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March 29th

CELEBRATE EASTER

KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

BIG IDEA: ✝=♥

BIG POINT: GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR US THROUGH CHRIST JESUS

BIG WORD: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
At the conclusion of this lesson children will:
- Know that the symbol of the cross represents God's love for us.
- Understand that God showed His love for us through Jesus.
- Discover ways to tell others about Jesus.

YOUNGER CHILDREN RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 6-8

Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Which is your favourite celebration? E.g. birthdays, New Year's Eve, Easter.

THE BIG QUESTION GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is Easter all about?

Easter is when we take time to celebrate Jesus. We celebrate that Jesus died on the cross and rose again to take the punishment for our sin, so we can be saved. The Cross of Jesus Christ represents love. Cross = Love.

2. How did God show His love for us?

God showed His love for us through Christ Jesus, and because of what Jesus has done for us, we can share that love with others too. John 3:16 (NIV), "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." God so LOVED the world that He sent His only Son, Jesus, for us!

3. How can you share the message of God's love to others?

We can tell our friends about what Jesus has done for them. We can invite others to church, pray for them and show God's love in our actions. What are some practical ways we can do this? (Invite the children to come up with some ideas. E.g. Give Easter eggs with a cross equals love card that tells them about Jesus, bake some hot cross buns for our friends and share with them what the cross represents etc.)

ACTIVITY SHEETS (Take Home)

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

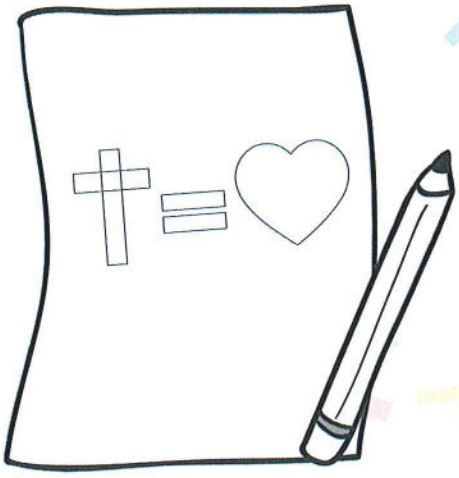
THE BIG ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Cross equals love poster pages printed for each child from the print material files. Pencils, watercolor paints or crayons to colour in their poster designs.

DIRECTIONS:

Give each child a cross equals love poster page. Children can use water colour paints, pencils or crayons to colour in a design for their poster. The posters can be displayed all on one wall or children can take them home to display in their house or somewhere in their community.

EXPLANATION: God's invitation is for every person and we can extend that invitation to others. The cross equals love symbol represents the message that the cross of Jesus shows God's love for each person. It's a message that can be understood in any language and is a message for each and every person no matter who they are.



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BIG WORD BIG WORD EASTER EGG

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Big Word Easter Eggs printed from print material files for each child. Coloured stickers, pencils, glue, glitter and stickers.

Give each child a Big Word Easter Egg to decorate. Children can use stickers, pencils, glue and glitter to decorate their Big Word Easter egg. While children are decorating their page repeat the verse together a number of times.

GAME EASTER EGG RACE

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Easter Eggs, 2 buckets, a large spoon for each team and 2 chairs

Divide your group into two equal teams or play along with another group. Mark out a play area by lining teams up at one end. Set out two chairs at the other end that the children must go around, along with two equal buckets of Easter Eggs. Children must walk to the chairs, pick up an Easter egg from their teams bucket, balance the Easter egg on the spoon and race back to the starting line without dropping the Easter Egg or touching it with their hands. If the Easter egg is dropped the player must return it to the bucket and go back to the starting line. The team to have the most Easter eggs back over the line at the end of 2 minutes is the winner. If a team has run out of Easter eggs in their bucket they may try to take from the other team's supply.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Your one and only Son Jesus for us. We pray that this Easter we can share with our friends the message of Jesus and the message of Your love for them.

In Jesus name, Amen

LEADER NOTES

A space for you, the leader, to write notes, plans, reminders, things to follow up on or remember for next time.

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