

March 2016

Week 1 – Mrs. Melissa

Melissa taught a small history lesson on tradition compared to true meaning of Easter celebrations. Resurrection Sunday!!!! She shared with the kids the ancient traditional Easter basket had different foods in it with a symbolic meaning. Example: Bread=The Easter bread is symbolic of Christ himself who is our true bread. Butter in shape of a lamb reminds us of the goodness of Christ. (Lamb of God) Hard boiled eggs brightly decorated remind us of new life and resurrection. Ham is symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Other items salt, cheese, horseradish, bacon and sausage. Then we had volunteers read a printed explanation of Passover.

Week 2 – Mr. Steve

We talked about the difference between Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, being raised from the dead at Jesus' command, and Jesus resurrecting from the dead on Easter Sunday, with a glorified body. We used 1 Corinthians chapter 15 as our reference where Paul the apostle shared what he had learned from the apostles in Jerusalem....centering on the fact of Jesus' resurrection. We also talked about Elijah being caught up into heaven, and Enoch the patriarch. The kids had several questions to ask about all this. The point was...that we too shall rise again with a glorified body, without a doubt, in response to our faith and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Week 3 – Ms. Janine

We celebrated each child with a tea party, speaking life into them and encouraging them that they are beautiful and loved. Taking turns Melissa and myself asked each child (individually) if we may escort them into the class room one by one. While we entered the room escorting them to each of their special seats we told them how much we love them, how much God loves them and what they mean to us. Each prince and princess received a special sweet treat signifying how special and sweet each of them are. We also shared with them a powerful message from God.

God says I give you a name; receive it and respond to it. When we respond to that name good things happen. He is calling us chosen, beautiful, victorious, friend. God will keep calling us. When we respond to this name good things will happen. We don't have to respond to the being labeled as being bad, failure, weak, useless and so forth.

God wants to break off every label that he has not named us. He wants to clean you. He wants to come in and he wants us to let him in. He wants us to give him our shame. Our tear stained hurts. There is nothing too dirty that he cannot make worthy (Natalie Grant song). Let him clean you.

We ended the night with the children taking turns sharing something special to them.

Week 4 – Mrs. Anna

Theme: Fear

Story: Where's God When I'm S-Scared? (Veggie Tales)

"DANIEL AND THE LION'S DEN". Chapter (6)

Project: Lion Project (Dare to be like Daniel)

Memory verse: Psalm 56:3-4

When I am afraid I will trust in you. In God I trust; I will not be afraid.

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Do you think Daniel was afraid of the lions?

How did God take care of Daniel?

How does God take care of you?

What are you afraid of?

Fear = anticipation of something unpleasant will occur.

Dismayed = sudden or complete loss of courage.

Strengthen = quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face danger with out fear.

Uphold = to support or defend.

Isaiah 41:10 (rewritten for understanding what verse is saying) Do not expect something bad will happen, I am with you; do not lose your courage, for I am your God. I will help you face danger; I will support and defend you.

The kids took the opportunity to pray for one another.

Week 5 – Celebration!

We have been challenging the children to reach a goal of filling our reward marble jar. Each week that your child reads in their bible they are rewarded with placing a marble in the jar. When the jar is full we celebrate their success. The jar has reached its capacity and we will be having a Pizza party and a fulfilled night of laughter, sharing and games.