Day 5 Opening and Closing

Soda and Mentos

Introduction for Station Leader:

Good morning! It sure has been an exciting week. We all hope that you have had just as fun this week as the children had. We have learned so much, and it isn’t quite done yet! The theme of today and the last theme of the week is God empowers us. After Jesus dies on the cross and is resurrected from the dead, he appears to his disciples. He tells them that God will send them something. As the disciples are hiding, God sends them the Holy Spirit. This empowers them to spread the Word of the Lord to the world.

The settlers who came to the West came with practically nothing. They had some items and resources provided for them, but mostly, they didn’t have anything. They had to do everything for themselves. Many of the people in the West were some type of entrepreneurs. There were the farmers and ranchers and blacksmiths and masons and so much more! They were empowered. They had the power to do everything for themselves. God empowers us and the people of the West were also empowered.

The theme is all about being empowered through God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. What this day needs is a very powerful and empowering ending and experiment. This calls for soda and Mentos! When Mentos are put in soda, the soda shoots up and spills out of the bottle. We are the soda and the Trinity is the Mentos. With their help, we are powerful! Just one tip, DO THIS OUTSIDE!

Supplies:

* Laptop
* Projector
* Coke Zero
* 5 Mentos

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. Melody the Horse
   2. Review theme “God empower 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. Go outside
5. Show the Coke Zero. This represents God.
6. Show the mentos. This represents us and our faith.
7. When we put our faith in God we can do amazing things.
8. Add the 5 mentos to the Coke Zero very quickly and stand back!!
9. This is what happens when God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit help us
10. Go back inside
11. Review all the topics the children learned each day
12. Final thank you to all the volunteers.
13. Remind Children about the closing program
14. Remind children to get their crafts and anything they left in the church.
15. Closing Prayer
    1. The Lord’s Prayer
16. Sing a song