

The Promised Land

Preparation :

Please make sure the room is set up, with reading books on the tables, DVDs are out, toys are out, etc from the Promised Land cupboard. Teachers to have name tags on (*remember this helps teachers out*). Children should arrive with name tags already on them from the registration table. Please make sure the door is locked once all the children are in. It would be good to have someone at the door to make sure no kids escape.

Phase 1 : Greet the kids and parents as they come in. If it is a BIG GROUP Week take the children through to Throne Zone and help them to participate. Help everyone settle down.

Phase 2 : Worship – Bring all the children together. Sing songs with Big Actions. There are CD's and DVD's of songs in the cupboard if you want to use them. Bayete inkhosi / Bambelela / Walking & leaping and Praising God / Touch yr finger to your nose – Psalty. Use big actions when singing.

Phase 3: STORY – The lost sheep (Luke 15 & John 10)

One day Jesus told a story to explain how much he cares for us. This is the story he told. There was a man with lots and lots of sheep, a hundred of them! Can you imagine the noise that a hundred sheep make together? Baaa- Baaa all day long! A man who looks after sheep is called a shepherd. This shepherd could tell ALL his sheep apart and had even given them each their own name. When the sheep were out in the bush eating grass the shepherd saw that one of them was missing. He counted all his sheep again and still he couldn't find it. The little sheep was lost. It was all alone somewhere in the bush. The little sheep was so scared. The shepherd left all his other sheep, all 99 of them, and started looking for the one lost sheep. He walked up the hills. He walked down to the water. He looked between the trees.

He looked under the bushes. Where is the lost sheep?

(*get everyone to help you looking for the sheep*)

When he found the lost sheep he picked it up and put it on his shoulders. He carried it back to the other sheep. When he got home he called all his friends and said, "Let's have a party. I found my sheep that was lost." Jesus is like this shepherd and we are like his sheep. Jesus knows all our names.

If we get lost or scared Jesus cares for us. He will come and help us.

Phase 4 : Chant : (*same as last month*) I may be short (*crouch down*). I may be tall (*jump and reach up as far as possible*). Jesus knows my name!

Phase 5 : ACTIVITY – Craft, toys or playdough.

If you have more time spend more time singing.

Prepare more songs than you intend to use in advance. The sermon may be longer than you have prepared for.

LESSON PLAN

