

Family Activities

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11

FRESH START DASH:

Let children line up against a wall and yell RUN to the wall... or HOP to the table... or JUMP to that chair, etc. Then shout FRESH START and children will race back to line up by the wall again, to do an activity together for run, jump, hop, etc. Play FRESH START as many times as time allows and then tell children that today we'll learn about a FRESH START in our Bible lesson.

BUBBLE PLAY:

Give children bubbles to try and blow and pop or to put bubbles inside another bubble, etc. Let children know that all the bubbles that they are blowing and see flying through the air can remind them of all the times that GOD forgives, as we'll learn from our lesson today!

FRESH START NEW YEAR BOOKLET:

Give each child some construction paper that has been cut into quarter sheets and let children staple to pages together or tie together with yarn. Each page can be pictures or words or stickers to remind children of "fresh starts" that they can make after God forgives us, such as a fresh start from lying, cheating, stealing, disobeying, using God's name in vain, etc.

"FRESH START" STAND UP CARD:

Give children colored card stock paper to fold to make a card. Write FRESH START on the front of the card and add smiley stickers inside the card and write GOD'S FORGIVENESS GIVES US A FRESH START! Encourage children to set their new card on their kitchen table and talk about God's forgiveness at meal times.