





CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: What is your favorite thing to eat? What is something you do not like to eat?



ANIMAL SOUNDS

Start by 9:20/10:45

Invite kids to sit in a circle. Lead kids to go through the letters of the alphabet by making an animal sound that starts with that letter. For example, for the letter "A" a kid could simulate the sound of an alligator by clapping their hands together. Or for the letter "B," a kid could growl like a bear. Invite the other kids to guess the animal for each sound. Be sure to offer help to kids stuck on a letter. (FYI: Xerus is an African ground squirrel; Yak or Yellowhammer (a bird).

Those were some fantastic animal sounds! God has made so many amazing animals. Long ago, God said that some animals were unclean for His people to eat. In our story today, we will hear how God told Peter that all animals were made clean. Let's get ready to learn how Jesus makes all things clean.

START BY





LARGE GROUP

9:30/10:55

SMALL GROUP



DISCUSSION

- How did today's story teach us that Jesus loves everyone? Jesus does not love one group of people more than another. He died for all people. Jesus' death on the cross forgives the sins of anyone who believes in Him. Jesus does not show favoritism and we shouldn't either.
- Is it OK that everyone is different? Why? God made all people unique and has given us all certain characteristics. All people are made in the image of God and He loves them. Having differences allows us to serve and love others in unique ways. The church is made of many different people.
- How can we love others who are different from us? Because God loves all people, we are called to love all people. The best way to love others is to share Jesus with them. We can also serve people to show that we love them such as helping a kid at school with homework or being kind to a new kid at school.



KEY PASSAGE

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 together.

Jesus loves all people and His church is made of all different people. Everyone has an important job to serve others and honor God.

Help kids come up with hand motions to the words in the verse. Practice the verse with the hand motions getting faster each time. Continue as time allows.



SAME VS DIFFERENT

As a group, discuss ways kids are the same and different. Ask broad questions that everyone can answer "yes" or "no" to. Create two categories on a dry erase board and label them Same and Different. When you find something that everyone replies "yes" to, write it in the Same category. When kids don't answer "yes", write it in the Different category. For example, you may ask questions like "Do you sleep at night?", "Do you have a brain?" "Do you need to eat food?" "Do you like to feel loved?" "Do you like pancakes?" "Do you have a dog?" etc.

Then end the activity by asking the questions: "Do you need to be forgiven?" "Do you need a Savior?"

Many things make us different from each other. Those differences are good, and are a part of God's beautiful design. But God has also made us the same in many ways. We are sinners who need to be forgiven. And we are all people in need of Jesus. Jesus loves us, and He is Lord of all.



Key Passage: Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27



Big Picture Question: What is the church? The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers. Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.