

D/G CIRCUS SPECTACULAR: A DESIGN

SESSION 5: NEW YEARS – "THE PROMISES OF GOD"

BIBLICAL BASIS: Ephesians 3:6 – "...heirs, members...and partakers of the promises
In Christ Jesus through the gospel."

1 John 2:25 – "And this is what he has promised us, eternal life."

PROJECT: Promise verse to receive and share.

AVAILABLE TIME: @25 minutes.

POINT OF LESSON: to appropriate the promises of God for one's own life for a
new year.

1. Calliope plays 1 verse of "Standing On the Promises of God," share definition of "calliope": "that which is 'beautifully voiced' as of an angel."
2. Children dismissed to "the tent" by the ringmaster's whistle.
3. Children welcomed.
4. 3-ring action including:

Ring 1

D/G VIDEO PLAYING:
"New Year's Promise,"
@ 30 min.

Center Ring

Ring 2

TALK ABOUT MUSIC,
SPECIFICALLY CIRCUS MUSIC,
HOW IT: ADDS TO EXCITEMENT
OF ACTS (DRUM
ROLLS),
- ENHANCES WHAT
PERFORMERS DO,
- ENHANCES
SPECTATOR
FEELINGS (FEAR, AWE
SUSPENSE,
EXCITEMENT)

LISTEN TO: "March of the
Gladiators"

ASK: How did music make
you feel?

DISCUSS.

MOVE TO CENTER RING

ASK: What is a promise?

KIDS RESPOND.

SAY: God made promises to us.
Promises he will keep.
Today I brought with me some promises
of God found in the Bible.
A special promise for each of you in
this new year.

PASS OUT ENVELOPES WITH EACH
CHILD'S NAME ON IT, CONTAINING A
PROMISE FROM THE BIBLE INCLUDING:

Ephesians 2:8,
2 Thessalonians 2:13,
Romans 3:24
Romans 8:39,
John 14:18-19,
John 3:16,
Genesis 12:2,
Matthew 28:29,
Leviticus 20:26,
Romans 8:16,
1 John 4:15, et al

HAVE CHILD OPEN THEIR OWN ENVELOPE
AND READ THE PROMISE...THEN HAVE
THEM SHARE IT WITH THE CLASS.

NOW HAVE CHILD THINK OF A PERSON
THEY WANT TO SHARE THAT PROMISE WITH,
PASS OUT ENVELOPES AND HAVE CHILD PUT
PROMISE IN IT AND WRITE PERSON'S NAME
ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE TO LATER GIVE
IT TO THAT PERSON.

SAY: These are all promises of God that are
"beautifully voiced" music to a
Christian's ear for all years.

READ A SELECTION OF THE VERSES TO
CHILDREN.