

Things to take:

Question box with pens & paper.
Door welcome sign, register & rules.
Memory verse sign.
Print out of Churches from the CD and pens and paper for first game.
Body parts memory verse from the CD.

Session Aim:

To talk to them about what what being part of a Church means and to encourage them to go to one.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Game as they arrive and register: Identify the churches

Stick pictures around the room of the buildings on the CD. The children have to decide if they are a church building or not.

Game: Work together

Put the children into teams. As a team they have to use their bodies to create an object.....a boat, a church, a giraffe, a machine, a car, a bike, a teapot etc. Give them a time limit, then judge which is the best; give credit where they are working well together!

Pray for today's session**Rules & answer questions in the question box****Memory verse:**

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

Print out the body parts memory verse sheet and cut out the body parts. Get the group to put them in the correct order then remove one at a time as they try and remember it.

Bible bit:

Read 1 Corinthians 12-27 to the group. You could also look at Hebrews 10:24-25 and Acts 2:42-47 as examples of the early Church.

Talk:

A coal stays hotter when it is in the fire with other coals. A coal by itself will quickly go out. Use this illustration as a basis to show how we need to encourage, teach, and pray with each other. Talk about the fact that we are a body, with Christ as the head. If we never meet up with the other parts, what a weird body that is!!! Every part is important, so the body of Christ is missing out if you don't join them. Tell them of things locally they can go to – If possible give them flyers with details.

Response:

Divide the group into twos and threes and ask them to imagine they have to design a church from scratch. Get them to write and/ or draw what their church would be like.

Keep the instructions and guidelines to a minimum and just sit back and see where the young people go with this task!

Once they have designed their church get them to talk to the rest of the group about it.

Testimony:

Get a leader to share what the best things about their Church/ the children's experience of church.

Group Prayer:

Father, I thank you that each one of us is special to you. You have made us so that we need each other in order to really live for you. Please help each of us to know how we can be a part of your church. Amen.

Song & Actions:

This term you could either do 'God's Love is Big' from 'Kids Wanna Praise Rock' CD or 'Deeper' by 'Delirious?' which you can download from Amazon for 69p. Words for both of the songs are on the resources section of the CD.

Game: Attempt a sitting circle!

Everyone stands in a circle, with their back to the person behind them, all facing the same way. On a count of 3 everyone sits down, onto the knees of the person behind them. This can be done-honestly! The key is to try to get children of the size next to each other and where the tallest meets the smallest, put a leader who doesn't put their full weight on the small child. If it fails, it is still a lot of fun. If it works, it is an excellent example of church, how we are all dependant on each other.

Pray: Kids Rock prayer before they leave.