

AGPIA

Aim:

The aim of this lesson is for the kids to learn why there are different hours in the Agpia and what they mean. We want the kids to know how to pray from the Agpia, and be encouraged to pray every night with at least just one psalm.

Outcomes:

- Be able to match the events of each hour.
- To agree as a class to pray the same psalm every night from the 12th Hour for that week.
- To learn how to pray using the Agpia
- Each group to learn 1 verse from their psalm (see below in lesson)

Lesson:

Split the class in groups.

Each group should be given little pieces of paper that have the following on them:

FIRST HOUR	Commemorates the hour that our Lord Jesus Christ ROSE from the dead
THIRD HOUR	Commemorates the hour that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent to be crucified.
SIXTH HOUR	Commemorates the hour that our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified.
NINTH HOUR	Commemorates the hour that our Lord Jesus Christ died for us.
ELEVENTH HOUR	Commemorates the hour that our Lord Jesus Christ was taken down from the Holy Cross.
TWELFTH HOUR	Commemorates the hour that our Lord Jesus Christ was laid in the tomb

Ask the kids to match the hour, with the event for that hour.

In the church, when do we read about each of these hours, and about what happens to our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer: Good Friday

Why should we pray before sleeping?

Some notes:

- so that we can be surrounded by angels to protect us while we sleep
- so that we can thank God every day for things He did for us
- so we can remember that God died for us and rose again, and conquered death
- so we can remember the things which we did wrong during the day, and ask God to forgive us.

- Give each group a piece of A3 paper, and ask each group to choose an hour from the Agpia and draw a picture that shows the events for that hour.

- Choose a Psalm for each group from that hour, and ask them to discuss what this psalm means, and to choose a verse from the psalm to include on their presentation.

- At the end, ask each group to present their psalm and picture to the class.

- Go through the Agpia and 12th Hour prayer, and show the class hour to prayer using the Agpia – starting with Thanksgiving Prayer and Psalm 51.

- Select a Psalm from the 12th Hour which the whole class will read every night during their prayer.