

Teaching Plan - Learning more about Jesus in everyday things. (Balls)

Aim - To show that we are made for a purpose.



Welcome



Game/Activity

What's in the bag? Pass it round and give people the opportunity to feel it and guess what is in it.

Item: Balls of all shapes and sizes - golf, tennis, table tennis, football, softball, bowl, cricket, beach, snooker etc.

Take time to let people demonstrate some of the different sports/activities involved with different balls. Have fun and try to include people who would not normally take part.



Talk

As we have lots of different kinds of balls each with a different use, so we are all different.

Different names, different faces

Different eye colour, different hairstyles

Different voices, different smiles

Different height, different shoe sizes.

God made us different because he had a special job for each one of us. He gave each one of us a special gift or talent so that we can do the job well.



Drama -Could play/sing the first verse few lines of 'Help' (Beatles) as an intro to the drama.

A man, David, was going to work in America for a few months - his wife and children were going to stay at home and so he asked some people to help them while he was away.

David gave Ann some flour.

David gave Patrick a paintbrush and some paint in a pot

David gave Jean a duster and some polish

David waved goodbye to his family

Ann made lots of loaves of bread with the flour, so everyone had something to eat. Ann was good at making bread. Ann said "*I like to help by making bread*"

Patrick painted every room in the house - it looked good. Patrick was good at painting. Patrick said "*I like to help by painting*"

Jean put the duster and polish in the cupboard. Jean was very good at dusting. Jean said "*I can't be bothered dusting David's house. I'll just leave the duster in the cupboard and watch a DVD*".

After a few weeks David came home - his family were happy to see him.

Ann gave David some bread to eat. David said "*thank you for making such lovely bread - here is enough money to open your own shop - thank you and well done*"

David noticed all the rooms were freshly painted. David said to Patrick "*thank you - here is enough money to buy a van so that he could start up his own painting business - thank you and well done*".

David noticed that the house was very dusty - he went into the cupboard and found the duster and polish that had not been used.

David said, "*why did you not dust my house*"?

Jean said "*I couldn't be bothered and at least the duster is still nice and clean*"

David said, "*I asked you to help with the dusting because I know you are good at it - I am sad that you did not want to help*."



Bible reading:

Use one or all of the Scriptures with some explanation, if necessary. Perhaps the verse from Psalms could be said all together - echo verse.

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10 (ETRV)**

You have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace God gives us. **Romans 12: 6a (ETRV)**

I praise you because you made me in such a wonderful way. I know how amazing that was. **Psalm 139: 13-14 (ETRV)**



Prayer Time

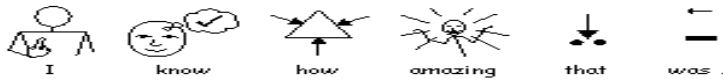
Before the prayer time, mention some of the group members' talents and gifts e.g. someone may have a great smile, talent for making tea etc. Thank God for all our talents and help us to use them more.



Possible Craft -

Possible craft. Using an ink pad or paint get each person to add their unique fingerprint to a poster - could use the sheet below with the bible verse in symbols as part of the poster. If you want the symbols by e-mail contact Ivy on

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Psalm 137:14 in the Bible



Possible Songs

- I'm special because God has loved me.
- God loves you just the way you are (Prospects) - this is good to listen to quietly)
- The Father himself loves you (Prospects)
- I want to worship the Lord with all of my heart