

Experiential Learning – Learning to ask for God’s help

Time/context: 10 minute at start or conclusion of Bible lesson.

Aim: To reinforce the concept of asking for God’s help when we have problems instead of complaining. Children reminded to remember God’s compassion and love for them and ask Him for what they need.

Reference: Exodus 16-17:7

Biblical Text: The people thirsted for water, and the people complained against Moses saying ‘Why is it you brought us up out of Egypt to kill us, our children and our cattle with thirst?’

Materials Required:

- Supply pictures – bushfire, sickness, NRMA



A bush fire that threatens to take lives and destroy property.



A problem with the car that leaves us stranded.



A serious sickness.

- A3 paper
- Texter pens
- Blue tac

Preparation: Two servants per class to deliver activity - Jacklin and Madam Neva in Victor's class, and Emmanuel and Amira in Rommani's class.

Activity: Pictionary

A Servant draws the picture, while the other servant makes the first guess and directs the children's guesses in the right direction.

Once the picture has been drawn, the servants can reveal the relevant resource picture (above). Servants ask the children questions to stimulate discussion and elicit desired responses, eg.

- What should we do if there is a bushfire?
- How many different ways of getting help can you think of?

Repeat activity with remaining pictures: problem with the car that leaves us stranded and a serious sickness.

Conclude the activity by commenting that:

The story about the miracle in which God brought forth water from the rock so that the Israelites who were thirsty could drink and be satisfied showed how much He loves us and always gives us what we need.

People often do a lot of different things to get help when they have a problem. Usually when we have a problem or don't have what we need, sometimes the first thing we do is to complain.

This story reminds us that the first thing we should do is talk to God and tell Him how we feel and what we need and to ask for His help. Think about who you might talk to when you need help.