

D/G CIRCUS SPECTACULAR: A DESIGN

SESSION 99: "Just Say the WORD" (*a special tableau on the Commandment of Jesus*)

BIBLICAL BASIS: John 1:1ff – "In the beginning was the word...."

John 13:34-35 – "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 14:15 – "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

1 John 4:8 – "God is love."

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 19:14 – "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you o Lord."

PROJECT/ACTIVITY: from "Pockets," see below.

RESOURCES: "Pockets," June, 2014, vol.34, no.5, p.7, p.13, p.16, p.30, p.40; p.48 to do at home with parents/grandparents.

AVAILABLE TIME: @ 30 minutes.

PURPOSE: That kids begin to understand that the words they choose to use are, as John Wesley wrote: "the genuine picture of (their) heart."

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1. Calliope plays one verse of "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," G#315
 2. Kids dismissed from church after the Gospel is read with the "BIG" ticket to the "BIG TOP."
 3. All kids welcomed to the "BIG TOP."
 4. 3 ring action including:

RING 1

CENTER RING

RING 2

D/G VIDEO PLAYING:
"The Time Machine"

[BEGIN WITH A FIDGET
BUSTER ACTIVITY]

SAY/ASK: Just say the word!
...BUT...
What is a word?

[KIDS RESPOND]

SAY: Correct. A WORD is:
..."a series of speech sounds
that tries to communicate a
meaning;"
..."a verbal signal,"
..."a way of expressing

something,"
..."a verbal sound that tries to
tell something from one
person to another instead of
...grunts and
...groans.

[HAVE KIDS TRY TO SAY
SOMETHING WITH JUST
GRUNTS AND GROANS.]

SAY: That was hard to do, but it was
fun,, wasn't it?

[KIDS RESPOND]

SAY: And some people can't hear or
talk, like a girl named Helen
Keller. Let me tell you some
things about here.

[INFO FROM INTERNET]

SAY: BUT, a word is more than that.
It is very special.
To find out what that
special thing is, let's all
move to the center ring.

[ALL MOVE TO CENTER RING]

SAY: The word WORD can also be:

...an order,
...a promise (ie "I give you my word on that."),
-OR-
...a command.

For instance, there are the Ten Words,

...the Decalogue (Greek for ten
words),

-OR-

...what are also called the...?

[KIDS RESPOND]

...the Ten Commandments, a part
of Jewish Law called the Torah
and were given by Yahweh (God's
name in Hebrew meaning "I am
who I am")...

[HAVE KIDS SAY "YAHWEH"]

...given by Yahweh to Moses on two tablets of stone.

ASK: Any of you remember that story found in Exodus?

[KIDS RESPOND]

ASK: Any of you know what they are?
...maybe one or two of them?

[KIDS RESPOND]

SAY: The Ten Commandments can be found in 2 places
in the Bible, the word bible meaning: a collection of books,
...in the Old Testament, Jewish scripture,
...in Exodus 20:1ff
...and, in Deuteronomy 5:6ff
Ten of over 600 other laws given by Yahweh God to the
people to follow and be called "good."

SAY: Other people say that the Bible,
...a collection of books,
...is the WORD,
...the WORD of God.

BUT...not really.

Rather, the Bible contains the WORD of God.
The WORD that is Jesus (cf John 1:1).
And that's the special thing that what
the word is: Jesus,
...and the words of him,
...what he says,
...including what he
asks of us.

ASK: And what does Jesus ask of us?

[KIDS RESPOND]

SAY: Correct. That we love one another,
...even through the words we choose to use.

[DO: 8 AWESOME WORDS, "POCKETS" P. 7;
FOLLOW WITH:
WISE WORDS, P.16;
TASTY WORDS, P.30;
TRANSFORMATION, P.40]

SAY: All of that and more in saying just the word,
...the word love,
...the WORD, Jesus (cf
1 John 4:8)

[CLOSE WITH ECHO PRAYER:

Let us pray: Loving God, hold me in your love I
know in Jesus, that I may be love
to others. Amen.]