

ACTIVITY TIE-IN: Washing your body

OBJECT - a Bar of Soap

BIBLE VERSE - Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God!"

LESSON - We make ourselves dirty with sin, and need Jesus to make us clean.

INTRODUCTION IDEAS

- Tell the kids to remember a time they became very dirty and were covered in filth. (Better yet, dip your hand into a bucket of mud to demonstrate) Then use a bar of soap to wash away the dirt.
- You could ask the kids to envision themselves playing outside in the mud and dirt. How did they clean themselves afterwards from the dust and dirt? Then once they step out of the shower/tub, don't they become dirty again? Then bring up the point in the lesson how once Jesus washes our sins away, we go out and "get dirty" again.
- The activity will also work with a toothbrush. If you don't brush your teeth for a long period of time, they become dirty and need to be cleaned. But they continue to become dirty by nature and continually need to be cleaned.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS

- The kids will say they took a shower/washed their hands to get themselves clean, but you can bring up how they probably became dirty again and needed to clean themselves again. That's how we are spiritually by nature; we do not have clean hearts and need God to make them clean.
- We make ourselves dirty many times everyday, by lying, cheating, disrespecting our parents and teachers, etc.
- We acknowledge to God we are dirty beyond cleaning ourselves and ask him to clean our dirty sinful hearts. But God has already cleaned us through his Son, Jesus.
- But God by sending Jesus, our bar of soap/shower that washes our dirty hearts to be clean and pure, saved us from being dirty forever and are seen as holy and clean in our God's eyes.
- Quote and apply the Bible verse: Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God!"
- Could also use and apply 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSON

- “In what ways do you make yourself dirty with sin each day?”
 - Lying, cheating, disrespecting our parents and teachers, etc.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Jesus, by sinning against you, we have made ourselves and our hearts dirty and corrupt. Only through you, Jesus, by your perfect life and death on the cross for our sinful hearts, can we be made pure in the presence of God. By your grace, continue to make our hearts pure until we spend eternity with you in heaven. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.