

Rock City Church Unoffendables

Curriculum

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RCC Unoffendables: Lesson 1 - “A Clean Heart”

Lesson Adapted from “The Bait of Satan” by John Bevere

Age: Preschool

Lesson Topic: “A Clean Heart”

| LESSON | WHAT CHILDREN DO | SUPPLIES NEEDED | PREPARATION OVERVIEW |
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| <p align="center">1 Getting Started</p> | <p><u>Introduction/Ice Breaker:</u> Children will hunt for/sort hearts hidden around the classroom</p> | <p>Construction Paper Hearts. (different colors)</p> | <p>Hide hearts around the room – among toys and around furniture. Be prepared to give hints to children that needs help finding them.</p> |
| <p align="center">2 Bible Exploration. Key Verse Activity.</p> | <p><u>Key Verse:</u> Psalm 51:10 (KJV)</p> <p><u>Bible Story:</u> 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 God chooses David to be king: “Men and Women look at the face; God looks into the heart.”</p> <p><u>Bible Activity:</u></p> <p>Laminated Hearts</p> | <p>-Erasable Markers. -Transparent Contact Paper or laminating pouches.</p> | <p>-Laminated hearts to help the kids understand unclean hearts vs clean hearts.</p> |
| <p align="center">3</p> | <p><u>Craft/Make and Take:</u></p> <p>Forgiving Hearts</p> | <p>-Single hole puncher -String. -Erasable Markers.</p> | <p>-Practice writing and erasing writings on personalized hearts.</p> |

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| Faith Into Life | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">4 Lasting Impressions</p> | <p>Prayer Points:</p> <p>-Lord help me see the condition of my heart -Help me right my wrongs so that I may be blessed, In Jesus name (Amen)</p> | | |
| | <p>Faith at Home: Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p> | | <p>What parents can do at home: Draw a heart on construction paper. Give your child dot stickers to cover the lines.</p> |

Lesson Topic:

- A Clean Heart

Lesson Background/Foundation for Teachers:

- Children will be engaged in various ways to understand what it means to have a clean/pure heart void of sin (offence/unforgiveness).
Being mistreated does not give you permission to hold on to an offense. Two wrongs do not make a right. King David is a good example of a “Clean Heart”. Growing up David was the youngest of the family and left to do the least important jobs.
When the prophet Samuel was sent by the Lord to anoint the next king, David’s father presented all of his brothers except him, leaving David out tending the sheep. Despite all the hardships in his life, David chose to forgive them and maintained a clean heart before God.

Introduction Activity:

- Treasure Hunt: Find hearts hidden around classroom (e.g. amongst toys). Children will sort hearts into two groups. Plain vs. stained

Praise & Worship:

- Song 1: I give you my heart – Hillsong
- Song 2: I surrender – Hillsong worship
- Song 3: 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord...) Matt Redman

Key Verse:

- Psalm 51:10 (KJV)
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Bible Story:

- Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 16 The Message (MSG)

God Looks into the Heart

16 GOD addressed Samuel: “So, how long are you going to mope over Saul? You know I’ve rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your flask with anointing oil and get going. I’m sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I’ve spotted the very king I want among his sons.”

2-3 “I can’t do that,” said Samuel. “Saul will hear about it and kill me.”

GOD said, “Take a heifer with you and announce, ‘I’ve come to lead you in worship of GOD, with this heifer as a sacrifice.’ Make sure Jesse gets invited. I’ll let you know what to do next. I’ll point out the one you are to anoint.”

4 Samuel did what GOD told him. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the town fathers greeted him, but apprehensively. “Is there something wrong?”

5 “Nothing’s wrong. I’ve come to sacrifice this heifer and lead you in the worship of GOD. Prepare yourselves, be consecrated, and join me in worship.” He made sure Jesse and his sons were also consecrated and called to worship.

6 When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Here he is! GOD’s anointed!”

7 But GOD told Samuel, “Looks aren’t everything. Don’t be impressed with his looks and stature. I’ve already eliminated him. GOD judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; GOD looks into the heart.”

8 Jesse then called up Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. Samuel said, “This man isn’t GOD’s choice either.”

9 Next Jesse presented Shammah. Samuel said, “No, this man isn’t either.”

10 Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Samuel was blunt with Jesse, “GOD hasn’t chosen any of these.”

11 Then he asked Jesse, “Is this it? Are there no more sons?”

“Well, yes, there’s the runt. But he’s out tending the sheep.”

Samuel ordered Jesse, “Go get him. We’re not moving from this spot until he’s here.”

12 Jesse sent for him. He was brought in, the very picture of health—bright-eyed, good-looking.

GOD said, “Up on your feet! Anoint him! This is the one.”

13 Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of GOD entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life.

Samuel left and went home to Ramah.

- **Narrative of Story:**

God chooses David to be king: - “Men and Women look at the face; God looks into the heart.”

Bible Activity: Laminated Hearts.

- Laminate Hearts (use plain hearts sorted earlier).
- List out examples of thing that represents unclean hearts (e.g. offences, unforgiveness etc.)
- Use erasable markers to write the examples on laminated hearts.
- Explain that the writing on the hearts represents how we get unclean heart.
- Finish by explaining that we are blessed when we put things right by erasing those writings from our hearts through prayers and free will efforts to make things right.

Craft/Make and Take:

- Give each child a laminated heart.
- Use the single hole puncher to make a hole on the laminated hearts, put the string through the hole and make a knot to secure the string.
- Practice writing and erasing writings on personalized hearts.

Closing Activity & Prayer:

- Call to Action : Lord help me see the condition of my heart
- Prayer: Help me right my wrongs so that I may be blessed, In Jesus name (Amen)

Faith at Home:

- Description: Children will take laminated hearts home to hang on their wall to remind them of lesson learned today.
- Use erasable markers to write on the heart when you experience an offence.
- Erase the writing when you pray and clear you heart and feelings on the offence.
- Share your testimonies on overcoming offence with your family, friends and at church next week...

