

Welcome and Play Time 10 Min

These lessons are designed for 2-6 year olds. This lesson is about being ready to be used by God. As you prepare to teach the kids, pray that God would give you wisdom and discernment as you impart His Word and your life. By giving your time and energy you are pursuing righteousness, faith, love and peace, just as Paul urges Timothy to do, and are ready to be used by your Master! Find joy in the service He has called you to do!

Use this time as people are arriving for the kids to get comfortable with each other and settled in so that Mom and Dad can enjoy small group.

Bible Lesson Activities 20 Min

Activity 1 - Decorate a Plate Our Bible reading today speaks of articles, such as dishes, that are used in a house. Using plain paper plates have your kids decorate their "china" as they like. Use stickers, crayons or anything you like to make your "china" extra fancy. As the kids decorate their dishes talk about fancy parties and special things you'd do with fancy dishes. Would you use this fancy dish to feed your dog? No. Would you give this fancy dish to a special guest for dinner? Yes. Would you use this fancy dish to lay your toilet brush on? Yuck...no! Would you serve your Mom breakfast in bed on her birthday with this dish? Yes! This is a very special dish and it is used for important things!

**Activity 2 - Ready for the King** (Rhythmic Chant)

Have kids sit in a circle and pat their legs together in a rhythm. Have the kids repeat each line after you say it in rhythm. See end of lesson (Similar to "Going on a Bear Hunt")

Activity 3 - Pursuits Play this game similar to "hot and cold" hide and seek. Pick an object to hide and a person to seek it. Have the seeker close their eyes while the object is hidden somewhere in the room. As the seeker gets closer to the object have the children say "Righteous". If the seeker is moving away from the object have the kids say, "Evil." Continue until the object is found. Play again and hide the same object in a different place with a different seeker. Let your kids know that God wants us to flee from evil and run towards righteousness!

Bible Reading Time & Scripture Memory 10 Min

Have a small snack for the kids like pretzels or cheerios to help encourage quiet mouths and listening ears. Pray and thank God for allowing us to serve Him. Read the Word straight through and then give yourself time to discuss after you've read the whole passage. Isaiah 55:11 says, "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." Do your best to keep your kids attention, but leave the changing of lives to the One who can change lives!

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26 (NASB) Read from a Bible if you have one available

20Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. 22Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

23But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. 24The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, 25with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Discuss with the children what the verses mean. Paul has been reminding Timothy how very careful he has to be as he is reading and sharing God's Word with people. Paul continues with this idea as he tells Timothy what kind of life we need to live in order to be ready to be used by God our Master. **What kinds of vessels or dishes were in the house?** Gold and silver dishes (serving and dining dishes) and wood and clay dishes (used for unimportant everyday tasks). **What does a person who wants to be used by God need to do?** Cleanse himself. Be prepared. **What is an important idea to keep us ready for the King (I'll give you a hint...we played a game like hide and seek that was just like this idea)?** Flee from (run away from) youthful lusts or evil and pursue (run towards) righteousness, faith, love and peace. That means seek every opportunity to do what is right and run away from every time you want to do something wrong.

David tells us in Psalms that a young person keeps his life pure by hiding God's Word in his heart. We call it memorizing verses! It is a great way to be able to know what is evil and what is right. Does anyone know the verse from last week? (*2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*)

Lets learn another one!

Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22

Coloring Sheet 10 Min

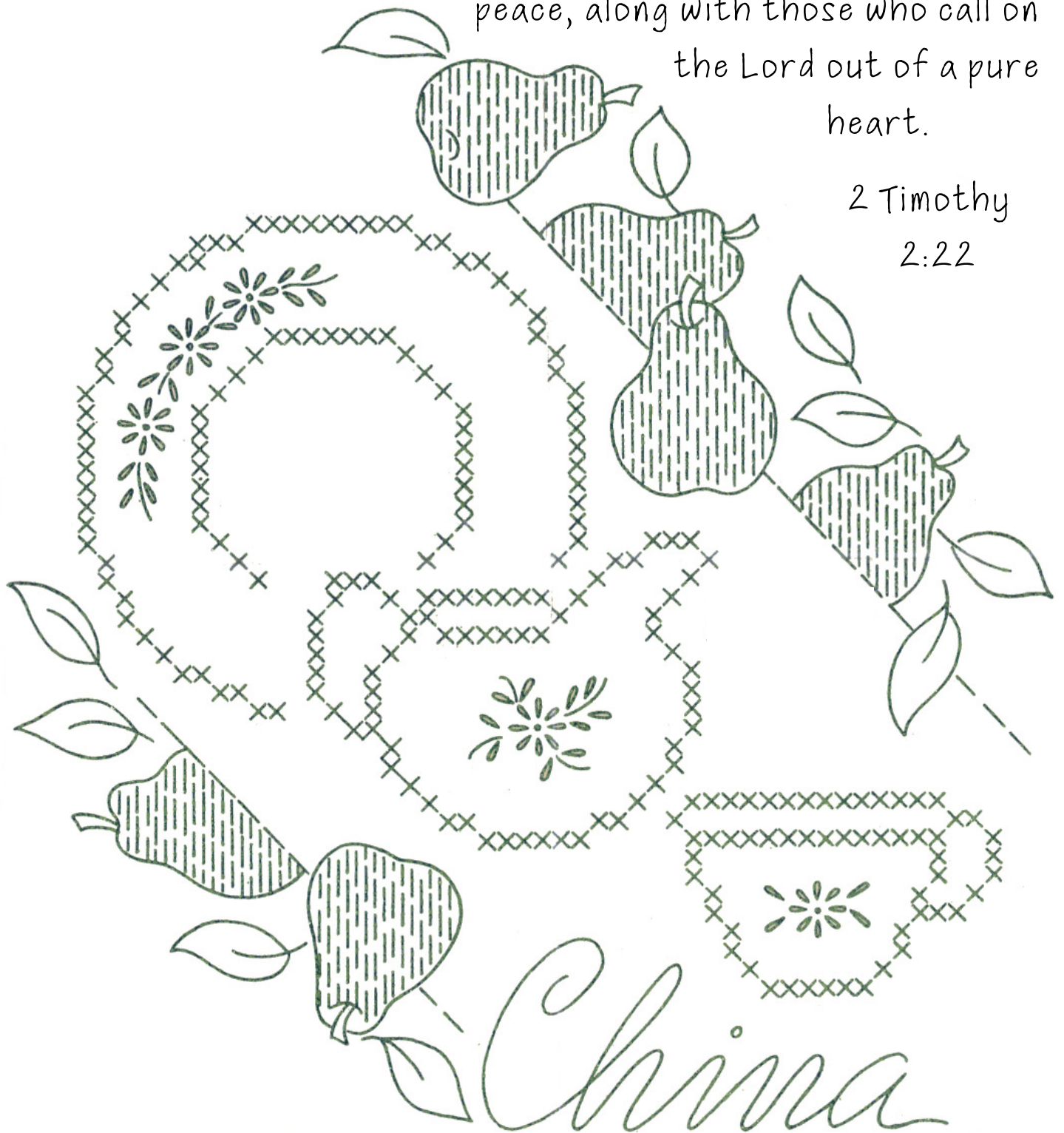
Have older children help the younger children with their coloring sheet. Talk about the Bible reading as you color. Help reinforce the Bible verse and what it means as they color.

Closing/Clean Up 5 Min

Clean up and make sure everyone has shoes on, coloring sheets in hand and everything is put back in the room. Be encouraged! You have just shared some great truth with these kids. Pray for them this week that they will pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace in their lives.

Flee the evil desires of youth, and
pursue righteousness, faith, love and
peace, along with those who call on
the Lord out of a pure
heart.

2 Timothy
2:22



Ready for the King

We're going to serve the King *(kids repeat)*

We've got to keep our dish clean *(kids repeat)*

What a beautiful dish *(What a beautiful dish)*

Ready for the King! *(kids repeat)*

Uh oh....(stop patting) Yucky mud!

Can't go over it, Can't go under it...have to go through it...must keep our dish clean! *(squishy squashy x3) (have kids hold the plate over their heads as you make sounds like you are walking through squishy mud)*

(resume patting) **We're going to serve the King** *(kids repeat)*

We've got to keep our dish clean *(kids repeat)*

What a beautiful dish *(What a beautiful dish)*

Ready for the King! *(kids repeat)*

Uh oh....(stop patting) A big dark forest!

Can't go over it, Can't go under it...have to go through it...don't drop your dish! *(stumble, trip x3) (have kids hold the plate tight as you pretend to stumble through the dark forest)*

(resume patting) **We're going to serve the King** *(kids repeat)*

We've got to keep our dish clean *(kids repeat)*

What a beautiful dish *(What a beautiful dish)*

Ready for the King! *(kids repeat)*

Uh oh....(stop patting) A tornado!

Can't go over it, Can't go under it...have to go through it...don't lose your dish! *(woosh, wheeoo x3) (have kids hold the plate tight as you pretend to twist and turn in a tornado)*

(resume patting) **We're going to serve the King** *(kids repeat)*

We've got to keep our dish clean *(kids repeat)*

What a beautiful dish *(What a beautiful dish)*

Ready for the King! *(kids repeat)*

Hooray!! (stop patting) He called me!

We're ready for the King! Here's our dish!

We kept it through the tornado *(woosh, wheeoo x3)*

We didn't drop it in the forest *(stumble, trip x3)*

We kept it clean in the yucky mud *(squishy, squashy x3)*

We're ready for the King!