

Vacation Church School

Virtues Unit 2

Lesson: Excellence

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 "Excellence"
2. Remember God wants us to do our best in every thing we do.
3. Understand what Excellence means.
4. Know the scripture verse (by the end of week)

Vocabulary: (for week)

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| 1. Excellence | 4. Politeness | 7. Book of Mormon |
| 2. Thankfulness | 5. Joyfulness | 8. Virtue |
| 3. Friendship | 6. Bible | 9. Glory |

Materials Needed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Book of Mormon | <input type="checkbox"/> glue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring Toss Game | <input type="checkbox"/> pipe cleaners: black | <input type="checkbox"/> magnets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marker | <input type="checkbox"/> star stickers | <input type="checkbox"/> KEEP BOX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Black Cotton Balls | <input type="checkbox"/> Items for "I Have Virtues Book" | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Foam: green, yellow, orange, white | | |

Preparation:

1. *Scripture Activity:*
 - a. Assemble Virtue book (1 per child per week)
2. *Introduction Activity:*
 - a. Have a Ring Toss game available
3. *Review Activity:*
 - a. Have "Bee Your Best" pieces cut out on fun foam, enough for each child (see sample in KEEP BOX)

Introduction Activity: Ring Toss Game

Have children take turns tossing the ring around the spike. It won't be easy, but it can be done. Encourage Children, to keep trying until they get it.

You all did a good job with that game. I liked how you worked hard, and kept trying even if you didn't get it the first time. I am going to read a story

about a very good little Koala bear... he is good because he tries hard at everything he does.

Story: Koala Does His Best (read in book)

Discussion:

What is Excellence? Let children respond...

Help them to the understanding that it is doing your best at everything you do.

Does God like it when we do our best? Yes, God says we are to do our best, even when it is hard! Can you tell me of a time when something was hard for you but you did it anyway?

Help children think of times...

-learning a new song, playing a game, tying shoes, eating all your broccoli.

Those are all good things that you did. I am sure your mommies and daddies were proud of you when you did those things. I know God is proud of us too!!

Review Activity: Bee Your Best

Have children create little bumble bees to add to the class beehive. Each bee should have child's name on back, so it can go home with the child at the end of the week.

Sample and Pattern in Keep Box

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 Excellence.

Jesus wants us to do the best we can, in everything we do. As you grow up there will be lots of times it will be hard to do your best, but when we show "excellence" and do our best, we will be happy, and God will be too.

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

Read pages together then let children decorate Excellence page of "I Have Virtues" book with star stickers.

Use any extra time for outside unstructured play

"Bee Your Best"

PREPERATION:

1. Use the patterns in KEEP BOX to trace onto fun foam. (This makes one bee)
2. Use a thick black marker to draw lines on bee's body
3. Cut pipe cleaners into 2 inch lengths
4. On the yellow circles alternate with sayings: "BEE" Joyful, "BEE" Helpful, "BEE" Patient, "BEE" Kind, "BEE" Thankful.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue one white foam wing to the back of the bee and then glue one white wing to the front of the bee as shown on sample.
2. Glue the small black cotton ball as a nose to the bee's face.
3. Draw eyes and mouth to bee's face.
4. Make the antennae by bending the black pipe cleaner into a "v" shape and then glue one small black cotton ball to each end of the stem. Glue the antennae to the back of the bee's head.
5. Glue the yellow printed flower center to the front of the flower. Glue three leaves to the back of the flower and then glue the completed flower to the front of the bee.
6. Finish by gluing the magnet to the back of the bee. Be sure to test for the magnetic side before gluing in place.

*** If possible you can purchase this product through Oriental Trading Company. Product #48/2291 "Bible Bee Magnet Craft Kit"***