

Our Stories - God's Story

Lesson 3

Split into Groups

Have everyone spread out around room. You are splitting the groups into smaller groups of about 4-6 people. Once you split the groups apart then you are pairing them down smaller from there. (e.g. 1 large group into 2, then 2 groups into 4, etc)

Ask everyone to...

Cross arms in front of you (left arms on top to one side, right arms on top to another side)

Draw a dog in the air (tail to the right in a group, tail on the left another group)

Think of a number (odd vs even into groups)

Story Cards

You can use the "Story Cubes" game for this or make your own cards. If you are making your own, print off 20 different random pictures of one item each (e.g. tree, robot, key, book, heart, cat, etc). Make enough sets for each group of 4-6 people.

Once you have your groups give each group a set of cards/cubes. Give them 10 minutes to randomly pick a card (or roll their story cube) and use the picture to tell a story. Each person should add a sentence to the story then it is the next person's turn to add onto the story. The group is telling one continuous story together. After about 3 minutes tell them they need to turn the story they are telling into a love story.

Lesson

Creation Experience

- What did you experience when you went outside?
- Face of God is the earth, How might thinking this way change you? Your choices? Your behavior?
- Connect their stories about being outside to what those things or moments or feelings tell us about God
- If the earth is our living story how have humans contributed to the story (taken away?)

Kinds of Love

- Philia (brother-sister)

- Storge (Familial)
 - How is it different than brother sister?
- Agape (Unconditional)
 - How is it different than the other two?
- What kind of Love is exhibited in creation?
- What kind of love do you have with friends?
- What kind of love is in a marriage? (not always agape)

Love in God's Story and Our Story

- Give examples of Bible Story that show God's love
- How you have experienced love (different than being kind)?
 - Who has shown you love?
 - What kind of love was it?
- Have you ever shown love to someone else?
 - What kind of love was it?
 - Has someone shown Philia? What was that like? (storge, agape)

Love through Jesus

- What kind of love was God showing by sending Jesus?
- How do you feel about the gift of Jesus?
 - Given without asking
 - Before we were worthy
 - Save us from death
 - Gives eternal life

Prayer of Praise

- Ask how it went
- If you struggled what was hard about this? All prayer is perfect. There are kinds of prayer and maybe some unspoken "etiquette" but there aren't really bad prayers. You can express any emotion in prayer. Because God agape loves us God can take what we deal out.
 - How would you say thank you for a gift (a big gift)

Extra credit

- How many ducks were in the background?

Antsy Game

Grandpa's House

You know the "answer" and start off with "I'm going to Grandpa's house and I'm bringing..." The first letter of whatever you're bringing must be a G.

From then on, the first letter of every word must go in the order of GRANDPA. For example, Grapefruit, Rainbows, Alligators, Nothing, Diamonds, Pencils, Apricots.

After Grandpa is spelled, it repeats until everyone knows the "answer." If someone gets it wrong, you still have to keep spelling GRANDPA the correct way. For example, the leader says "Grapefruit" and the next person says "Books" the next person who knows the answer would have to say something that begins with an R. It gets tricky when you have to keep count of what letter you're on.

Ending Game

Create a monster

Have everyone form a circle. Give each person a paper. Tell everyone we are going to be creators like God and create some monsters. First I want everyone to draw the shape of the head. When everyone is done have them all pass their paper to the person to the left. Then have everyone draw a body shape on the new paper they have.

Then

Hair

Legs

Feet

Arms (can have as many as they want it's a monster)

Hands

Eyes

Nose

Mouth

Anything they think is needed (tail, warts, horns, etc)

Then share what you created.