

Children's Ministry Lesson Plan – September 14th, 2025

Scripture: James 1:1-12

1. Activity: Dodgeball Hunters (10 Minutes)

Description:

Select 2 kids who each get a specific color dodgeball. They are the only one allowed to use that dodgeball. While the 2 Dodgeball Hunters attempt to get everyone out by chasing, throwing, and hitting the other kids with their dodgeball, the other kids attempt to be the last Runner remaining. After each round, select 2 new kids to be the Hunters.

2. Worship Song (5 minutes)

Have Kids Stand And Copy The Motions To The Song
Press Play On The Computer To Start The Song
Pause/Stop/Exit Out Of Song When It Is Over

3. Offering (2 minute)

Who can tell me what tithes & offerings are? Allow kids to respond.

What are tithes & offerings?

"Giving money to the church is actual giving money to God. Tithe means one-tenth. God then uses this money for the work of the church, which is to spread the Good News of Jesus and God's love for us to the entire world, including you."

Did anyone bring an offering today? (Allow them to take any offering to the box on the wall outside the rooms)

4. Prayer & Split (2 minute)

Invite A Kid To Pray For The Day.

Encourage thanksgiving, praising God, or if someone has already shared something that needs to be prayed for.

Split Up Into The Classrooms

5. Provide Snack & Art Pages (2 minutes)

This will engage and focus the kids.

6. Opening Prayer Requests (5 minutes)

Ask For Prayer Requests / Share Your Own (Allow Time For Thought & Sharing)

Assign/Ask If Anyone Will Pray For A Prayer Request

(The goal is to create comfortable spaces for sharing & praying for one another. Sometimes this means that the leaders will be the only ones that are praying. Other times you might see opportunity where kids are eager to pray or willing to stretch their comfort zone because they really care about another kid's prayer request)

Pray.

7. Read Scripture Passage (5 minutes)

Explain how you are finding the passage in your bible.

Read: James 1:1-12

What did you hear?

8. Application Story (5 minutes)

Script:

oe was having a rough week. Her best friend was out sick, her little brother kept bugging her, and she forgot her homework. She felt frustrated and wanted to scream. At school, she had the chance to cheat on a quiz—but something inside her said, “Don’t do it.”

Later, her teacher talked about how hard days help us learn patience and grow stronger. At church that weekend, Zoe heard the story from James—about how trials make us better and temptation is something we can say no to.

Zoe smiled and thought, “God was helping me all along.” She didn’t cheat, and even though the week was tough, she had made good choices. That made her feel strong—and closer to God.

What did you think of the story?

9. Discussion (10 minutes)

Questions:

- ☐ What do you hear the Scripture and story saying to you?
- ☐ What are some hard things you’ve faced recently?
- ☐ What helps you make the right choice when you’re tempted?
- ☐ How can trials make us stronger with God’s help?

Tips:

Allow the Holy Spirit guide you.

Allow for quiet as kids think. Look at their faces and maybe you will see a brain processing that you can prompt to answer.

If a child hasn’t spoken, you can ask them if they have any thoughts, but don’t push too hard. They are finding comfort & trust in the space. Kids take in more than it looks like. Do not be discouraged if you don’t

see a desired outcome. Focus on being a loving, trusted, consistent adult in their life.

10. Closing Review & Prayer (3 minutes)

Review:

Today we learned that hard times help us grow stronger with God's help.

Temptation tries to pull us away from what's right, but we can choose better.

God gives us wisdom and strength when we ask Him.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for being with us when life is hard.

Help us to grow through trials and say no to temptation.

Make us strong in faith and full of wisdom. Amen.