

Vacation Church School

Virtues Unit 1

Lesson: Love

He "... hath called us to glory and virtue."

2 Peter 1:3

Goals: By the end of class the child should be able to:

1. Know the word "Patience"
2. Remember God wants us to have patience
3. Understand what patience means.
4. Know the scripture verse (by the end of week)

Vocabulary: *(for week)*

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| 1. Patient | 4. kindness | 7. Book of Mormon |
| 2. Love | 5. Forgiveness | 8. Virtue |
| 3. Truth | 6. Bible | 9. glory |

Materials Needed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Book of Mormon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> small paper bags (1 per child) | <input type="checkbox"/> red cardstock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> marker | <input type="checkbox"/> pink cardstock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> heart stickers | <input type="checkbox"/> KEEP BOX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scissors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Items for "I Have Virtues Book" | |

Preparation:

1. *Scripture Activity:*
 - a. Assemble Virtue book (1 per child per week)
2. *Introduction Activity:*
 - a. Hide "God's Love" large red hearts outside or in classroom - for children to find.
3. *Review Activity:*
 - a. Cut out enough large hearts (from pattern) on red cardstock one per child.
 - b. Write "I Love..." on the front of each red heart

c. Cut out enough small hearts (from pattern) on pink cardstock for children to have 4-5

4. *Vocabulary Words:*

- a. Cut out vocabulary words and back them on poster board.
- b. Put Vocabulary Words up on wall for children to see and remember the words (for younger children - finding a picture to go with the word helps them remember it better)

Introduction Activity:

In both the Bible and Book of Mormon it says we are supposed to love one another.

Hold up "God's Love" heart

It also tells us that God loves us very much. He loves us all the time, even when we do things that are wrong. Does God like it when we do things wrong?

Let children respond

No, God doesn't like it when we do things wrong, it makes Him sad. Just like we make our mommies and daddies sad when we do things wrong. But, they still love us. That is called "unconditional love". God's love is unconditional, because He always loves us no matter what.

HIDE AND SEEK for "God's Love" hearts

Story: Bunny Loves Others (read in book)

Discussion:

Can anyone tell me what love means?

Let children respond...

Help them to the understanding that it means to show kindness and charity to others.

Yes, very good. When we love one another we treat each other nice and are friendly. We think of each other and put others first.

God says that He will bless us, when we love one another. Can you name some ways we can show love to others?

Help children think of times...

-making cards, visiting sick, giving up your seat or candy...

Those are all great ways to show each other love.

Review Activity: Make an "I Love..." Bag

On one big red heart have "I Love..." written, place on the outside of a paper bag. On smaller pink hearts, write the people they love, stick in the bag.

Scripture Activity:

Holding the Holy Bible and the Book of Mormon.

There are lots of scriptures in the Bible and Book of Mormon that talk about how we should live our life. In order to be good like Jesus we must have virtues. One of the virtues is love.

Jesus wants us to love one another and treat others like we want to be treated. When you grow up there will be lots of times you have to treat others with love, even when it is hard to. But God wants us to always be loving just like He always loves us.

Let's read the page in our "I have Virtues Book"

Read pages together then let children decorate Patience page of "I Have Virtues" book

Use any extra time for outside unstructured play