

Lesson 1: I Have a Purpose

Goal: Each child will understand that he/she has God-given purpose and destiny.

Materials needed: Frisbee, Bible, Folder with 8 sheets of white paper in it

Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 25:14-30

Lesson Outline:

1. Engaging Activity: Show the Frisbee to the kids and ask them this: "Most of you know this is a Frisbee, but pretend with me that you don't. What would you think its purpose was?" (possible answers: plate, hat, drum, etc.) Okay, now who can tell us, what the real purpose of a Frisbee is? (to fly)
2. Read Jeremiah 29:11 - Explain to the children that just as the frisbee's creator designed it with a specific purpose, God the Creator, designed each of them with a specific purpose.
3. Bible Story: Matthew 25:14-30 - Tell the Parable of the Talents - the main point is that God has given each of us special talents and it is our job to discover what they are. God expects us to use our gift and talents for the purpose with which He gave them to us.
4. Explain: that over the next 7 weeks, the focus will be on identifying the different mountains of society and asking God to show each of them their special gift.
5. Hand Out: A Folder to each child. Label the outside with their first and last name. On the 1st sheet of white paper, have the students write or draw what they think they would like to be when they are older. Collect the folders to be used in next week's lesson.

6. Pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,
We thank you that you have placed special gifts and talents within each of us. You have created us with purpose and destiny. We ask that You help us to understand our unique purpose and what You have created us to be, that we may advance Your Kingdom.
In Jesus Name, Amen.

Optional Song:

(To the tune of Row Row Row Your Boat)

God has a plan for me
He wrote my destiny
I'll read His Word, listen and pray
His Kingdom I will seek