Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 1.18: JESUS AND THE CHILDREN, CHILDREN IN HEAVEN —Luke 18: 15-17

WORSHIP CIRCLE

READING

Luke 18: 15-17

DISCUSSION

One time, when the Lord was in the world, some mothers and fathers brought their children to Him. They wanted to bring their babies and children close to the Lord, so that He would touch them and bless them.

As the parents brought their children to the Lord, the Lord's disciples told them to stop! "Go away," they said, "Go away and don't bother Jesus."

But do you know what the Lord said? He said "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them..." The Lord <u>wanted</u> the children to come to Him, because He <u>loves</u> little children! Children are very special to the Lord, because they are innocent. Innocent means that they love to hear about the Lord, and want to do what the Lord says.

Whenever little children on this earth die the Lord takes them right up to a special part of heaven where He makes sure that they are happy and taken care of.

There are lady angels in heaven who especially love little children, and they become angel mothers for the children. They love and take care of the children, just like your mommas do for you. What kinds of things does your momma do to love and take care of you?

The angel mothers also teach the children to share and help each other so that everyone can be happy.

Children in heaven have a very special kind of school. The Lord makes wonderful shows for them to watch that teach them all about the Lord. The children learn many things so they can grow up to be angels.

And children in heaven love to play and have fun just like you do. What do you like to do to have fun? The children in heaven like to do those kinds of things too. They love to run and play in the beautiful parks in heaven, all sorts of games and sports and explorations, and wrap strings of flowers around themselves as they play.

PROJECT: THE LORD BLESSING CHILDREN

Let children color the picture of the Lord blessing little children and then add stickers of flowers and animals wherever they like.

ALTERNATE PROJECT: CHILDREN IN HEAVEN

Color the picture of children exploring a garden in heaven.

EXTRA IDEAS

Bring in wild flowers and let the kids make an "arrangement." Wrap stems in a wet paper towel and tin foil to keep moist. Make flowers out of torn pieces of construction paper.



