

D/G CIRCUS SPECTACULAR: CIRCUS DESIGN

SESSION 3: "RAINBOW WAGON 3/1"

BIBLICAL BASIS: Genesis 1:26-31 – man to have "dominion" over all;
6:19-20 – story of Noah and the Ark
9:12-17 – the Covenant of the Bow

PROJECT: Introduction of the "Rainbow Wagon 3/1" (made out of cardboard boxes, painted to resemble wild animal circus wagon); make wild animal masks from animal calendars kids choose to be.

AVAILABLE TIME: @30 minutes.

POINT OF LESSON: God gives his people responsibility for the care of all endangered species of animals and to protect them and treat them gently, preciously, which is why the 3/1 wagon is empty of animals.

1. Calliope plays 1 verse of "This Is My Father's World," LBW554.
2. At @9:20am, children dismissed from church with sound of ringmaster's whistle to "the tent."
3. Children welcomed, admitted.
4. 3-ring action including:

Ring 1

Center Ring

Ring 2

D/G VIDEO PLAYING:
"The Runaway," @15min

DO: Extreme Animal Athletes
Challenge fidget buster
#2 and #4

SAY: Circuses have many animals.
Name some of them you might
find in a circus.

LET KIDS RESPOND

HAVE CHILDREN PICK FROM CALENDARS
ANIMAL THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE:

CUT OUT,
GLUE ONTO CARDBOARD,
ADD PADDLE HANDLE TO HOLD
AS MASK.

ASK: What animal did you choose to be?
WHY?

KIDS RESPOND

SAY: Well, Noah was told by God to
choose two of every living creature
over which humans were to have
"DOMINION": to have charge over,
...care for,
...treat kindly,
...with respect,
that they might live freely,
...fully,
...abundantly too.

God told Noah this because God wants all
endangered animals to survive and wants
us to make sure they do (cf Genesis 6:19-20).

And when there was no more flood, the land
dry again, God painted a "bow" (cf Genesis
9:12-17 in the sky as a reminder never to
destroy the world again by a flood:
...all his creatures were too precious
to do so.

READ STORY: "Adam's Animals" from "Does
God Have A Big Toe," by Marc Gellman and
Oscar de Mejo, p.5.

HAVE KIDS GO IN "RAINBOW WAGON 3/1" IF
THEY WANT TO AND EXPERIENCE WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO BE "CAGED" UP WITH THEIR WILD
ANIMAL MASKS.

TAKE PICTURES.

LET KIDS TALK ABOUT WHAT IT WAS LIKE.

CLOSE WITH ECHO PRAYER:

"Thank you God for making all the different
kinds of animals in the world; help us to
treat them nice and care for them all.
Amen."