Lutheran Pioneers Object Lesson Outline

ACTIVITY-TIE IN- GARDENING

Object- Flower

Bible Verse- Luke 12:27-28 "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!"

Lesson- If God even cares for the flowers, then we certainly do not have reason to worry about God forgetting to take care of us.

INTRODUCTION IDEAS

- You might talk about how easy it is to worry about little things, such as what outfit we are going to wear to school each day or how our body compares to others.
- You could ask the students to list some worries that they have day to day (or keep them in their heads if they're more personal).
- You could set up an activity where each student writes down a worry that they have on a piece of paper and then they can put it in a "worry jar". After the lesson, the students can remove their worries from the jar and pin it on the cross to show how Jesus takes away their worries.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS

- Move from your introduction to the idea of how we too often worry about things. Do my friends think I'm cool? Can I pass the math test? We definitely need someone that can take all of these worries away.
- Object lesson: Show a flower to illustrate the beauty it has without even working or stressing.
- Quote and apply the Bible verse: Luke 12:27-28 "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!"

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSON

- When you quote the Bible verse, you could ask students to make the application:
    - "How does the beauty of a flower show us that worrying is pointless?"
        - If God cares for and makes flowers so beautiful, then he will definitely care and do what is best for us.
    - "Where then can we put all of our worries?"
        - We are told in the Bible that we can go to Jesus in prayer with all of our stresses and troubles.
        - You could also point to 1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for sending us your son, Jesus, so we have a place to put our worries. Help us when we see the beautiful flowers of your creation to be reminded of the even more powerful love and care you have for us. In your name we pray. Amen.