



The Idea Hoarder

For the Activity Collector in You

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Look what I found!



Game:

IN OTHER WORDS...

Make cards that have the titles of popular movies, or popular sayings, or song titles on them. Have the kids help you make the cards before you play the game. Put them all in a paper bag and get ready to play. A child will draw a card and must come up with another way to say what's on the card using none of the words on the card. For example: "Jesus Loves You" might become "Christ cares a lot about that person". The movie title "Heaven is for Real" becomes "Eternity being true". It's harder than you think! Don't worry about teams or points. Enjoy the funny ways you have to change the words. After everyone has a turn, introduce the idea that the same thing can be said in many ways. Use this game to discuss different versions of the Bible, or Jesus' method of using stories to teach a lesson about God.



Craft:

WORD ART

The craft starts out with making a stencil shape. You can cut a stencil from a paper folded in half or an easy way is to use a letter/shape cutter. Place the stencil on plain paper. The idea is to fill the shape with words. It can be the memory verse, names of God, a parable of Jesus, or the words of a song. Anything will work that supports your lesson. The key to a great end product is to get the words to completely fill the shape from side to side and from top to bottom. Remove the stencil and have the kids color all around the word art in a starburst pattern (see picture). Have the kids keep choosing a new color and adding a ring of starburst color around their shape until the paper is full of colors. Let kids be creative with words and colors.



Bible Skill:

SORTING MACHINE

Make ping pong ball tracks using paper towel tubes cut in half lengthwise. Challenge kids to use the tracks to build a machine that will help them sort ping pong balls that have the books of the Bible written on them. They can tape tracks to a wall, pin them to a bulletin board with flat tacks, or stick them to a magnetic board with magnets you have previously attached to one side of the tracks. Drop a ball, with a book of the Bible on it, at the top and say the book at the same time. There should be a key piece of track near the bottom that the kids can tilt right or left to cause the ping pong ball to continue down one side of the "machine" into a waiting bucket or bag labeled "New Testament" or "Old Testament". Say it, drop it, tilt the deciding piece, watch it, and let the machine "sort" it into the proper Testament! Bazinga! Science and the Bible meet!



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