Day 1 Elementary Bible Story

The Exodus

Introduction for the Station Leader:

Good morning! I wanted to start out by telling you the overall themes for the day. The main theme for the day is God guides us. This is shown through the Bible Story in Exodus. In Exodus, the Israelites are being led out of Egypt by Moses and God. God guides them by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. God sent His Son, Jesus, to guide us and Jesus guides us through his word. God continues to guide us today.

Back in history, as settlers were traveling out west in the hopes of a better life, the settlers were not going into the prairies and deserts blind. They were led by a guidebook or a guide, who was an experienced man who had traveled the route many times. This is the connection from the West to the overall theme.

Activity:

* Read the Bible story from this packet
* Create pillars of fire and cloud throughout the day
  + Each group will contribute to the pillars so by the closing, they are fully formed

Supplies:

* Paper (made into tubes)
* Elmer's Glue
* Cotton Balls (pulled out)
* Pencils
* Scissors
* Red Construction Paper
* Orange Construction Paper
* Yellow Construction Paper

Preparation:

* Take the papers and make them into two cylinders

Bible Story from the Bible:

Exodus 12:31-32, 13:17-18, 20-22

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.”

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Instructions for when the group arrives:

1. Welcome the group to the first of VBS and introduce yourself
2. Ask them what the theme is for the day (God guides us)
   1. They might not know or remember the theme yet so if they don’t get it, please remind them
3. Introduce the story they will be learning about and ask if any of them have heard it
4. Read the Story from the packet
5. After reading, say how God sent His Son to guide us and ask who His Son is
   1. Jesus
6. Say that Jesus guides us through his Word.
   1. You can elaborate on these subjects
7. Create the pillars
8. Hand out pencils and scissors and what color construction paper they would like
9. Have them trace their hands, cut it out, and glue it to the fire pillar
10. When they are done, have them come over to the cloud pillar and help glue on some of the pulled out cotton balls
    1. Make sure you leave enough cotton balls and room on the pillar for all your groups of the day
11. When they are done, have them clean up their scraps and send them to wash their hands

Cleanup:

* At the end of the day please:
  + Put away all supplies that you don’t need for the rest of the week