

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 son – Luke 15 - Today I'm going to tell you about how much God loves us. Jesus told this story. There was a man who had two boys. One of the boys said to his dad – “Dad give me money.” He took that money and left his family. He went a long, long way away from his dad. He wasted all his money on doing whatever he wanted. He did lots and lots of bad things. Soon all his money was finished. He didn't have any food. He didn't have anywhere to stay. So he went looking for a job. The only job he could find was feeding pigs. Oink – Oink! The pigs were smelly and dirty and ate horrible things – but he was so hungry he even wanted to eat the pigs' horrible food! Then he remembered his dad. His dad always had lots of nice food. His dad gave food to everyone. So he said, “I'll go home and ask my dad to let me work for him. I can't ask him for anything more – I've been so bad. Maybe he will give me some bread”

So he started walking home. His dad had been waiting and waiting for his boy to come home. When his dad saw him coming he ran to meet him on the road. The boy wanted to say how sorry he was for leaving – but his dad just wanted to take him home. The boy was smelly and dirty from the pigs – but his dad got him new clothes to wear and put new shoes on his feet. His dad got lots of food and they had a huge party. God loves us like that daddy. Even when we run away from him and say nasty things to him he still wants us to come back. When we come back to him God is so happy he has a party!

(Use robe, pig pictures and act out story for little uns)

Phase 4 : Chant : Jesus loves me like a daddy and I will always love him too.

Phase 5: Colour in pig pictures.

LESSON PLAN

