

Lesson 5 Additional Activity

Materials

Additional Option to the Discovering Story

- leaf pattern or a real-life/silk leaf
- felt of various autumn colors
- 12" circle cut from green felt
- 3" square of green felt
- 4" circle cut from white felt
- safety scissors to cut fabric
- fine point black marker
- glue or tape
- cardboard or poster board, slightly larger than the 12" circle

Before the lesson, attach the green felt circle to the board with glue or tape. Place the white felt circle in the center of the green circle and attach it. Using a leaf pattern or a real-life/silk leaf, cut leaves in the various colors of felt. With the marker, draw in the leaf veins. Cut an evergreen tree from the additional green felt. Put these items near your place in the Discovering area.



Discovering

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(following Discovering text on page 75)

These are important things to remember. Using symbols will help us remember this. Today we will use a symbol from God's Creation to remember. We will use the symbol of a tree.

- Lay the board with the cloth circles on the table, with the symbols next to it. Set the symbol of the evergreen tree aside.

There are many kinds of trees. Different kinds have different kinds of leaves.

- Hold up a felt leaf.

This leaf helps us think of an asking prayer.

- Place the leaf on the green part of the circle and have a child pick out another leaf. Ask the child to show how it is different from the first leaf.

Let's have this leaf remind us of another kind of prayer. What kind shall we say?

- Continue having the children choose leaves and talk about different kinds of prayer. The children can place the leaves on the circle until all the leaves have been used. Prayer types may be repeated.

So these leaves help us remember that we can pray in many different ways. The other thing we learned today is that God always listens to our prayers.

- Hold up the evergreen symbol.

Why would this kind of tree be a good symbol to help us remember that? This is an evergreen tree. It stays green all year long. It is always green. It can help us remember that God always hears our prayer.

- Have a child place the evergreen symbol in the center.

Whenever you are outside, you can look for different kinds of leaves and think of all the ways to pray. And, when you see an evergreen tree, what will you think of?

- Encourage the children to answer.

Together say one big, joyful “Amen!”

I will leave these symbols out for you to arrange as you wish.