Lutheran Pioneer Object Lesson

Activity Tie-In: Model Rocketry

Object – Model Rocket, with engine
Bible Verse - Isaiah 40:28-31
Lesson – Only God can get us through

Introduction Ideas

- You can start by asking how high the sky is until you are in "outer space."
- You can also start by talking about how eagles will fly straight into a storm so they can gain the momentum to fly over the storm.
- You can ask the students how many of them have ever watched a model rocket take off and talk about how quickly it launches.
- Have the students jump while standing straight. This will demonstrate how strong gravities pull is.
- Ask the students how long they can run without growing tired. Maybe give an anecdote from your own life about how exhausted you became after a strenuous exercise.

Lesson Suggestions

- Move from one of the introductions above (or choose your own) to the idea of what it is like to be pulled to earth by gravity, and how that is similar to what it is like to be pulled down by our troubles in life.
- Object Lesson: Without the motor, the rocket would just sit and not move forward at all. In the same way, God enables us to "Fly on wings like eagles."
- Read the passage and apply.

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- While reading the passage, you can ask the students,
    - "Can the creator of the universe ever grow tired... Can we?"
        - Unlike God, we can grow tired quickly and need something or someone to help us if we want to go on.
    - "What does it mean to hope in the LORD?"
        - When we hope to go on a big vacation, we don't always know if it will happen. When we hope in God, we know that he will always come to our aid.
    - "Does this mean that we will be able to run forever?"
        - Point out that God will always be with us and help us, that is his promise and he has never broken a promise. Also point out that God works in ways that we don't always understand and many times the world will tell us God isn't helping us, but we can be sure that he is.

Closing Prayer:
Dear Lord, you promised to be with us and the help us. Thank you for all the times that you helped us through life, and thank you especially for the gift of your son. Help us know that you are always with us. Amen.