

SMALL GROUP ROTATION – NIGHT 2

Summer Jam Slogan: “When I lose hope, God is with me!”

Bible Story: Joseph thrown in prison (Genesis 39)

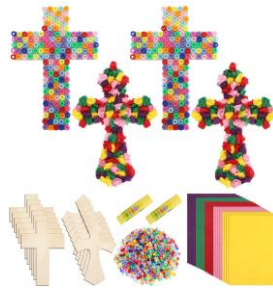
Supplies Needed: Wild West Maps, wood cross, beads, tissue paper, a few glue sticks, baggies

ACTIVITY #1 – Wild West Maps

1. **Say this:** “Tonight’s Bible story is about Joseph. Yesterday we learned he was sold as a slave, and it turns out he was sold to a man named Potiphar. Potiphar was a powerful man who worked for the king. He liked Joseph very much until his wife told a lie about Joseph which got him thrown into prison! He did nothing wrong, but was thrown into a dark, lonely prison. He was sad and felt very hopeless, but he wasn’t alone. God was still with him, He never left Joseph! He began telling two men in prison who had worked for the king, what their strange dreams meant. When one of them got out of prison, he told Joseph he would tell the king how he helped him. But...he forgot! Joseph sat in prison alone waiting and waiting for years! Joseph probably lost hope that he would get out of prison, but knew he was not alone and stayed faithful to God while he sat in prison. We will find out what happened next to Joseph tomorrow!”
2. Have each kid take out their Wild West Map and turn to Page 6.
3. Have kids fill in the blanks in their Playbook. “*When I lose hope God is with me!*” Say that slogan together a few times.
4. **Say this,** “Things didn’t seem to be going Joseph’s way. He has a lot of bad things happening to him.”
5. Ask these discussion questions:
 - How would you feel if you were Joseph?
 - Have you ever had a situation when you felt like that?
 - Who could you talk to when you feel this way?
6. Have your group turn to page 5 in their playbook called, “When have I felt like Joseph”.
7. Tell the kids to think of times when they felt alone, scared or hopeless. Have them write those times under the picture of Joseph in prison.
** younger kids might need help writing or can draw something to represent their experience.*
8. Let kids share what they wrote, then remind them that God was always with them while they were going through that experience.

ACTIVITY #2 - Pray

Say this prayer to your group, “God thank you so much for the story of Joseph. I lift all of these times when we felt hopeless to you. Thank you for reminding us that you are ALWAYS with us even in the bad times. Help us to remember that we can talk to you, and that you will give us comfort. I pray for my friends here tonight at Summer Jam. I pray that they would always have faith like Joseph, and know you are always with them! Keep us safe, happy and healthy as we continue having so much fun at Summer Jam. We love You. In Your Name we pray. Amen!”



ACTIVITY #3 – Cross Craft

1. Give each kid a cross craft.
2. Set the beads and tissue paper in the middle.
3. Explain that they can choose to decorate their cross with tissue paper OR beads.
4. Show the kids how to peel the sticky back off of their cross.
5. They can then tear off pieces of tissue paper, scrunch them up and add them to cover the sticky side, or add beads to the sticky side
**there are glue sticks that can be used if they need them.*
6. As they kids are working, ask if they remember our Summer Jam Slogan for today. (*When I lose hope, God is with me*)
7. Encourage the kids to hang this cross up at home to remind them that when they feel sad, scared or hopeless that GOD is ALWAYS with them!
8. Give each child a baggie for their craft, and keep them in your leader bag.

Activity #4 – Memory Verse Motions

1. Review the Summer Jam Memory Verse on Page 1 of their Wild West Maps: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9
2. Divide your group in 2-3 smaller groups.
3. Have each group come up with motions to a section of the verse.
4. Have each group share what they came up with.
5. Practice the entire verse using the motions they came up with.

Extra Time Activities – Pages 11, 12 and 13 in the Wild West Maps

Page 11 – Code words

Page 12 – Word search

Page 13 - Maze