God’s Workmanship

Items Needed
- 1 package of wrapped candy, or enough to give each kid one piece
- Colored construction or photocopy paper

Option: A “reward” of some type to give to the children who have given away the most pieces of candy.

Objective
E-LIFE Kids will learn about the E-LIFE commitment “Show” by demonstrating the need to show kindness to others.

Instructions
This object lesson is based on Ephesians 2:10: “We are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works.” Before the meeting, print each word to the Scripture verse above on a sheet of colored paper (neon paper works great), or enlarge the words on a computer, horizontal layout, and print two to three words per page.

Before beginning the object lesson, count the number of children in the group and divide that number by the number of memory verse sheets you will be handing out, to determine how many pieces of candy will be needed by each child so that every child in the group can receive one piece of candy.

Spiritual Application
For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Read Ephesians 2:10. Explain the importance of doing good to others. Explain that too often we must earn a person’s trust before we can ever share our faith with him or her. To earn a person’s trust often requires time and commitment to build a relationship. An avenue to earning a person’s trust is to show kindness.

If time allows, review 1 Corinthians 13, and explain that one must have love in his heart to be truly kind. Emphasize the verse:

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)
Next, assign the E-LIFE Kids to come to the front of the group and to hold one of the Scripture verse sheets. Line them up across the front of the room. Place them from left to right, so their Scripture verse cards will be in proper order and so the Scripture passage can be memorized. Give each child an equal amount of candy, and every child should have several pieces of candy.

Now, in order from left to right, have the kids each yell out his/her Scripture verse card as you tap each one on the shoulder. When done, have each E-LIFE Kid invite one more student to join him/her. Now each Scripture verse card should be read by two students in the manner described above. Continue the process until the original group of students have each selected five other students. (Depending on the size of your group, this exercise may be limited to two or more.)

The concept here is that by putting the Scripture into practice, we are putting God’s Word into practice. By showing kindness to others, we can build relationships that can lead us to a greater witness about Jesus to them.

Say: You know what? The Scripture verse we just said could come to life through us. Not only can you be “God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works,” and one way is by showing kindness, you can also build friendships with others by being kind to others. By showing kindness to others, they may want your gift from God, which is eternal life. So be kind to others at school. By doing so, it could give you the opportunity to witness about Jesus and even invite them to church.

Option: You may wish to reward the children who have shared their candy the most generously by giving them an additional goodie of some sort.

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