

Welcome and Play Time 10 Min

Little did they know when they walked into small group tonight they would be walking into PIT Training camp! Last week we investigated the Word. We started to get comfortable with it. We practiced looking at different verses and discovering what the verses are telling us. This week we'll be "Preachers in Training". If preaching is expositing the Word of God, we've got to train our young ones **in** the Word of God! They need to take their learning seriously, do it consistently, preach it properly, expect the difficulty, and endure it evangelistically. Coach these young hearts. That is our job! As you teach them to trust the Word of God, cling to it, find authority in it and rely on it as their source of strength they will naturally preach it "as they are going."

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 - Bible Warm Up - Explain to the kids that today they will be P.I.T.s "Preachers In Training". You'll be starting with some physical stretching and warming up your brains for serious training.

- Exercise 1 - Stand up and stretch up high. Say, "God is holy!" Explain as the kids stretch up high that God is above all, He knows all, He created all, He is perfect etc.
- Exercise 2 - Bend over and touch your toes. Say, "Man is sinful." Explain as the kids stretch way down to their toes that man will always choose the wrong thing without God. This makes us enemies of God and desperate for someone to save us.
- Exercise 3 - Stretch arms out to each side. Say, "Jesus is the Savior of sinners." Explain that Jesus is holy and He came down to the earth to live a perfect life. He died to pay for our sins and restore (make right) our relationship with our holy God.

Activity 2 - Bible Virtues- What is needed for a true PIT? As you "exercise" your minds, become aware of the character it takes to make a great PIT.

- Passion for the Truth: This includes inquisitiveness, curiosity, teachableness, persistence, and humility. Let the children quiz you. What are some things about the Bible they've always been curious about? Show them where to find answers to their questions if possible!
- Passion for Learning: This includes clarity, accuracy, precision, consistency and humility. Make a circle with your arms. Let kids practice throwing a ball in the "hoop." As they are practicing teach them that loving to learn about God's Word is the best way to seek God!
- Passion for Consistency: This includes perseverance, courage, constancy and patience. Have the kids jog in place. As they jog share with them what it looks like to seek God daily. Get up early, read your Bible, pray, trust God, depend on Him throughout the day etc.

- Passion for Holiness - this includes a desire to do what one knows is right, love, integrity. Have kids do push ups. Remind them that every day they are going to have to seek God to give them the strength to push away from their sin and push towards Him.
- Compassion for Others - this includes clarity of expression, orderliness of presentation and humility. Have kids hug around the room. As they are hugging, remind them that the reason to share "good news" with others is because we love them.¹

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 giving us His Words so that we may share it with others. Read the Word straight through and then give yourself time to discuss after you've read the whole passage.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NASB) Read from a Bible if you have one available

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Discuss with the children what the verses mean. Paul doesn't mess around. He knows people are selfish and self loving. They want to hear only nice, sweet and happy things even if it is all lies! **What does Paul tell Timothy he needs to do?** (*preach the Word*) **Whose Words are they?** (*God's*) **How is Timothy supposed to do this?** (*be ready to reprove, rebuke, exhort with patience and instruction*) Paul wants Timothy to not worry so much about what the people want to hear, but to preach truth from God's Word.

Memorizing scripture is an excellent way to build up our preaching vocabulary given us by God and His Word. Scripture memory shows we take God's Word seriously. Does anyone know the verse from last week? (*2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;*) Lets learn another one!

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2

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. Remember as you are teaching this week that we are to teach the teachable. Do not be discouraged or take it personally if a child does not hang on your every word. We must be patient with our young learners and rely on God's sufficient power to do the work of changing lives. Trust that He is able!



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