

Application Activities

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

Pull It Together

Paper, tracing paper, pencils, markers or crayons, magazines, scissors

- Cut out simple, appropriate pictures/illustrations from magazines.

Worship Through Arts and Crafts

- Invite a volunteer to read aloud Deuteronomy 5:32-33 from his Bible. Emphasize the importance of following God's commands.
- Challenge the children to list the Ten Commandments.
- Allow each child to select a picture. Provide paper and markers or crayons. Instruct him to draw a copy of his picture on his paper.
- Provide each child a pencil and piece of tracing paper. Instruct him to lay the tracing paper over his picture and trace the image with his pencil.
- Encourage each child to compare his drawings. Give him an opportunity to tell which drawing he likes best and why.
- Say: "The picture you selected at the beginning of the activity served as a guide to help you produce your final drawing."
- Help the children understand a guide as something they can follow to know the right thing to do.
- Say: "The Bible is like a guide. The Bible helps us know the right things to do, so we can please God."
- Recall the Ten Commandments. Discuss ways the Bible serves as a guide (*helpful verses, Jesus' example, example of those who followed God*).
- Read aloud Psalm 119:34. Guide children to apply the verse to their lives.
- Pray for each child by name. Ask God to help the children live by His rules and to follow the instructions included in the Bible.

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Poster board (1 piece per child), markers, tape

Teacher Tip

Provide a cap and pointing stick that each child can use when it is his turn to be the tour guide.

Worship Through Dramatic Play

- Invite a volunteer to read aloud Deuteronomy 5:32-33 from his Bible. Emphasize the importance of following God's commands.
- Challenge children to list the Ten Commandments. Record on poster board.
- Encourage each child to select one of the Ten Commandments.
- Provide each child with a piece of poster board and markers.
- Instruct him to draw an abstract illustration of his chosen commandment. Explain: "An abstract drawing uses shapes, symbols, and colors to represent an object or idea." Suggest that the drawings represent something children think about or feel when they hear the Commandment.
- Assist children in taping their drawings around the room.
- Say: "Now let's pretend we are in an art museum. As we travel in a group to each masterpiece, whoever did the drawing will act as our tour guide. The tour guide will tell about the painting and how it relates to a commandment."
- Give the children a little time to think about what they will say. Tour the "museum" and learn about the drawings.
- Read aloud Psalm 119:34. Guide children to apply the verse to their lives.
- Pray for each child by name. Ask God to help the children live by His rules and to follow the instructions included in the Bible.

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Index cards (8 per child), 8 pieces of construction paper (1 each of red, yellow, blue, orange, green, purple, black, and white), tape

- Make a set of 8 index cards per child. Write the names of each of the following colors on a separate card: *red, yellow, blue, orange, green, purple, white, black*. Shuffle the cards in each set.
- Tape each of the colored pieces of construction paper on the floor to form a very large circle. The order of the colors does not matter.

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Compasses (one per child), items to place around the room

Teacher Tip

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

Worship Through Games

- Invite a volunteer to read aloud Deuteronomy 5:32-33 from his Bible.
- Challenge children to list the Ten Commandments.
- Provide each child with a stack of index cards. Invite him to stand on the color indicated by his top card. Assure him it is OK if more than one person is standing on his color.
- Instruct: "At my signal, begin reading through the colors written on your cards. Each time you read a different color, move to that color and look at the next card. When you return to the color that you started on, place your hands in the air and wait for additional instructions."
- Continue: "Be careful not to run into each other as you move."
- Give the signal to begin. Wait for all the children to return to their original colors. Encourage children to repeat the activity moving as different animals or by hopping, taking baby steps, or other creative ways to move.
- Play again by challenging each child to travel to the same colors, in the same order from memory. Give time to memorize the order of the cards.
- Gather the children together. Guide them to understand the cards served as guides to help them know which way to go. Ask: "How are the Commandments like guides for us? What happens when we obey the Ten Commandments? What if we do not obey them?"
- Read aloud Psalm 119:34. Guide children to apply the verse to their lives.
- Pray for each child by name. Ask God to help the children live by His rules and to follow the instructions included in the Bible.

Worship Through Exploration and Discovery

- Distribute compasses. Explain: "Because of a magnetic force produced by the earth's rotation, a compass works by always pointing north."
- Demonstrate how to align the needle over the N (or other North symbol).
- Say: "With the needle pointing to the N, notice the E on the compass points to the east. The W on the compass points to the west. The S on the compass points to the south. NE points to the northeast; NW points to northwest; SE points to southeast, and SW points to southwest."
- Prompt the children practice pointing the compass in various directions.
- Assist in helping locate eight objects around the room. Stand in the middle of the room. Call out various directional locations of the objects. Guide the children to locate the items.
- Change roles. State the item. Allow volunteers to give the compass points.
- Gather the children together. Discuss various uses of compasses.
- Summarize: "Compasses guide ships to ports, hikers as they hike, and people as they develop maps. These are just a few ways compasses are used. Compasses serve as guides to help us know the right way to go."
- Continue: "God's commandments in the Bible serve as guides to help us know how we should live." Review the Ten Commandments.
- Read aloud Psalm 119:34. Guide children to apply the verse to their lives.
- Pray for each child by name. Ask God to help the children live by His rules and to follow the instructions included in the Bible.