

God Triumphs

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Supplies

- Red Plastic Film
- White Cross, 1/child (See end of lesson)
- Red Pencils, 1/child
- Regular Pencils, 1/child
- Scissors
- Bible Stories; *Lion Storyteller Bible*, pp 138-141

Prepare Ahead

- Make a copy of the cross for each child.
- From the red plastic film: Either cut a cross, (same size as the white cross) for each child or provide a full sheet that will completely cover the white cross.

Exploration

- Gather the children together.
- Read the two stories from the, (*Lion Storyteller Bible*, pp 138-141) “A Dreadful Day” and “A Happy Day.”
- Explain how it demonstrates God’s power over everything. (*It is common at this time of year for kids to be hearing, “Jesus died for our sins.” Make sure they understand that the word “sin” means error thinking or distance from God. It is true - Jesus died to prove that there is no distance between God and us.*)

Activity

- Give each child a white cross.
- Invite them to use the regular pencil and write the great things God gives us inside the cross. (*i.e. love, forgiveness, faith, healing, family, friends*).
- Next, give them the red pencil and have them write things that scare them or keep them distant from God. (*i.e. death, illness, anger, violence, unkindness*).
- Explain that sometimes these things prevent us from seeing the good things that God provides and then have them scribble out the good words with the red pencil.
- Now, invite them to share, out loud, all of the ways they are blessed and everything they have to be grateful for.
- Finally, invite them to put the red film over their white crosses. All of their “red” words will disappear and their gifts from God will shine through.

Discussion

- What was this experience like for you?
- What surprised you?
- What did you already know?
- How can you use this in your life?

