

Things to take:

- Question box with pens & paper.
- Door welcome sign, register & rules.
- Memory verse sign.
- Fun file inserts and pens.
- Pegs for game (and talk if wanted)
- Pieces of paper and pens for response
- Business card size pieces of card for memory verse.

Session Aim:

To teach them that without Jesus it is impossible for us to know God.

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son.”**

**John 3:16**

**Game as they arrive and register: duck, duck, goose**

Children stand in a circle, one child is ‘it’ and goes round the outside of the circle tapping each child and saying duck on each one. When they decide to, they say ‘goose’ instead and the ‘goose’ has to chase them round the outside of the circle and try to tag them before they get back to the space left by the ‘goose’.

**Game: Clothes peg challenge**

Have two volunteers at the front with lots of clothes pegs. Their challenge is to ‘hold’ as many pegs on one hand as they can. They can hold them, or if brave enough, peg them to their hand but are not allowed to peg them to another peg. Winner gets a prize. (Good to do before the talk as could be used as illustration-pegs are our sin, cannot reach God because of them, Jesus removes all of them).

**Memory verse:**

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son.” John 3:16**

Give them all a small piece of card and get them to write the verse down and try and remember it for next week. Give a prize to anyone that can do it next week.

**Rules & answer questions in the question box****Bible bit: In the beginning**

Read the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis (or from the *Lion Storyteller Bible*). Explain how sin came into the world and separated us from God and a perfect life. Then you can explain how when Jesus came into the world and died for our sins, he made it possible for us to have a personal relationship with God. So although there’s still sin in the world we can still go to God.

**Talk: Knowing Jesus**

(There is also ‘faith in 5’ presentation that you can look at and use in the ‘extras’ folder)

Share the truth of the gospel with them. Talk about how sin separates us from God and the only way we can know Him is to ask Jesus to forgive us. Use whichever illustration you feel will work best with your group - wall of sin, gap separating us, pegs as above or any other that helps them to understand what Jesus has done for us. Take care to use words they will understand - ‘sin’ is not a word most of them will know.

**Pray:**

*(Give them some quiet time to think and Holy Spirit to prompt them then ask if anyone would like to repeat the following prayer)*

Father God, I am so sorry that I have ignored you and done wrong things. I thank you so much that Jesus died on the cross and took the punishment for me. Please forgive me and be my friend. Help me to know you in my life. Amen

**Response:**

Make the kids write down on a piece of paper things they’ve done wrong. Then get them to scrunch the paper up and as they’re throwing it away they must say thank you to Jesus for forgiving them.

**Testimony:**

Get a leader to share about a time when they were feeling far from God and it was because they had sin standing in the way of their relationship with God. Once they repented they felt much closer and found it easier to carry on with their relationship with God.

**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: Burst your bubble**

Each child has a balloon tied to their ankle with a piece of string (the longer the string and softer blown up the balloon the harder it is). They have to burst other balloons by stamping on them while trying to defend their own balloon. May have to play with smaller groups depending on the number of children and space available...it is fun to watch though!

**Pray:** Kids Rock prayer before they leave.