explain that the heart represents someone's heart
  - v. Dip the heart into the dish with BB's and lift it up with all the BB's attracted by the magnet.
  - vi. Explain that this is a heart without God's falling into temptation
  - vii. Remove all the BB's and place the heart into the Bible and snap closed
  - viii. Dip into the dish and lift up with out the BB's being attracted.
  - ix. Explain that when we hide God's Word in our hearts it protects us from temptation.

## 3. **FAITH IS BELIEVING IN SOMETHING THAT IS WORTHY OF OUR TRUST**

- a. Items – A clubber, a blindfold
- b. Theme – That we must be careful of what we put our trust in, that it is worthy
- c. Procedure
  - i. Works well with a lesson on faith – God is worthy of our trust
  - ii. Blind fold a clubber that you know and that knows and trusts you
  - iii. Ask them if they trust you
  - iv. Lead them around the room, obviously avoiding obstacles. Stop just a few inches from a wall or obstacle that would hurt in a collision.
  - v. Remove the blind fold
  - vi. Explain that the clubber knows you and therefore understands that you won't allow them to be harmed.
  - vii. God is worthy of our trust in the same way, He has proved it to Christians throughout the ages.

#### **4. FAITH IS BELIEVING IN SOMETHING THAT IS WORTHY OF OUR TRUST**

- a. Items – folding webbed patio chair- carefully cut seat webbing in a way that hides the cuts under a web on top. Tape the webs together in the same manner that they were originally woven, carefully hiding the tape on the bottom.
- b. Theme – That we must be careful of what we put out trust, that it is worthy
- c. Procedure
  - i. Works well with a lesson on faith – God is worthy of our trust
  - ii. Explain that everyday we put faith in things like fresh water, chairs, benches, electricity.
  - iii. Ask them if they trust the chairs that they are sitting in
  - iv. Bring forward the prepared folding chair and explain that here is a chair that looks like it would hold you and that you should have faith in it because it looks good – right?
  - v. Wrong! Sit in the chair for the clubbers (you fall through) and show that you couldn't have faith in it because it was broken, it was unworthy of your faith..
  - vi. God is worthy of our trust, He has proved it to Christians throughout the ages.

#### **5. ONLY GOD CAN REMOVE SIN FROM OUR LIVES**

- a. Items –new 10 inch long 2x4 board, new 10 inch long 2x4 board with a 8 inch lag boltscrewed in tight enough that it can't be removed by hand, wrench that fits lag bolt
- b. Theme – We can't get the sin out of our lives, we need God's help
- c. Procedure
  - i. Show that clean board and explain that it represents a clean pure life
  - ii. Show the board with the screw and ask what they think the screw represents – SIN
  - iii. Ask a buff boy clubber to come up and remove the screw – see if he can get the sin out – he can't
  - iv. Ask a petite little girl clubber to come up to get the screw out, but give her the wrench to help get the job done
  - v. Only God can get the sin out of our lives
  - vi. Follow up the discussion by pointing out that the block of wood will never be the same again. Sin has left its mark (screw hole) even though the screw is gone

#### **6. BIBLE – THE ROADMAP FOR LIFE**

- a. Items – Road Map, Bible
- b. Theme – The bible gives us directions
- c. Procedure
  - i. Show the road map talk about finding your way around on family vacations – if you want to get to Cincinnati, you take this road then that etc.
  - ii. There is one place this Map won get us thought - Heaven
  - iii. Hold up the Bible – This gives us directions in life just like a road map
    1. Directions to Heaven
    2. Directions for Christian Living
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#### **7. BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

- a. Items – puppet
- b. Theme – We are powerless to live the Christian life without the Spirit filling us, controlling us, powering us
- c. Procedure
  - i. Hold the puppet limp in your hand – ask the clubbers why it isn't moving – no hand inside
  - ii. Put your hand in and do some funny things with the puppet

- iii. Explain that Christians must be constantly filled with the spirit of God to live for Him

### **8. Be Filled With The Spirit**

- a. Items – electric fan, wood broom handles or boards attached together like the mast on a sail boat, old sheet trimmed to fit like a sail on the mast.
- b. Theme – We are powerless to live the Christian life without the Spirit filling us, controlling us, powering us
- c. Procedure
  - i. One person controls the fan, another holds the mast & sail
  - ii. Turning on the fan fills the sail with air and would make our imaginary sail boat go. Turn the fan off and the sail goes limp and our boat stops.
  - iii. Explain that Christians must be constantly filled with the spirit of God to live for Him

### **9. OUR GOOD WORKS WON'T EARN ETERNAL LIFE**

- a. Items – Balance scale (old fashioned "T" type is most graphic), wood blocks, carefully weighed to balance ( label some "sin" others "works"), cross heavy enough to tip scale against "sin" blocks filthy rags
- b. Theme – Only Jesus, death on the cross provides salvation, not the good things that we do.
- c. Procedure
  - i. Demonstrate that most people think that sins and good works balance out in God's view with sin & works blocks balancing the scale.
  - ii. Remove works blocks and replace with filthy rags to see scale tip.
  - iii. Remove rags and replace with cross, tipping the scales

### **10. ROAD SIGN REMEMBRANCES**

- a. Download outline and materials from <http://www.goharned.com/awanamaterials/> (click on the files in the folder to download) there are visuals and a lesson outline.

## 11. FAITH IN GOD'S WORD

- a. Items – Old fashioned hand pump, Jug, tin can with note, and story

Many years ago, a weary traveler hiked for miles across the desert with the hot sun beating down on his back. His water supply was gone, and he knew that if he didn't find water soon to quench his thirst, he would surely die.

In the distance, he spotted a deserted cabin which brought hope that maybe water was to be found there. He made his way to the cabin and discovered an old well. He frantically pumped the handle of the well to draw water, but all that came from the pump was dust.

The he noticed a tin can tied to the pump, with note inside. The note said:

*Dear Stranger:*

*This pump is all right as of June 1932. I put a new sucker washer in it, and it should last for quite a few years. But the washer dries out and the pump needs to be primed. Under the white rock, I buried a jar of water, out of the sun and corked. Pour about 1/4 of the water into the pump and let her soak for a minute to wet the leather washer. Then pour the rest medium fast and pump hard. You'll get water. Have faith. This well has never run dry.*

*When you get watered up, fill the bottle and put it back as you found it for the next stranger who comes this way.*

*Desert Pete.*

- b. Theme – We must believe the written Word of God  
c. Procedure  
i. Mime the story then apply it to the Bible and how we must trust the words in it and how we must believe in Jesus

## 12. LIFESAVERS PLAN OF SALVATION

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## 13. OTHER MATERIALS

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