

Make: Bundles of Truth

Each time we learn a truth from the Word, we create a lifeline to heaven and the Lord. *True Christian Religion* 336:3 says that “Having a quantity of truths that are bound together like strands in a cable elevates and improves our faith.” The more truths we learn and put into action in our lives, the more our connection to heaven grows. Students will create a bundle of sticks that cannot be snapped, or strands in a rope that cannot be broken to illustrate this idea from the Word.

Option 1: A Bundle of Truths

Students will test the strength of one truth against the strength of many truths using popsicle or craft sticks.

Supplies Needed for each Student

- approximately 12 craft or popsicle sticks
- a pencil or fine marker that will write on wood
- 2 rubber bands



Activity

1. Which is better—knowing just a few true things (for example, about the Lord) or many true things? Why?
2. Is it easier for a person to have faith in the Lord if they know more or less about the Word?
3. To illustrate this idea, write a true idea from the Word on a craft or popsicle stick.
4. Now, see how easily you can break the stick. (It should crack easily.)
5. Now write a truth from the Word on each of the popsicle sticks you have—perhaps one of the Ten Commandments on each stick.
6. Group the sticks together in a bundle and put a rubber band on each end. Now try to break the whole bundle. What do you notice?

Discussion

1. Each time a person learns a truth, particularly if he or she acts on that knowledge, the person becomes linked to a community in heaven where that truth is known and loved.
2. The same is true when a person acts on false ideas. Each false idea that is acted on links a person to communities in hell where that false idea is especially loved.
3. Think about it this way. If you visit any website on the Internet frequently, especially if you add it to the list of favorites in your web browser, each time you go back on the Internet, you will probably receive pop up ads for similar websites and products.
4. *Conclude the discussion by reading the following quotation from the Word aloud to the students:* “Having a quantity of truths that are bound together like strands in a cable elevates and improves our faith” (*True Christian Religion* 336:3).

Option 2: A Cable of Truth

Students will test the strength of one truth against the strength of many truths using strands of thread, yarn or wool. Note: some artificial fibers are hard to break. Using a natural fiber, such as cotton or wool, is best for this activity.

Supplies Needed for each Student

- approximately 12 strands of thread, yarn or wool cut in 12” (30 cm) lengths

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2. Is it easier for a person to have faith in the Lord if they know more or less about the Word?
3. To illustrate this idea, take one strand of thread, yarn or wool and try to break it. (It should break fairly easily.)
4. Now put all of the remaining threads together to make a thick rope or cable. Try breaking the rope. What happens?

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