Bible Verse Game

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Loud and Soft, Big and Little

Materials
Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

Preparation
None.

Learning the Verse
Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game
1. Tell the children: "Let's practice our Bible verse with a game."

2. "First let's say our verse together," (say it a couple times).

3. "Now let's see how quietly we can whisper it! Can you say it quietly like I am?" Have everyone follow your voice as it gets quiet, then loud, then medium, etc. Quiet them, then repeat.   If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after they repeat the verse a few times. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

NOTE: You may find it easier for the children to follow getting louder and softer by lowering your hands when you are getting quieter and then raising your hands when you are getting louder.

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Freeze 'n' Say

Materials
Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
Music and CD/Tape player

Preparation
None.

Learning the Verse
Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game
1. Play some of the music for the children. Tell them that they will move around the room as you tell them (marching, leaping, clapping, etc.) while they hear the music. They will stop and freeze in whatever position they are in when the music stops. Practice this with them.

2. When they have the concept down, add saying the verse when the music stops and they are in their frozen position.

3. After they say the verse, then tell them how you want them to move when the music starts again. You can take their suggestions for movement ideas, too.

4. Start the music up again and continue. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

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Deep Down Detectives Mission Madness Practice

Materials
Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
Deep Down Detectives Theme Song and/or Bible verse song
Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

Preparation
None.

Learning the Verse
Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game
1. Tell the children that sometimes detectives have to do all sorts of things to get answers to their questions and solve the case they are working on. In this game, they will practice some detective moves.

2. Put on the detective costume, telling the children that you will start out the game as the Chief Detective.

3. As you play the Deep Down Detectives theme song, you will lead the children in practicing one of their moves, such as swimming across a deep river. . (Other possible actions would be crawling, hand over eye looking around left and right; walking backwards, shuffling, stooping, and crawling..)

4. When the song finishes, the children will sit down and everyone will say the verse together. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

5. Choose a child to take your place as Chief Detective. Repeat activity, choosing another detective move. Play continues as time and attention span allow.