Day 2 Opening and Closing

Egg Drop

Introduction for the Station Leader:

 Good morning! I hope you had an enjoyable day yesterday. Now here we are on Day 2. Today’s theme is God protects us. This theme is shown throughout many Bible stories, but today we are learning about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace. These three men get thrown into the furnace for not bowing down to the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar created. The men survive because a fourth man, Jesus, appears and protects them from the fire. The men come out unharmed.

 This theme is also shown in the West. In the West, there are dangers at every corner: rattlesnakes, wolves, coyotes. Not to mention the weather can be very dangerous with terrible storms and tornadoes. Despite all these hardships, the settlers are protected by each other and by God. Even today God continues to protect us.

 God protects us. When we are all alone, we can only go so far. That’s why we need God’s help. This is why today’s activity is an egg drop. The egg alone represents us on our own. When the egg is dropped, it breaks. However, when we have God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we are protected and can get through anything. This is represented by an egg dropped in a container so it won’t break.

Supplies:

* Laptop
* Projector
* 3 raw eggs
* 2 egg protectors
	+ 1 protector should be flimsy and not work
	+ 1 protector should be sturdy

Preparation:

* Make sure you have tested the sturdy protector so that it does work

Instructions for the Opening:

1. Have Western-type Music playing
2. Welcome
	1. Greet children and welcome them to Day 2 of 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. Molly the Sheepdog
	2. Review theme “God protects 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. Bring everyone out side
5. We are the fragile eggs. We think we can do everything ourselves but when we do this is what happens - Drop the from a high spot such as a low roof or a ladder. Result - egg breaks. Without God’s protection we break apart when even little things happen that are bad. We try to do things that we think will protect us but do they really?
6. Take an egg in the flimsy protector and drop it from the high place. It will break.
7. When we trust in God and pray for his help he will protect us.
8. Take an egg in the sturdy protector and drop it from the high place. It will not break.
9. Closing Prayer - The Lord’s Prayer
10. Remind children to get their crafts and anything they left in the church.
11. Sing a song