

Application Activities

Select from the following choices. Each choice is designed for 20 minutes of small group time.

Pull It Together

Craft sticks, tape, light colored markers, fine point permanent markers, string, scissors, stickers

Teacher Tip

Use highlighter markers instead of conventional markers to color the sticks.

Teacher Tip

Looking for additional resources to enhance your teaching? Check out the *Levels of Biblical Learning* resources available at www.lifeway.com/levelsofbiblicalllearning.

Pull It Together

Poster board, tape, marker, scissors

- Print and cut apart "Scenario Cards" (CD) and "Object Cards" (CD).
- Tape poster board to focal wall.

Teacher Tip

Feel free to make changes so that the genders in any scenario match the genders of the teammates.

Worship Through Arts and Crafts

- Say: "Psalm 119 teaches us many things about God's Word." Invite volunteers to read aloud each of these verses: Psalm 119:9, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:16, Psalm 119:89, Psalm 119:101, Psalm 119:105. Help the children express the truths about God's Word found in these verses.
- Invite each child to choose one of the verses from Psalm 119.
- Instruct each child to line up craft sticks by placing them one under the other to form a column large enough to write the selected Psalm verse.
- Guide each child to use strips of tape to hold the column together.
- Lead each child to carefully flip his column over. Invite him to use the markers to color the column.
- Say: "We can use our columns to help us know more about God's Word."
- Direct each child to use a permanent marker to write one of the Psalm verses on the sticks. Encourage him to take his time as he writes. Assist him in using tape to attach a string loop to the back of the column for hanging.
- Provide stickers as decorations.
- Guide each child to state his verse in his own words and how it can help him know more about God's Word.
- Pray. Ask God to help the children learn more about respecting and obeying the Bible.

Worship Through Dramatic Play

- Ask: "Why did King Josiah want to obey God's Word?" Encourage the children to share reasons why they want to obey God's Word.
- Challenge the children to list some of God's rules found in the Bible. Record their responses on the piece of poster board.
- Form teams of two children. Direct each team to randomly choose a scenario card and an object card.
- Instruct each team to develop a skit that (1) uses the scenario on the scenario card, (2) mentions the object on the object card, and (3) shows a character obeying one of God's commands from the Bible. Remind the children of the list of commands they created earlier. Give the teams permission to use items readily available in the room as props.
- Invite the entire group to discuss each skit immediately after its presentation. Encourage the children to name the command demonstrated in the skit and to share any experiences they have had personally in obeying this same command. Be ready to share stories from your life.
- Thank the teams for their good work.
- Pray. Ask God to help the children learn more about respecting and obeying the Bible.

Pull It Together

Giant Game Floor Mat,* envelopes, scissors

- Print "Answer Cards" (CD) on heavyweight paper.
- Print "Letter Cards" (CD).
- Print and cut apart "Question Cards" (CD).
- Put each question card inside an envelope.
- Place the letter cards in the pockets of the *Giant Game Floor Mat* so that the first row spells *READ*, the second row spells *STUDY*, the third row spells *TELL*, and the fourth row spells *OBEY*. Fill in any empty pockets with a blank piece of paper.
- Place an answer card inside each pocket on top of the letter card or blank paper. Place these cards randomly.

Pull It Together

Bathroom scales, dollar bills

Teacher Tip

Add an additional experiment if time permits. See who can throw a crumpled paper ball the farthest before gravity pulls it to the floor.

Worship Through Games

- Ask: "Why did King Josiah want to obey God's Word?" Encourage the children to share reasons why they want to obey God's Word.
- Lead the children in saying aloud the life application statement, *I can respect and obey God's Word.*
- Ask: "What does the word *respect* mean?" Affirm children as they respond.
- Say: "Let's discover four ways we can show respect for God's Word."
- Form two teams. Allow the teams to take turns choosing an envelope.
- Follow these steps for each turn: (1) read the question (answers are in italics), (2) direct the team to choose the correct answer from the answer cards on the mat, and (3) pull the answer card out of the pocket to reveal the letter card.
- Allow the team members to work together to determine an answer.
- Give the opposing team a chance to answer any missed questions.
- Assign one point to a team if it reveals the last remaining letter card (including blank pieces of paper) in any row.
- Discuss the word revealed whenever you pull out all the answer cards in any row. Guide the children to understand how the word promotes respect of God's Word.
- Play until the children answer all the questions in the envelopes.
- Pray. Ask God to help the children learn more about respecting and obeying the Bible.

Worship Through Exploration and Discovery

- Review the Bible story.
- Ask: "Why did King Josiah want to obey God's Word?" Encourage the children to share reasons why they want to obey God's Word.
- Direct the children's attention to the bathroom scales. Encourage the children to locate items in the room to weigh on the scales. Allow each child to guess the weight of each item before you place it on the scales. Allow the children to stand in pairs on the scales. Invite the children to share their observations about this experiment.
- Form teams. Provide each team with a dollar bill. Instruct one member of each team to hold the bill between the thumb and forefinger (positioned as if ready to pinch) of his teammate and to let go of the bill without warning. Instruct the teammate to try to catch the bill between his thumb and forefinger without moving his hand down. Suggest that teammates swap roles. Encourage teams to experiment by dropping the bill from various heights. Invite children to share observations about the experiment.
- Guide the children to understand that gravity played a role in both experiments. Emphasize that gravity is a natural force that must be obeyed.
- Lead the children to list reasons why God wants people to obey Him. (*to do what is right, to do what is good, to show love to God and others, to serve God, to please God*)
- Challenge the children to name ways they can obey God this week.