



Faith Explorers

Std 3&4

God who prepares the way for salvation

Objective

To understand that we are all children of god. We do make mistakes in our lives – we sin. However, God does not forsake us. God will never forsake us. God will make a way to save the sinners.

Children must understand that when the term Israel is used in the bible – it means all of us – the children of god.

The meaning of Israel is not to be taken literally, but in a broader sense, encompassing the entire Bible.

Introduction

Jesus always used parables and stories. Teachers can use the same here.

Story of a journey – beginning with Abraham – the father of believers till the 12 sons of Jacob – after whom the 12 tribes of Israel were named. The beautiful story of Joseph and his dreams.

Presentation of the topic

Ask the children if they know the story of the prodigal son.

The Father in that parable is like God our Father – always forgiving and waiting for our coming back. At our home – when children make small mistakes – parents take action and at times punish them. It is for the betterment of the children. Similarly, god who loves us – at times who punishes us – loves us always and is always caring about us.

Like Abraham – who heard the call of god and always did what god wanted --- and god always protected Abraham and his descendants.

God did miracles in the lives of those who loved him and obeyed him. Even when Israel went away from god – god never left them. He made plans to rescue them -like how he did through Moses. Concisely, the story of Abraham till Moses can be explained to children – and later questions may be asked.

Habit Formation

1. Read the Bible every day.
2. Learn a Bible verse every week.

Bible Verse

LUKE 11:28 - But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

Activity

- **Make a chart or tree** depicting the lineage from Abraham to the 12 tribes of Israel
- **Ask each child** – how we can be obedient to god in our daily life
- **Write slogans** – emphasizing that god is our creator and Jesus is our savior



Conclusion

We are Israel – God’s children. We at times – turn away from god. And this gives great pain to god. God punishes us for our acts of disobedience – but does not desert us. He loves every one of us and prepares to save us from sin.

Mathew 15: 24 - “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

As class concludes – the song – “israyelin nathanaayi vaazhum ek daivam” – can be sung.

Prayer

Dear God, please give me a humble heart to yield to your instructions at all times, so that I can prosper. Help me to obey you and let me be flexible for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Let me follow when you lead, and let me be willing to receive your blessings whenever you are ready to hand them over. Never let me be away from you. Forgive my mistakes and save me, o lord.