

Experiential Learning – 1.11.09

Time/context: 10-15 minutes before the lesson

Materials + Preparation required:

- Large Dice with paper on each side to write on.
- Have 'Moses is found/saved' written on a card and stuck the board face down.
- 2 small cards/paper for each student, one with 'ME' and one with 'GOD' written on it.
- Markers

Activity:

1 – Activity 1: Possibilities.

Have Dice with card ready for writing. Ask children to write on each side a possibility of what could happen if you put a baby in a basket and send it into the river just like Moses. Most possibilities should be tragic/unfortunate.

Roll the dice to see what the result is. Ask the children, is this a good solution/outcome to the problem? Answer should predominantly be no. Then reveal on the board one bright card that says the positive result that happened to baby Moses.

Explain the following;

In order to save Moses, Jochebed had to let him go. She had to literally let him leave, with no control over what would happen to him. She could only send Miriam to watch and see what God would do. Sometimes we are in similar situations. There are many problems in life that are out of our control. We have to "let go and let God" work out the situation. It's easy to ask God to take care of something, but it can be very difficult to "let go." Discuss a time when you have or might have to "let go" of a situation for God to work on it. (e.g. we can not control other people. Nagging and complaining usually makes the situation worse. We have to "let go" of what we want the other person to do, and simply obey God's will for us. God will use our obedience to work on that person's conscience.)

Now, apply this to something more relevant to the children through the following Activity 2;

2 – Activity 2: God Can, We Can

Give each student two index cards. Have them write 'God' on one and 'Me' on the other. Tell them to hold up the most appropriate card when you ask each of the following questions.

- Who can respond to a bully with politeness? Me
- Who can make the bully a nicer person? God
- Who can find a solution to every problem? God
- Who can make a problem worse by trying to force others to do what I want? Me
- Who can be patient when a problem occurs? Me
- Who has enough money to provide for my every need? God