

Let the Little Children Come

Lesson 18. THE RAINBOW OF GOD

- Purpose:
- a) To review the “second day” of Creation.
 - b) To teach that water allows us to see what light is really composed of (i.e., the colors of the rainbow).
 - c) To acquaint the children with the story of Jesus’ baptism.
 - d) To allow the children to see that Jesus’ baptism lets us see what He is really composed of (i.e., the Spirit of God).

Materials: A picture of a rainbow
A picture of Jesus’ baptism
Bulletin board of the 6 days of Creation.
Either paint-with-water books or some water colors and paper.

- Presentation:
- 1) Ask the children if they have ever seen a rainbow after it has rained.
 - 2) Show them a picture of one.
 - 3) Tell them that the colors in the rainbow are really a part of the light; and we wouldn’t know that light had colors in it, if it weren’t for the rain-water.
 - 4) Ask them if they remember that they have “hugs” inside of them.
 - 5) Remind them that we can’t see a hug while it’s still inside of us.
 - 6) Tell them that we can’t see the colors that are “inside” the light, either. They are like the “gifts” inside of us.
 - 7) But the rain...water...lets us know what the light has in it...what the light is “made of”...colors!
 - 8) Ask them if they remember who “The Light of the World” is (If they don’t remember, remind them that Jesus is the Light, because He makes God’s love easier for us to see.)
 - 9) Tell them that water made it clear what Jesus is made of, too.

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- 10) And this is how it happened!
- 11) Show them the picture of Jesus' baptism and tell them the story of how the Spirit of God came down from heaven after Jesus was baptized...like a rainbow comes down from heaven after a rain...only the Spirit of God looked like a dove.

(If they don't know what a dove is, tell them.)

And a voice from heaven spoke saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- 12) The water of baptism made it clear that God was in Jesus.

Activity: Paint with water...or water colors.

Song: **The Creation Song 2**

3. But still He wasn't through.
It then became day "two."
He spent the day by separating waters:
The ones high up above,
The ones far down below,
And Heaven was between them, don't you know?
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
4. A voice from Heaven came,
Like rainbows after rain,
To say that Jesus was the Son of God;
And what was in the light
Was there for us to see –
The dove of Peace and Truth, for you and me.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.