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Dear Super Science Parents and Stellar Caregivers,

How absolutely exciting to greet you again! We trust you're all bubbling with energy and ready to dive into another fascinating week. As part of our Gospelology curriculum, we've lined up two more thrilling activities that blend the magic of science with the profound teachings of the Bible. Our mission is to ignite your child's passion for both, especially our amazing Black and Brown young scientists.



1. "Biblical Botanist"

Invite your children to don their imaginary lab coats and become "Biblical Botanists" for the week. This activity is inspired by the various plants found in the Bible, such as the fig tree (Mark 11:12-14) or the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32).

Ask your children to observe, draw, or even try to grow plants that are mentioned in the Bible, learning about their growth process, how they contribute to the environment, and their biblical symbolism. This activity stimulates their understanding of botany and eco-consciousness while deepening their biblical knowledge.

2. "Aquatic Architects"

Our second activity, "Aquatic Architects", is inspired by the account of Noah's Ark (Genesis 6:14-22). With your guidance, let your children design and build a miniature 'ark' using recyclable materials. They can then test it out in a bathtub or a sink filled with water.

As they embark on this exciting project, engage them in a discussion about the biblical story of Noah's Ark. Draw parallels between their little construction project and the immense task that Noah undertook, the faith he demonstrated, and the salvation God provided through the Ark.

We are sure these activities will open your children's eyes to the delightful harmony between science and faith. By exploring these arenas together, they can realize the divine imprint in our natural world and the scientific principles that govern it.

We at Gospelology are grateful for your continued trust as we journey with you and your children. We celebrate their growth, their curiosity, and their love for God's Word as much as for His world. Thank you for partnering with us!

Eagerly awaiting the scientific and spiritual discoveries of the week,

The Gospelology Team



Activity: Biblical Botanist

Objective: To engage children in observing, sketching, and potentially growing plants that are mentioned in the Bible. The goal is to foster an understanding of botany, environmental conservation, and biblical symbolism.

Materials Needed:

1. Bible (to reference the verses)
2. Plant seeds (like mustard seeds, or fig tree if possible, or any other plant seed as a substitute)
3. Potting soil
4. Small plant pots
5. Watering can
6. Notebook and pen/pencil (for observations and sketching)
7. Colored pencils, markers or crayons (optional)
8. Access to the internet or a library (for additional research)



Instructions:

1. Discussing the Bible Verses:

- Begin by reading the mentioned Bible passages together: the fig tree (Mark 11:12-14) and the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32).
- Discuss the symbolism of these plants in the Bible, what they represent, and why they were used in these parables.

2. Becoming a Botanist:

- Explain to your children that they will become "Biblical Botanists" for the week. Their job is to observe, sketch, and try to grow plants that are mentioned in the Bible.
- If possible, obtain mustard seeds or a small fig tree. If these are not available, choose a different plant seed to use as a substitute.

3. Planting the Seeds:

- Fill the plant pots with potting soil. Make a small hole in the center, place the seeds in the hole, and cover them with more soil. Water the seeds lightly.
- Place the pots in a location where they will receive enough sunlight.

4. Observing and Sketching:

- Encourage your children to observe the plants daily. They can sketch the plants in their notebook, noting any changes they observe in the plants' growth over time.
- Have your children research the plant's growth process and how the plant contributes to the environment. They can write this information in their notebook along with their sketches.

5. Reflecting on Biblical Symbolism:

- Throughout the week, discuss the biblical symbolism of the plants your children are observing and growing. How do the characteristics and growth of these plants relate to the biblical lessons from the scriptures?

This activity not only provides a hands-on botany lesson but also brings biblical stories to life, making them more relatable and understandable. It's a great way to combine science, nature, and spiritual lessons!



Activity: Aquatic Architects

Objective: To inspire children to design and build their own miniature 'ark' using recyclable materials, thereby stimulating creativity, understanding basic principles of buoyancy, and deepening their knowledge of the biblical story of Noah's Ark.

Materials Needed:

1. Bible (to reference the verses)
2. Recyclable materials (cardboard, plastic bottles, popsicle sticks, etc.)
3. Non-toxic glue or tape
4. Scissors
5. Bathtub or large sink filled with water
6. Towels (for clean-up)
7. Optional: Small toy animals to put in the ark



Instructions:

1. Discussing the Bible Verses:

- Start by reading the account of Noah's Ark together (Genesis 6:14-22). Discuss the story, focusing on Noah's faith and obedience, the design and size of the Ark, and the salvation that God provided through the Ark.

2. Planning the Ark:

- Explain to your children that they will be designing and building their own miniature 'ark'. Discuss what features an 'ark' might need to float and hold animals.
- Let your children sketch their ark design on a piece of paper, thinking about the structure and materials they might use.

3. Building the Ark:

- Using recyclable materials, help your children build their ark according to their design. Assist them with cutting and gluing as necessary to ensure safety.
- If available, use small toy animals to populate the ark.

4. Testing the Ark:

- Fill a bathtub or large sink with water and let your children test their ark. Does it float? Can it hold the toy animals without sinking?

5. Reflecting on the Story of Noah:

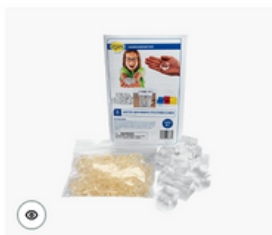
- As your children interact with their creation, draw parallels between their little construction project and the immense task that Noah undertook. Discuss the faith he demonstrated in following God's precise instructions and the salvation God provided through the Ark.

This activity combines science (understanding buoyancy), creativity (designing and building), and a deep dive into the biblical narrative of Noah's Ark. Through this hands-on project, children can gain a deeper appreciation for Noah's faith and the magnitude of the task he undertook.

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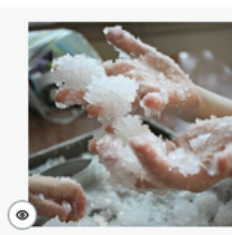
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