

Activity tie-in: Backpacking

Objects: Backpack, trail mix, flashlight, rope.

Bible Verse: Isaiah 35:8 “And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.”

Lesson: What do we truly need in life?

Introduction Ideas

- You could talk about the time you went hiking and what you all needed to put into the back pack.
- You could ask the children if any of them have been backpacking and then ask what they needed to put in their backpack.
- You could ask the children what would be one thing they could not live without.

Lesson Suggestions

- Move from the idea of what you would put into a back pack to the idea of where one would go to actually go backpacking. What kind of trails/roads would you walk on? What kind of things would you see?
- Lesson Object: Once you talk about where you would go and what you would see, talk about what the children would need in their backpacks for those situations. Some backpacks might have trail mix in it for when you would get hungry. Other backpacks might have a flashlight or rope for safety purposes. Finally, talk about God’s Word. Just like needing all of those things in your backpack, you first and foremost need God’s Word.
- Quote and apply the Bible verse: Isaiah 35:8 “And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.”

Questions for Interactive Lessons

- “It will be for those who walk on that Way.”
 - What is the “Way” that they are talking about in this Bible passage?
 - How does one walk on this “Way”? and who is it for?
- “The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.”
 - Who does God mean by unclean?
 - Are we unclean?
 - Who are the wicked fools?

Closing Prayer

Jesus, we thank you for all that you have done for us. Lord, bless us with the joy of being able to go out in nature and experience the beauty you have given us. Help us to remember that all these blessings come through you and your Word. In your name we pray, Amen.