

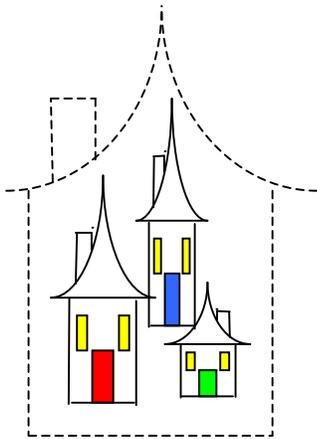
Let the Little Children Come

Lesson 25. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

- Purpose:
- To demonstrate the concept of "In my Father's house are many mansions." (John 14:1, 2)
 - To teach what it means to be "one with God."
 - Indirectly, to introduce the concept of "Infinity."
 - To introduce the meaning of Easter.

Materials: The bulletin board (as set up in lesson 23, "Let Your Light Shine").
A house made out of clear acetate, large enough to cover all the smaller houses. (This house is not marked in any way...i.e., it has not boundaries of the house marked on the acetate, no windows, and no door.)
A picture of each child, if possible, on his/her house. (I used a Polaroid and took pictures as a part of the lesson.)

Presentation:



- 1) Take a picture of each child (if you don't already have one) and put it on his/her house.
- 2) Remind the children that our bodies are like houses...and it's the "us-inside" that are important.
- 3) Tell them that Our Father in Heaven has a house big enough for all of us to live in.
- 4) It's not a house like we know houses, though...not even a body like the ones we are used to...
- 5) Because it has no walls to hide the light inside!
- 6) Place the plastic house over all the houses on the bulletin board.
- 7) Tell the children that, of course (!), we don't know what God's house really looks like...but that you, the teacher, have made this house to remind them of how special...and different...it is.
- 8) Ask them if they see any walls, in God's house, to hide the light.
- 9) Tell them that God's house is so big that it can hold every single person in the world and still have room left over...a

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house without walls can do this!...because no matter how big we think it might be, it can always be bigger.

- 10) Tell the children that there is a special word that describes such a house...that is, "a house without walls"...and that word is "infinite."
- 11) Tell the children that God is infinite; and so, God's house is infinite, too...because, how can someone's house be smaller than he is?!
- 12) When Jesus went to live with God, He broke the bonds...or the walls...that kept us inside ourselves, so that we could live in a house without walls...a wonderful house filled with love, because it is filled with God.
- 13) And that's what we celebrate every Easter!!
- 14) God lives in God's house. (After all, it's what's inside the house that makes the difference.)
- 15) And any one who lives in God's house is a part of God...and God is a part of that person.

Activity: Be sure to send the pictures home with the children. On the back of each, you might want to write, "This is my house." Put in clear "house pockets"...like baggies.

Check with parents about next week's lesson!

Find out if any of the children have any **food allergies?**

Next week's lesson involves **tasting fruit**.