

Things to take:

- Question box with pens & paper.
- Door welcome sign, register & rules.
- Playdough & a list of objects to mould.
- Football cards/wrapped sweets.
- Big sheet of paper & markers.
- PowerPoint video **or** printed slides and script.
- Salt dough plaques & paints **or** Zig zag cards & coloured pencils **plus spares**.
- Pack of cards.
- Song and PowerPoint.

Session Aim:

To develop the idea that although God is our father, he is also set apart from us, and to show why we should respect and worship Him.

'Our father in Heaven, holy is your name'

Matthew 6:9

Game as they arrive and register: Dragon, princess, knight

This is a bit like rock, paper, scissors but in teams. The group is split into two even teams. They stand with quite a big gap in between them, opposite each other. Each group huddles and decides whether they want to be a dragon, princess or knight. There are actions for each of the characters. The teams approach each other and on 3 they must perform the action of their character. The dragon kills the princess, the princess makes the knight fall in love with her and the knight slays the dragon. The team that wins chases the other team and tries to tag them before they get back to their starting place. If a member of the losing team is tagged, they join the other team. This can go on until there are no members left in one team.

Game: Rapidough

Equipment: Tub of playdough for each team, list of objects to mould

Each team has a tub of playdough. The leader has a list of objects/items that the teams have to sculpt. One member of the team will run up to the leader, who will whisper the item to them. They have to go back and their team has to guess what they are making. Once they have guessed, another team member runs up and gets the next item on the list. The first team to complete the list wins.

Rules & Question Box**Memory verse: Matthew 6:9**

'Our father in Heaven, holy is your name'

God's name is holy. That means He is the most awesome, perfect thing you can imagine. I've sometimes been to a museum or art gallery and seen something that is so beautiful that I have to just look at it for ages.....but anything on this earth has something wrong with it, a smudge, a chip a mistake however small-but God is perfect, clean, pure in every way.

Use a pack of football cards or some wrapped sweets like Celebrations and get a child to pick the best one and set it apart from the rest. Explain that this is what God is like – He is completely perfect and nothing on else on earth can match up. The fact that God is holy and we are not means that He is separate from us. We can't get close to Him by ourselves, but because Jesus lived a perfect life, and died on the cross to take away the wrong things we have done, we can come close to God.

Using a big sheet of paper and markers, get the kids to suggest what they think makes God awesome and perfect whilst one child or a leader writes them down.

Bible bit: Psalm 139:1-18

As you read the psalm out loud, either play the PowerPoint video, or print off the PowerPoint slides and get another leader to hold them up. (PowerPoint and CEV version of the psalm are in the 'extras' section of the download)

Talk:

- **What makes God holy?** – Look at the ideas you wrote down during the memory verse and see if the kids can add any others from Psalm 139. (e.g. He knows us completely, He is everywhere, He takes care of us, He is creator of everything including each of us, His thoughts are beyond our understanding) Last week, we learnt that God cares for us as a father, but this week we have learnt that he is also so perfect and powerful that He is set apart from us.
- **So why should we respect and worship God?** – Explain that to worship something is to outwardly show your love for something. Get the kids to suggest some things that they outwardly show love for (e.g. parents, pets, sports teams, pop stars). Ask why they love these things, and how they show that they love them. Return to the things from Psalm 139 that make God special and set apart – God is so awesome, and so much better than anything on earth that we love, that we can't help but show our love for Him.
- **How should we respect and worship God?** – Get the children to suggest ways people might worship God (e.g. singing, being kind to others, praying) There are lots of ways to worship God, but they should also include respecting Him. For example, we should not use God's name as a swear word because that would not be keeping it holy, special and set apart. That is why Jesus teaches us pray like this, starting with 'Our father in Heaven, holy is your name' – he teaches us to pray respectfully, to remember how awesome God is, and to speak to him in the right way.

Pray

Give the children a minute to think of what they might say to God or how they might describe him in one word now thinking about how holy he is. Go around the circle and get each person to say something out loud. Then continue with the prayer journal, starting with praise for any answered prayers.

Testimony:

Get a leader to share a Bible verse that shows how amazing God is, and say why it makes them want to worship him.

Response: Salt dough painting/ Zig zag cards

This week the words to paint/write are 'holy is your name'. **N.B.** bring some spares for anyone who missed last week

Song & Actions: Non Stop

The song is available to download free from the resources section of the YoYo website under 'songs'. The PowerPoint in the 'songs' folder of the download. We made up our own actions for this song so you could do the same or we are very happy to teach you ours! This song was written and recorded by Danny Sewell at The Rock Church York.

Game: Number cards

Equipment: Pack of playing cards

Get twelve cards, from Ace to Queen (and preferably of the same suit), and place them face down in a four by three grid. The aim is for the group to take it in turns to turn the cards over in order, but they can only turn over one card at a time. If they turn a wrong card over, it must be turned face down again. This can be a race against the clock, or competing with another team.

Pray: Kids Rock prayer before they leave.