

D/G CIRCUS SPECTACULAR: A DESIGN

SESSION 7: "PRETZEL LIKE A PRAYER"

(based on circus noises of appreciation made by hands of spectators)

BIBLICAL BASIS: Psalm 47:6-7 (*NOTE: the meaning of the Hebrew word translated "prayer" means "song of praise"*)

"Sing praises to God, sing praises (ie to give appreciation)
Sing praises to our king, sing praises!
For God is the king of all the earth (ie "ring"),
sing praises...."

Matthew 5:13 – "You are the salt of the earth (ie "ring")...."

PROJECT: Make "little rewards."

AVAILABLE TIME: @25 minutes.

POINT OF LESSON: To encourage prayer in lives of students.

1. Calliope plays 1 verse of "We praise you, O God," LBW241.
2. Ringmaster whistles children to the "big top."
3. Children welcomed, admitted.
4. 3-ring action including:

Ring 1

Center Ring

Ring 2

D/G VIDEO PLAYING:
"The Time Machine,"
@ 13 minutes.

AS KIDS ARRIVE IN TENT, HAVE
KIDS ONE AT A TIME WALK THE
WIRE, DO HULA-HOOP, ETC; WHEN
EACH HAS FINISHED, ALL KIDS
APPLAUDE: "GIVE APPRECIATION
TO;"
REMIND KIDS OF MEANING OF
TRAPEZE; MOVE TO CENTER RING

SAY: Applause. It is an expression
of being pleased, satisfied; of
saying "thank you" to a performer
who made our excitement possible.

In church, we call it "prayer."

Prayer: giving praise to God.
A practice Christians emphasize
especially in Lent, the time we
remember that Jesus died for us.

We use our hands for that too.

Some people pray by:

...standing up,
...sitting down,
...kneeling,
...laying down,
...laying flat on the ground;

...by...

...bowing their heads,
...closing their eyes,
...looking straight up into heaven;

...by...

...folding their hands this way, or
...this way, or

...hold their hands up in the air like this, or
...like many did in Jesus' time, across
their chest like this,

...YES, IN THE SHAPE OF WHAT WE
CALL A PRETZEL.

Pretzels were first developed by a monk in
the year 610AD in France who was making
unleavened bread for Communion use
during Lent, and had some dough left over
and decided to put it in that shape and give
to children as a treat for reciting their prayers,

...a "little reward,"

...a "pretzel" (L. "pretiola").

MAKE "LITTLE REWARDS"

NOTE: WHEN PUTTING SALT ON DOUGH,

SAY: The salt reminds us that Jesus
says we are the salt of the earth,
to be life's seasoning to others,
even in this season the church
calls Lent.

CLOSE WITH A SHORT PRAYER.

**for additional information on history of pretzel, please go to: www.snydersofhanover.com*