Day 4 Opening and Closing

Water and Forgiveness

Introduction for the Station Leader:

 Hello again! Welcome back! We are already on Day 4 of VBS. Today’s theme is God forgives us. This is shown through today’s Bible stories. The children will be covering two stories today. The Bible stories are the Passion and the Resurrection. Jesus dies on the cross to forgive our sins, and on the third day, he rises from the dead. These stories demonstrate that God forgives us.

 When people rode out West, they usually rode out in a group. Also, when the people finally settled, they lived in small towns. In both these situations, the people only had who was around them to rely on. Also, many times there would be disagreements which is what happens with any group of people. The settlers had to learn to forgive each other so they could work together to survive. Forgiveness helped them start a new life.

 The activity for today is a real science experiment. You take water and add food coloring. The water represents us, and the food coloring represents our sins. When you mix it all together, it turns a murky color. Then add the bleach, which represents God. This will get rid of the food coloring. It will turn the dyed water back to water. It is a cool way to show that God forgives us.

Supplies:

* Laptop
* Projector
* Table
* 1 clear glass container filled halfway with water
* 1 clear glass container filled with ¼ cup of bleach
* Food coloring

Preparation:

* Have the experiment setup before the children return for the closing

Instructions for the Opening:

1. Have Western-type Music Playing
2. Welcome
	1. Greet children and welcome them to The Old West where they are going to learn about all the great things God does for all His children.
3. Sing a song
4. Introduce your Pastor/Minister
5. Have your Pastor/Minister do:
	1. Opening Prayer
	2. Introduce to Bible Story
6. You introduce Bible Character
	1. Dino the Armadillo
	2. Review theme “God forgives us”
7. Sing a song
8. Explain to children how they will be going to different stations to learn, explore, and have fun.
9. Check to make sure all the group leaders know where they are going next.
10. Dismiss groups one at a time to go to the next station

Instructions for the Skit:

1. Welcome children to the skit time
2. Sing a song
3. Introduce the Skit
4. Watch Skit
5. Talk about Mission

Instructions for the Closing:

1. Have Western Music playing
2. Welcome them to the closing
3. Review the Story
4. Show the water and explain how it represents us.
5. Bring the water around so the children can see it.
6. Talk about sin and have children give some examples of sin.
7. For each sin the children say, add a couple drops of food coloring to the water. It will turn black.
8. Ask the how can we possibly get into heaven with all this sin in our hearts? Students will give answers.
9. Show the container with the bleach and say how it represents Jesus. Ask children what Jesus did for us.
10. Once you get the answer that he died to forgive our sins, then say yes and as you reiterate that point pour the bleach into the black water. The black water will turn clear again.
11. Because Jesus died for our sins, we have a forever home with Him and God in Heaven.
12. Closing Prayer
	1. The Lord’s Prayer
13. Sing a song