

Things to take:

- Question box with pens & paper.
- Door welcome sign, register & rules.
- Print out of mazes for starter game.
- Old tights and tokens for three legged race.
- Salt dough plaques & paints **or** Zig zag cards & coloured pencils **plus spares**.
- Bible verses for response.
- Let Your Light Shine song and words.
- Bucket for final game.

Session Aim:

To show that God's way is the best and that we need to try and follow it, even if it's hard.

'Our father in Heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done.'

Matthew 6:9

Game as they arrive and register: Mazes - finding the right way!

Print out a selection of mazes from the 'extras' section of the download. As the kids arrive give them a maze to complete. If they complete it then give them a new one until everyone has arrived. Alternatively you could get them to make their own maze up.

Game: Three legged race

Print out and cut up the tokens from the 'extras' section of the download. Create 4 stations around the room with each containing a pile of tokens of the same value. Get the kids into pairs and tie their ankles together with a section of an old pair of tights (each pair of tights can be cut into 3 pieces). Tell the kids they have 2 minutes as a pair to try and collect **1 token** from every station - some tokens are worth more than others. They have to decide which order to collect in. Ask afterwards if there were times when the pairs wanted to go in different directions. Explain that today we are looking at doing things God's way - it can be very hard if we are trying to go in a different direction to God.

Rules & Question Box

Memory verse:

This week the words to paint/write are 'your will be done'. **N.B.** bring some spares for anyone who missed last week.

Bible bit: Matthew 21:28-31

Act out the modern day example of the parable of the two sons:

Father = F **Matt = M** **Liam = L**

F How about this then? I have two sons, Liam and Matt. I said to Liam, "Son, go and tidy your room then empty the dishwasher."

L *I will not! (walks away looking grumpy)*

F But later on he changed his mind and went to do the chores.

L *(L pretends to tidy up and empty dishwasher)*

F Then I went to my other son, Matt and said, "Son, go and tidy your room then help Liam empty the dishwasher."

M *Ok Dad I'll do it now.*

F But he didn't do his chores.

M *(M goes and sits down pretending to read)*

F Which of my two sons did what I asked? (Get the kids responses)

Talk:

Sometimes it might seem good to go your own way; you might even be doing something good. However we believe that God's way is always better. How do we know God's way is best? Well because God is God, he can see the big picture - he has the ability to see our past, present and our future. He knows what is best for us.

Testimony (from a leader about a time when they did something they didn't want to for God and it turned out for the best).

How do we work out what God's way is? (*Get some answers from the kids.*)

Do you think its good idea to just get a Bible, open it randomly and find a verse to give you some idea? (*Demonstrate if you like!*) I wouldn't recommend doing this! There are 4 great ways to see whether God's wants you to do something. You can:

1. Look at what the Bible has to say about it.
2. Pray about it.
3. Talk to other Christians about it.
4. See what your 'gut feeling'/conscience says.

For example, a 9 year old Christian girl called Sarah was wondering whether she should stay up and watch a certificate 15 horror film with her older sisters. The Bible tells us to be careful what we let our eyes see (Matt 6:22), and that we should obey the rules of our government (Romans 13:1). She prayed about it and felt God wouldn't be pleased if she watched it. She talked to her friend Amy who was a Christian and she advised her not to watch it, and her gut feeling was that it was probably a bad idea.

Decisions may not always be as easy and as simple as this one, but they are good things to remember.

Pray

Reflect on and update the prayer journal, and choose a prayer activity from the creative prayer ideas in the 'extras' section of the download.

Response: Things God wants us to do

Write out some Bible verses of things that Jesus said we should do. Lay them around the room and get the kids to go around and pick one that they want to try to do over the next week.

Song & Actions: Let Your Light Shine, Hillsong Kids- available to download from Amazon

Song words and actions are in the 'songs' folder of the download

Game: Touch the bucket

Put a bucket in the middle of the room. Split the group into two teams, line them up facing each other and give everyone a number (try to match up numbers with the size and strength of the two kids!) When you call out a number, those two kids have to stand either side of the bucket and put their arms on each others shoulders. The aim is to make the other person touch the bucket without touching it yourself!

Pray: Kids Rock prayer before they leave.