NEWSLETTER

Children's Missions Teaching Resources & Ideas

Make missions FUN!

How to teach this 2023-24 required memory verse with motions:







ISAIAH 12:4b NIV



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Praise His name

Thank the Lord



Tell the WORLD



whirling motions for the word . . . WORLD





what He has done!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Arrange children in the room to allow enough space for turning.

Divide the verse into four sections as pictured.

Explain and discuss the meaning of <u>each concept</u> before you teach the motions.

[INTRO]

1. Begin with explaining that Jesus made this command:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel (good news) to all creation." Mark 16:15 NIV Explain the word "gospel" - the good news that Jesus came and died for sins and rose again.

DISCUSS:

2. Thank the Lord! Praise His name! WHY?

Because what He has done for us is so great. (MOTIONS: See photos #1, #2.

3. Tell the world. WHAT?

The great thing Jesus has done. Discuss how "telling the world" can be done: sending/ supporting missionaries witnessing to friends, family or others hand around mouth as this section is spoken. After reciting "tell the world", extend hands together out in front of you. Then spread hands open as you start turning and making a complete spin. Explain this represents sending the gospel around the whole world. See photos for #3.

4. what <u>He has done</u>. WHAT IS THAT?

Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He is the only one who can save us from our sins. The Bible tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 This has nothing to do with how short or tall you are in height. We aren't what He wants us to be. We must repent of our sins and ask Jesus

to forgive us. Then obey Him everyday. (MOTION: use arms to form a cross as seen in photo #4. This motion will represent the cross on which Jesus died for our sins. Emphasize their elbows need to be up high enough for the motion to look like a cross. If their elbows sag, it will look like an "X" sign.) 5. In conclusion with their arms at their sides, lead children in reciting the reference Isaiah 12:4.

[PRESENTATION]

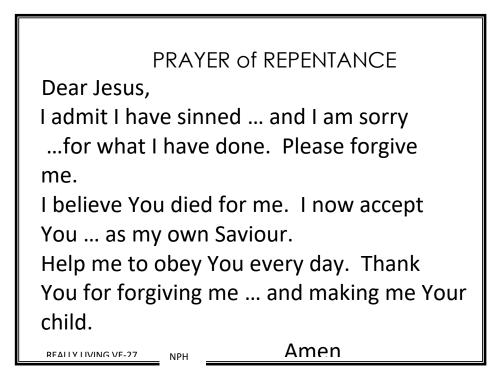
After the children have learned Isaiah 12:4b, motions and song, present a mini missions program in front of your congregation. Adults love to see children's presentations:

1. Children recite together: *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel (good news) to all creation."*

Mark 16:15 NIV

- 2. Children sing "Go in all the World" song. (copy included)
- 3. Teacher leads the children in reciting Isaiah 12:4b with the motions that go along with each of the 4 sections.

The following is a prayer of repentance on a child's level. I keep it on my lesson stand to have available when needed. It is divided into sections that are short and contain a complete thought. I use it in the following way. The teacher reads the first section (Dear Jesus) followed by the child/children repeating it. Then the teacher reads the next section pausing for the child/children to repeat it. This method continues until the whole prayer is prayed. It is important to explain to the children that even though they didn't write the prayer, if they believe it God hears it as their prayer.



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