



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

GET RID OF PRIDE

PROPS NEEDED: 3 balloons, pushpin, marker

LESSON:

- Discuss thoughts of pride with group. (Example: I'm better than Suzie, she doesn't come to church as much as I do)
- Pick three and write them on the balloon.

POINT TO MAKE:

- Pride will hinder our prayers.
- The Bible says that God won't hear our prayers.
- You first need to recognize pride in yourself.
- Then you need to get rid of pride.

PRACTICE:

- Take each balloon and talk about that particular pride issue.
- Talk about how important it is to get rid of pride.
- Take the push pin and pop the balloon to get rid of pride.

BREAK IT DOWN:

Pride will hinder our prayers.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What are different types of pride? (I'm better than that person because I go to church and give in the offering, I'm glad that I'm not like that kid, etc.)
2. Will God answer our prayer if we have pride in our heart? (no)
3. How do you get rid of pride? (ask God to forgive you.)



Super Church 2.0 Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

PRAYER ROADBLOCKS TO ANSWERED PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE:

James 4:6, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (NKJV)

TAKE HOME POINT:

What we say and do will affect our prayers.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

Question #201:

- What is your favorite sport?
- Why?

Question #632:

- Can you speak a different language?
- If so, what?
- If not, what would be your choice?
- Why?

ICE BREAKER Game:

Silent & Quiet

- Divide class into two teams.
- Have them line up into two rows, back to back.
- On the count of three, have everyone turn around and face each other.
- No speaking, but the first one to laugh is out.
- All who remain get a new partner.

2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - NIV Bible: Luke 18:10-14

3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Luke 18:10-14

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

BIBLE STORY:

Two Men Praying

BIBLE CONNECTION:

Jesus told a story about two men who went to church to pray. One was a preacher and he prayed really loud and told how much he gave and how good he was. The other man was a tax collector and he prayed quietly because he was asking God to forgive him for his sins.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. How did the preacher pray? (very prideful and loud)
2. How did the tax collector pray? (quietly, he was asking for forgiveness)
3. What is God looking for from us when we pray? (a prayer from the heart)

BIBLE STORY POINT TO MAKE:

Whose prayer was heard? God hears the prayers prayed from the heart.