

Theme: God's Gifts to Us

Goal: For the unsaved to be saved, and the saved to realize what they have.

Weekly Preaching Themes:

(All these were preached with an emphasis on salvation)

1. Salvation
2. The Holy Spirit
3. The Bible
4. Heaven

Theme Boards:

Before the month started, we wrote each of God's gifts (salvation, Holy Spirit, Bible, heaven) in giant letters on our bulletin boards. We then covered them with wrapping paper. At the beginning of each week's class time we chose one kid to come up and "unwrap" God's gift to us. The rest of the class time was then centered around that word.

Story Time:

1. How Sin Came
2. Jesus' Death
3. Jesus' Resurrection
4. Our Eternal Home

(used the ABeka "Salvation" flash-a-card series)

Memory Verse:

Ephesians 2:8-9,

"For by grace
are ye saved
through faith;
and that not of yourselves:
it is the gift of God:
Not of works,
lest any man should boast."

Method of Teaching: We put each of these phrase on a poster (8 posters total). Four teachers would shuffle the cards and hold 2 in front of each seating section. The sections then had to quote the verses in order.

Songs:

S-A-L-V-A-T-I-O-N (theme song)
Christmas songs and any that centered around that week's theme.

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Offering:

Sharing Our Gifts. We made 2 paper Christmas trees on a bulletin board, one for boys, one for girls. For every dollar brought in, we put a clip-art picture of a gift under the respective Christmas tree. Collected the offering in wrapped boxes with a slit cut in the top.

Puppets

We did a puppet show each week this month. Most involved 3 or 4 "kid" puppets, and 1 "adult" teacher puppet. The "kids" would discuss how they thought they could get to heaven, and the teacher would come and straighten them out. Contact us for the exact scripts.

Review Game:

Your Choice

A table was set up in the front of class containing a dozen or so wrapped gift boxes. On top of those boxes were visible prizes. Kids who answered review questions correctly could pick either the visible prize on top, or the mystery gift in the box. The mystery gifts were either better, identical, or worse than the visible gift. They got to (had to! ☺) keep whatever gift they picked.

Best Kid Rewards:

Had a large wrapped gift box on a low table in the front of the class. A hole was cut into the top of it. The two best kids in each seating section (8 total) were allowed to reach into the box and keep whatever they pulled out.

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Bulletin Board Pictures :



Wrapped Board & Review Game (Your Choice)



Unwrapped Board
The other boards said
"Salvation," "Holy Spirit," and "Heaven"