



One Smile Square

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Days
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Here
Again!**

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...Happy Days Are Here Again!

No Frown Zone!



Welcome to *One Smile Square* Vacation Bible School. Small town life is fulfilling and rich. The friendships formed in small towns are truly deep and everlasting. Friends are friends forever and are people you can bank on in times of need.

Homes are comfortable. Businesses thrive because there is less competition. Even when children grow up and leave their small town, they keep precious memories of next door neighbors, walking safe streets and friends from school.

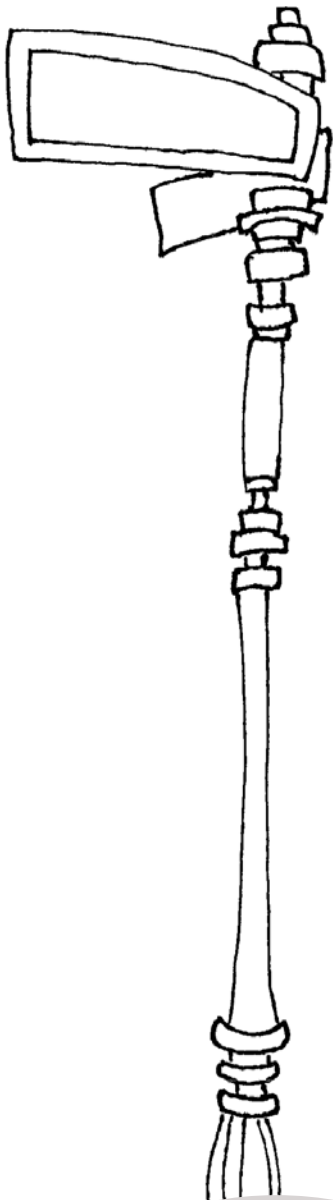
Life tends to move at a slow, relaxed pace. There may be two traffic lights and one gas station near the local diner and newspaper office. No wonder people smile!

So, if you long for fresh air, friendly faces, and exploring new towns, visit *One Smile Square* where joyful citizens gather to greet you with big smiles, grins and giggles!

Small town...BIG experience!

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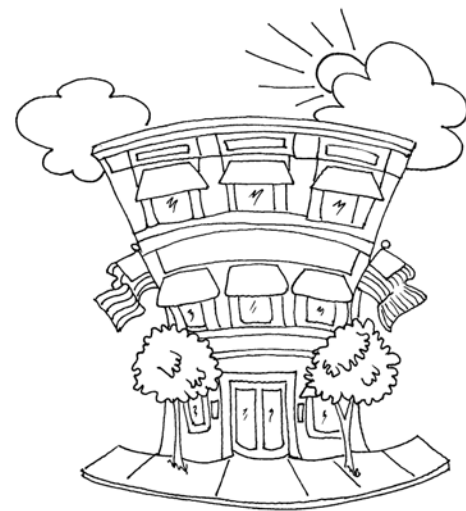


One Smile Square is a Christ centered five day Vacation Bible School for Preschool and Elementary children. Enjoy this unique peek into a small town while learning about Jesus, our Savior.

One Smile Square students visit five **Bible Street Shops** on separate days. Leaders treat the children as guests during their visit. Bible stories, activities and craft projects complete these decorated areas.

One Smile Square features a variety of fifteen minute daily activities. Meet at **Square One Alley**. Dine at the popular **Ding Dong Diner**. Play at **Happy Feet Games**. Stop by **Park Bench Tales** to listen to a Conley Twin story, "Lost In The City". Make a joyful noise at **Happy Heart Music Shop**. Discover salvation news at **The No Frown Zone**.

One Smile Square offers curriculum options for the enthusiastic preschool group (Ages 4-5). Students participate in the same activities as older students with a special teaching team or may be added into the full program. There are included for Sunshine Story (Birth-Age 3) to arrange a staff toddlers and infants.



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Can't Help But Smile!

Count it all joy.... James 1:2

**These Suggestions are a guideline.
Build an exciting Vacation Bible School using
One Smile Square Bible stories and activities.**

One Smile Square is an activity based 5 day Vacation Bible School for Preschool-Grade Six. Involve Grades 7-12 youth and college students as helpers, team leaders and teachers.

Student Groups display color coded name tags. They may wear fun hats. Students stay in the same group all week.

Bible Shop Teachers decorate their area. The same Bible lesson is repeated daily to a new group. Adjust activities for varying age groups. A new student group arrives each day. Groups must have a leader with them at all times.

Activity Teachers see all students each day. Groups travel to music, snack and special activities. Activity teachers prepare five separate daily activities.

Purchase supplies as needed. Give invoices to the Director or ask for a check in advance. Look for sales, discounts, theme catalogs and scrap materials from backyards. Craft projects from S&S arts and crafts catalog and **Guildcraft** catalog may be purchased separately at reasonable prices. Provide your local church tax exemption when purchasing materials.

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Directing The Director ...The Smiling Cop



I am only one, but still I am one; I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.
-Edward E. Hale

Create a small town Vacation Bible School your church will remember for years! Guide tourists to five Bible Street Shops and a variety of small town activities where they discover the importance of making God smile. Divided into reasonable tasks, this school is easily completed by a dedicated teaching team under the direction of the Smiling Cop. The church will sparkle with the excitement of a unique "small town" for students, staff and community.

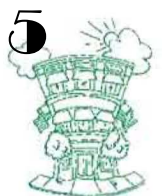
The Smiling Cop. Wear navy blue slacks or shorts, short sleeved white shirt and tie, sturdy shoes, whistle, walkie talkie and hat. Become the kindly cop on the corner.

Direct your leaders with cheerfulness, helping them prepare specific activity areas. Be available to answer questions, order materials, make copies and secure props and costumes.

Delegate Responsibility. Vacation Bible School is a team effort. Never apologize when asking for help. Trust your staff to carry out their assigned tasks. Check in with them occasionally as their supportive

Positive Approach. Statements like, "We can't do this", "This way", "There is no money" or "No one will teach" are not helpful. If The Smiling Cop's attitude is right, even the most difficult task responds cheerfully.

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Pray. Pray for staff, students and the entire event. Take each detail before the Lord and then—Relax!

Plan. Read *One Smile Square* and note areas requiring special attention. List details you must handle personally. Meet the staff six weeks before Vacation Bible School begins to plan details.

Adapt. Complete adaptations to accommodate your local church during preliminary planning to avoid staff confusion.

Set Up. Give adequate set up time. Decorate during the week prior to Vacation Bible School making sure everything is in place for Day One.

Staff Prayer. Plan a five minute prayer session one half hour before the day begins. Those who attend will appreciate the “upward boost”.

Say Thank You. Purchase or make staff thank you gifts. This “God given” team is vital to children’s ministry in your church. Find fun ways to say thank you privately and publically. Pray for them sincerely and thank them often!

Clean Up. When Open House is over, clean up begins. *One Smile Square* is not complete until the church is in order. Encourage the staff to remove their props immediately. Stay to help!

Preschool Preparation

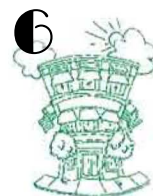


Give preschool leaders copies of decorating ideas, teacher information and lesson plans designed for older students.

Speak to individual activity leaders to be sure projects are appropriate for preschool students. Eliminate complicated or frightening activities. Choose age appropriate craft projects from craft catalogs or local stores.

OPTION: Preschool children may become one of the five major groups. They travel to all activities like the older students. This means less staff, easy planning, less expense and the “grown up” projects preschoolers love! Provide a Home Base where students can sit and enjoy age appropriate crafts and stories or activities if suitable. This about the best way to organize your own group of enthusiastic children.

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Choosing The Staff

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Staff choice will make or break *One Small Square*.
Do NOT be satisfied with "any warm body".
Aim for the best people to fill each teaching spot.

Recruit

Approach people personally with a specific task. Fully explain the job. No sugar coating allowed!!!

Bulletin Insert

Include a worship folder recruitment insert for two or three Sundays. Give people with specific requests their assignment immediately. Explain the insert during worship announcement time dressed in costume. Give this introductory effort the personal touch.

See Bulletin Insert Sample

Pick And Choose

For remaining positions, call people who will do a good job. The Lord will bless our attempt to have the best staff possible. Pray about staff assignments. If someone says "No", assume another person is waiting to be called. Use teens, men, women and senior citizens as staff.

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Come on a joyful journey to a charming small town overflowing with smiles, grins and giggles. Choose a spot to serve at this year's unique Vacation Bible School! The NO FROWN Zone!



One Smile Square Activity Staff

- Registration Help Students Sign In LEAD/HELP
Art Crew Make and Set Up Decorations LEAD/HELP
Photography VIDEO/SNAPSHOTS/DISK
Happy Heart Music Shop Music LEAD/HELP
Ding Dong Diner Snacks LEAD/HELP
Happy Feet Games Recreation LEAD/HELP
Park Bench STORY TELLER
No Frown Zone The Smile Project LEAD/HELP
SUNSHINE CORNER Nursery (Birth-Age 3) LEAD/HELP
NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK Preschool (Age 4-5) LEAD/HELP

One Smile Square Bible Street Shops Staff

- FINDERS KEEPERS JUNK SHOP Believe Out Loud! LEAD/HELP
JUST PEDDLE BICYCLE SHOP Live Out Loud! LEAD/HELP
KAZOO TOY SHOP Obey Out Loud! LEAD/HELP
M.T. POCKETS BOOK SHOP Laugh Out Loud! LEAD/HELP
HOLE IN WALL DOUGHNUT SHOP Dream Out Loud! LEAD/HELP
I HAVE PROPS YOU CAN BORROW! JUST ASK ME!
I WILL DONATE SNACKS! TELL ME WHAT YOU NEED!
I WILL GIVE A FINANCIAL DONATION! IT IS WORTH IT!
I WILL PRAY! GOD IS WITH US!

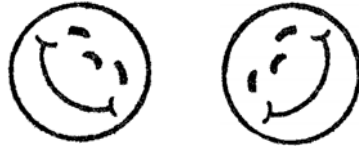
TELEPHONE
SCHOOL DATES: TIME:

Copy! Questions?
The Smiling Cop Director!

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Meeting The Staff



PLAN ONE STAFF EVENING TO EXPLAIN
EXACTLY WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED.

Stress 100% attendance so no other meeting will be necessary.

SEAT STAFF ACCORDING TO WORK AREAS.

Distribute specific lesson plans. Build in "chatter" time
to create excitement as teachers and helpers plan their week.

PREVIEW THE ENTIRE PROGRAM.

The staff needs an overview of all events
taking place throughout the church.

BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS,
ASSIGN CLASSROOMS, GIVE INSPIRATION.

Be the calming influence-The Smiling Cop!

AFTER THE MEETING,
THE SMILING COP

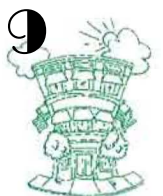
TURNS ATTENTION TO OTHER AREAS.

Direct the staff to carry out their specific assignments.

PHONE BECOMES THE STAFF LIFELINE.

Call often to check on progress.

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Grouping Students

One Smile Square is broadly graded. The goal is to divide students into five groups of equal size.

SUNSHINE CORNER NURSERY (BIRTH-AGE 3)

Two choices are apparent when planning the Nursery. Will we open this for the community? Will we provide a staff baby care service?

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK (PRESCHOOL)

Give preschool children free time and optional involvement in daily activities. Or, include these children as one of the basic five groups.

GROUP COLOR CODE

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK	(Preschool)	Yellow
TOWNIES	(Kindergarten)	Green
ALLEY CATS	(Grade 1)	Blue
CITY RATS	(Grade 2)	Orange
SAND LOT STARS	(Grades 3-4)	Red
STREET KIDS	(Grades 5-6)	Purple

Overlap ages in any group. If twenty students are in one age group and five students in another, switch students regardless of grade. Visiting cousins and neighborhood friends appreciate joining their friends in an unfamiliar situation.

OPTION: GROUPING FOR SMALL CHURCHES

With twenty or less students and a few faithful members, conduct one daily Bible Shop with all students in one group. The team presents a lesson each day in the same teaching area. Crafts in a separate area using a different color. Smaller groups have the luxury of having their own craft projects carried over day to day. All students travel to all activities together.



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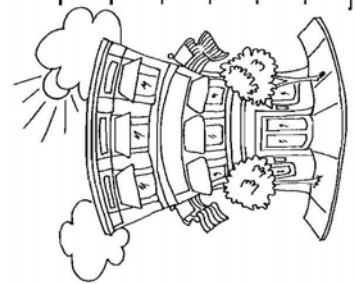
ONE SMILE SQUARE...Happy Days Are Here Again!

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	DING DONG DINER	HAPPY FEET GAMES	HOME BASE ACTIVITIES	PARK BENCH STORY TELLER	NO FROWN ZONE	HAPPY HEART MUSIC SHOP	HOME BASE ACTIVITIES	CLOSING
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CITY RATS Grade 2	NO FROWN ZONE	HAPPY HEART MUSIC SHOP	W O R K S H O P	K S H O P	O P	DING DONG DINER	HAPPY FEET GAMES	CLOSING
SAND LOT STARS Grade 3-4	PARK BENCH STORY TELLER	R K S	H O P	DING DONG DINER	HAPPY FEET GAMES	NO FROWN ZONE	HAPPY HEART MUSIC SHOP	CLOSING
STREET KIDS Grade 5-6	PARK BENCH STORY TELLER	DING DONG DINER	NO FROWN ZONE	HAPPY HEART MUSIC SHOP	W O R K S H O P	NO FROWN ZONE	HAPPY HEART MUSIC SHOP	CLOSING

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

ONE SMILE SQUARE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BIBLE WORKSHOPS					
JUNK SHOP	TOWNIES	ALLEY CATS	SAND LOT STARS	STREET KIDS	CITY RATS
BICYCLE SHOP	ALLEY CATS	TOWNIES	STREET KIDS	CITY RATS	SAND LOT STARS
TOY SHOP	CITY RATS	STREET KIDS	TOWNIES	SAND LOT STARS	ALLEY CATS
BOOK SHOP	SAND LOT STARS	CITY RATS	ALLEY CATS	TOWNIES	STREET KIDS
DOUGHNUT SHOP	STREET KIDS	SAND LOT STARS	CITY RATS	ALLEY CATS	TOWNIES



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Registration Team

Make name tags and lead the Registration Table the first day of Vacation Bible School. This job is too big for one person. If there is a tangle at registration, the first day could be delayed as much as thirty minutes.

**Identify individual group colors,
group names and grades.
Students line up to receive
a name tag and hat.**

PRE REGISTRATION

Registration cards simplify the first day by having name tags and hats prepared. Utilize church newsletter, bulletin, special mailing and take home forms. Telephone neighborhood families. Visit nearby neighborhoods. Record name, grade/age, emergency telephone and emergency contact person, environment or food allergy information. If cards are the basis for church growth, add address and parent names.

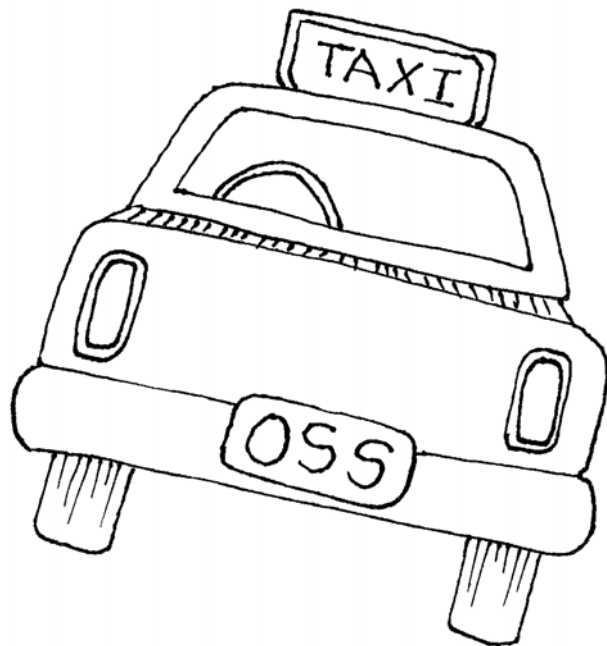
NAME TAGS

Print name tags on corresponding group colors for quick identification. Tags may be pinned to shirts or made into necklaces as desired. Since the tags are collected each day and made available for the next day, consider purchasing clear plastic covers from a local office store. Slide name into the sleeve.

HATS

That hats are great fun and become a keepsake. Consider ordering your choice from Oriental Trading

- Baseball Caps UG-15/105
- Buttons (1") UG-39/388



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One Smile Square Smile! God Loves You!

NAME _____ GRADE/AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENTS _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE _____

SPECIAL INFORMATION:
ALLERGIES: (Food/Environment)



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One Smile Square ...Streetscape

When guests attend *One Smile Square*, they should enter a happy, small town world of street corners, shop fronts, signs and greenery. Place simple items in strategic locations throughout the church. Follow *One Smile Square* suggestions or invent your own upbeat, turn of the century, small town style. Teachers in individual activity areas decorate their rooms. Special decorating attention is given to the Opening area.

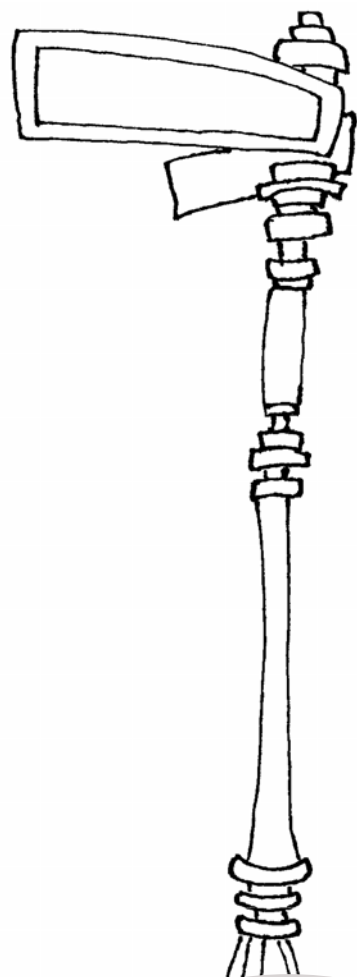
SMILEY FACES: Since the theme is filled with "smiles", fill all areas with every smiley face available. **Oriental Trading Catalog** is filled with great smiley face items. Local party shops and internet sites will also have lots of choices. Make your own smiley faces! Attach them to signs, walls, people and even dishes the students use.

SIGNS: Display shop signs outside each shop. Print memory verses on smiley face signs. Make street signs using the street lamp pattern, enlarged and placed on sturdy cardboard. Paint the street lamps bright green, white and yellow.

- GRAB BAG THRIFT SHOP
- G.R.I.N. CAR LOT
- WHISTLE STOP MARKET
- LAUGH FACTORY
- BICYCLE SHOP
- DING DONG DINER
- THE SMILE PROJECT
- HAPPY HEART MUSIC SHOP

FRONTS: This is an option to fill out the Opening area or any building. Make cardboard shop and house fronts and paint against walls.

- CITY HALL
- POST OFFICE
- BEAUTY SHOP
- BARBER SHOP
- STUFF MART
- TELEVISION STATION



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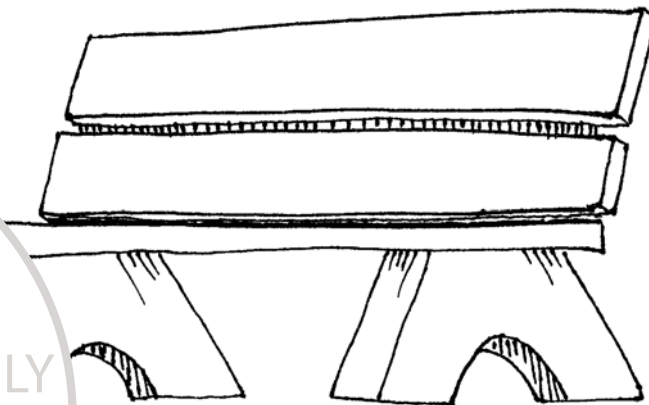
STREET LIGHTS: Make street lights with cardboard carpet tubes from carpet stores. Make wooden bases to provide a firm foundation. Paint each tube black or dark green. These "Street lights" do not have to actually light. Attach one huge white balloon to the top of each tube to represent the light. Make all street light identical. Street signs can be attached to each pole.

SHOP WINDOWS: Draw shop window frames on posterboard. Decide which interesting shops will line your Main Street (hallway). Draw items inside the store and then draw window panes. Place printed shop signs over windows. Trim each "window" with strings of white twinkle lights. Turn off hall lights. This makes the windows stand out as students walk from class to class.

PROPS: Place live and artificial plants and lowers in strategic areas to give the city a softer look. Add large rocks piled in various corners and around the plants. Bring garbage cans and place stuffed cats (foraging for food) around the cans.

BACKDROPS: Free standing backdrops can be made by cutting apart an appliance box, and zigzagging the box so it stands alone. Paint city buildings or other town views on the boxes. Place real items in front of the backdrop.

Check out **S&S arts and crafts** catalog and **Oriental Trading** catalog for more inexpensive decorating ideas.



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Smiley Faces!



The entire *One Smile Square* Vacation Bible School theme is based on smiles and happiness. What better visual is there than the famous and ever popular "Smiley Face"?

Whenever possible include the Smiley Face on props, paper and people. From snack dishes and snacks to pins and stickers, find ways of using the cheerful icon. Make huge smileys and tiny smileys and hidden smileys kids can count to earn prizes! (*How many smiley faces do you count all over One Smile Square? Put guess in jar with name.*)

Oriental Trading Catalog offers many novelties and inspirational gifts featuring the little smile. This list reflects just a few items. It's fun to search for gifts and props from this excellent resource.

Prices may change.

www.orientaltrading.com

800-228-2269



Mini Smile Face Buttons (1") Each metal button displays a big smile! (4 dz per unit) UG-39/388 \$4.95/DZ

Smile Face Mugs. These plastic mugs will put a smile on your face. 8 oz UG-26/1867 \$4.95/DZ

Smile Jesus Loves You Harmonicas (with box) Learn to play with these wooden harmonicas! 4" UG-36/306 \$5.95/DZ

Smile Jesus Loves You Friendship Bracelets Each nylon bracelet features a plastic smile face clasp. 7 1/2" UG-24/794 \$3.95/DZ

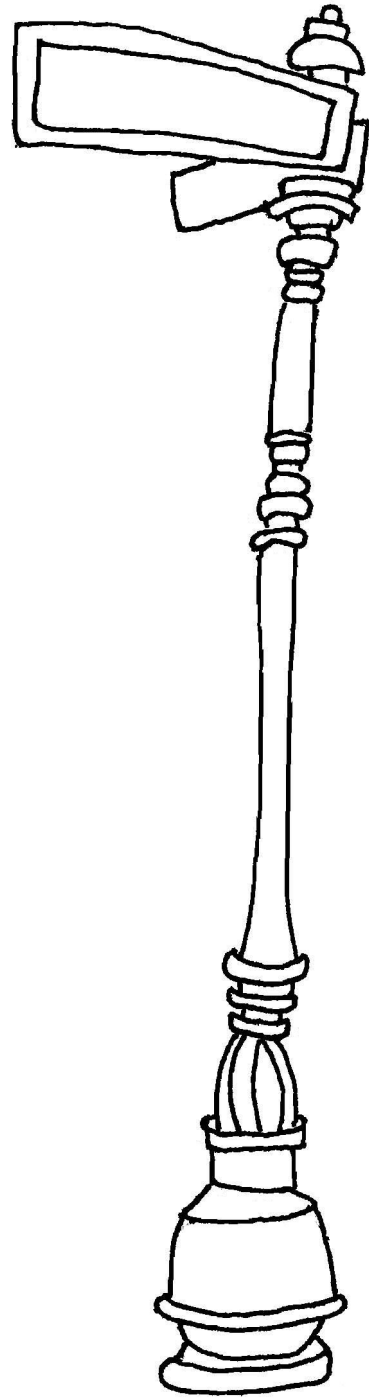
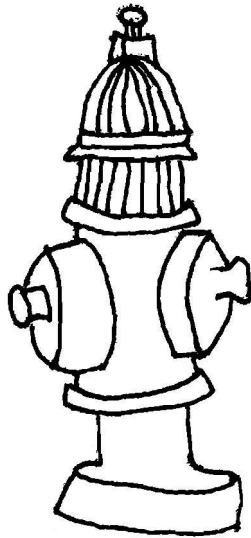
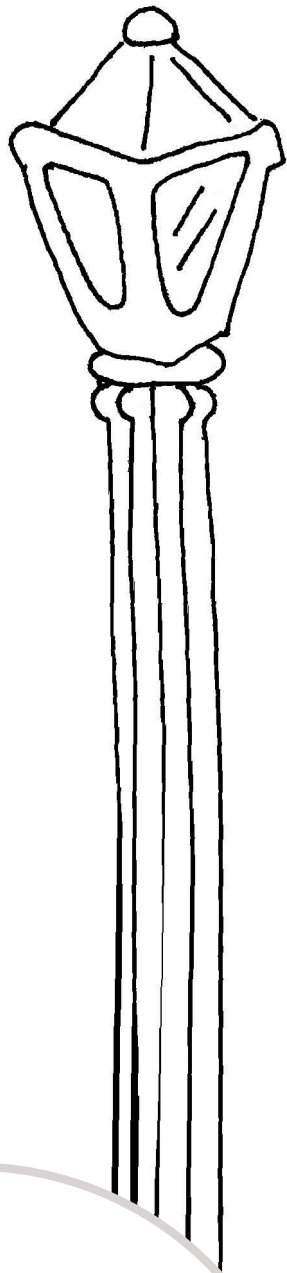
Smile Face Balloons (10") Printed on two sides. UG-17/1700 Assorted colors

Smile Face Stickers (1 1/2") 100 Stickers per roll. UG-12/1875 Assorted goofy faces!

Smiley Face Search Begin!!!!

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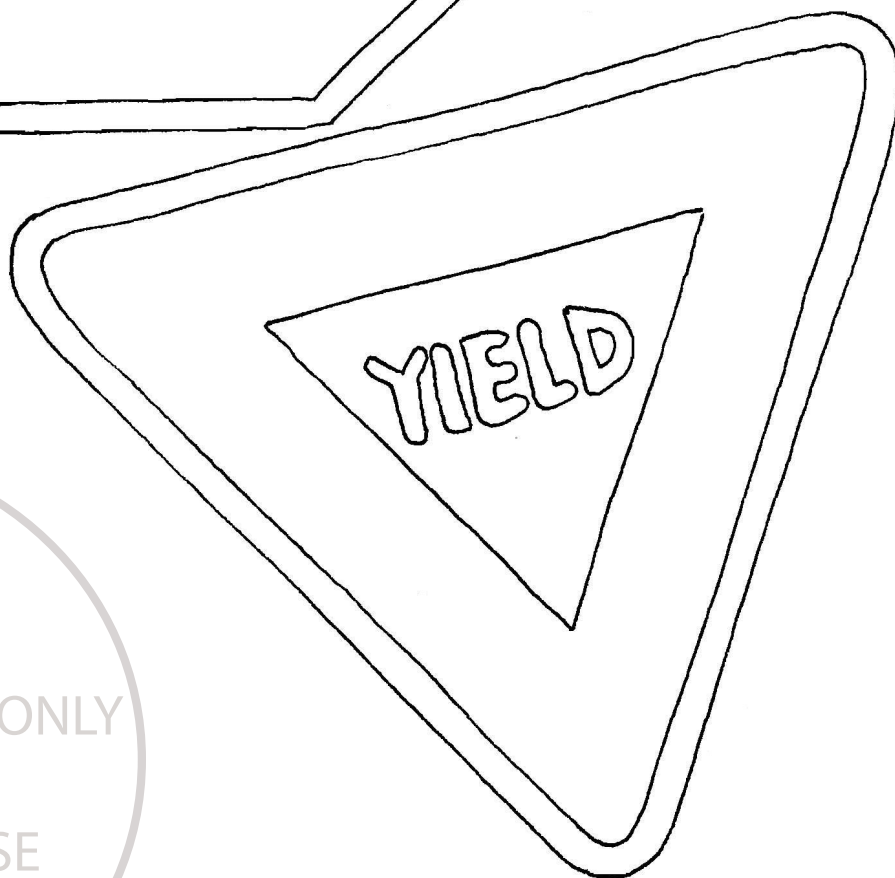
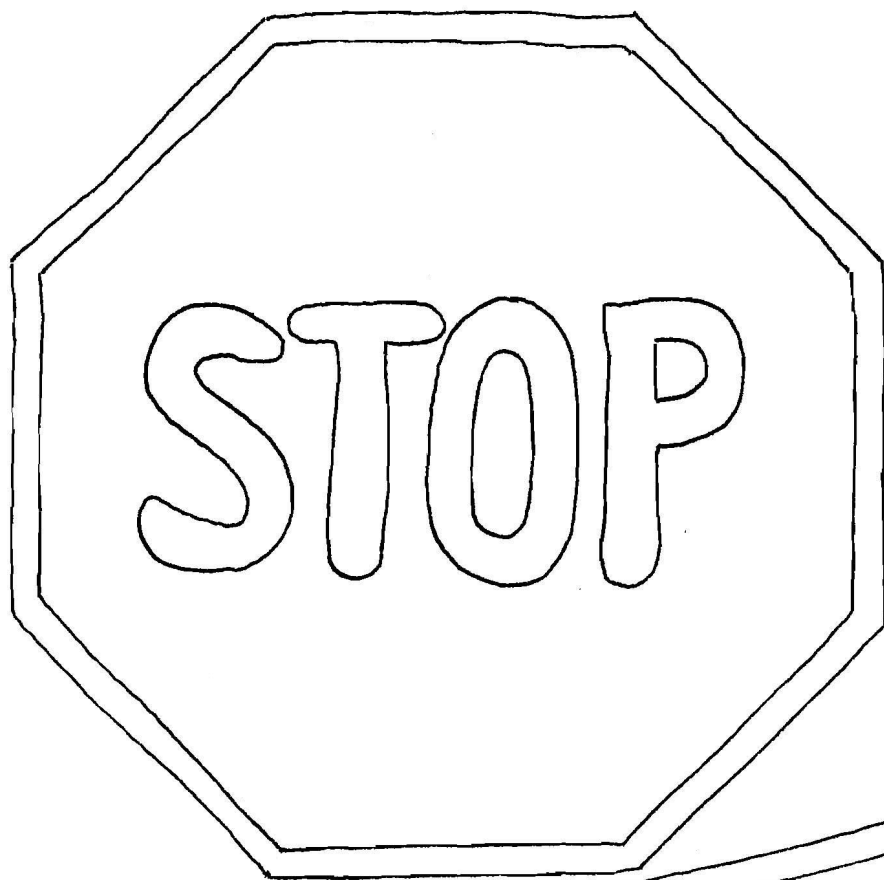




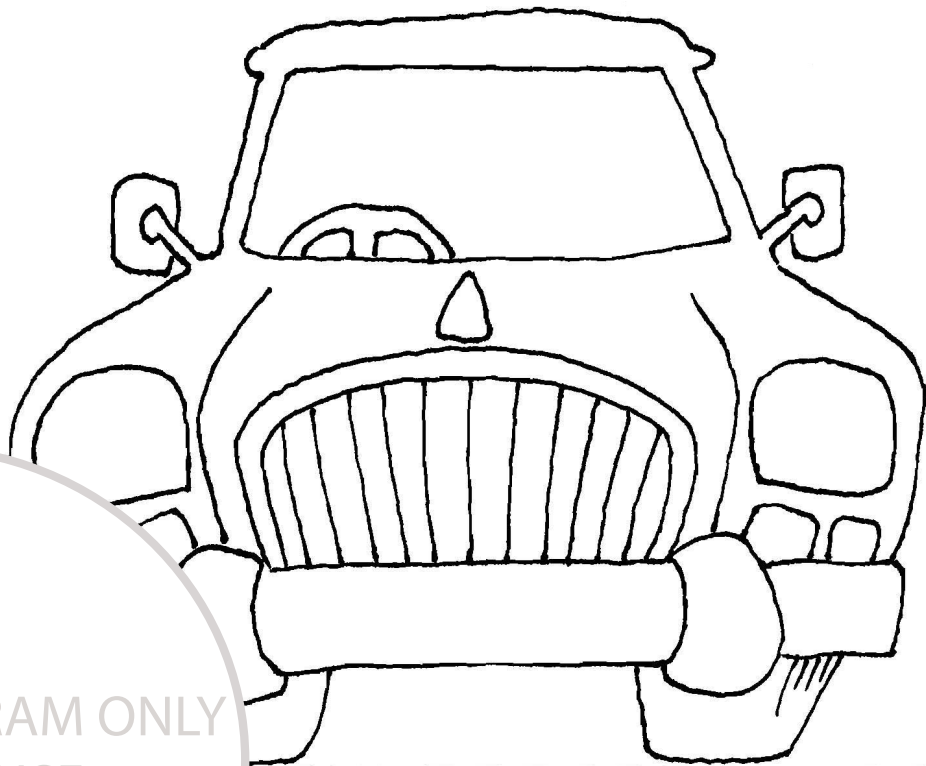
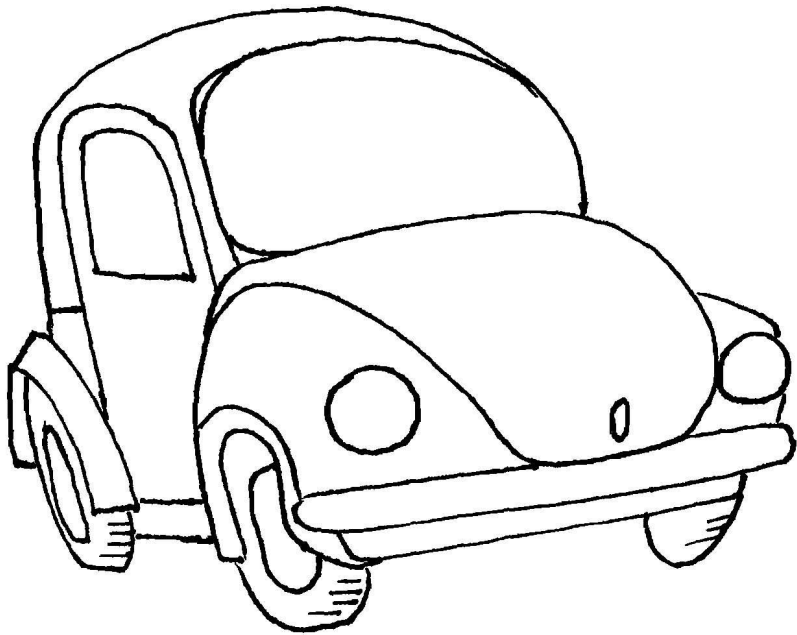
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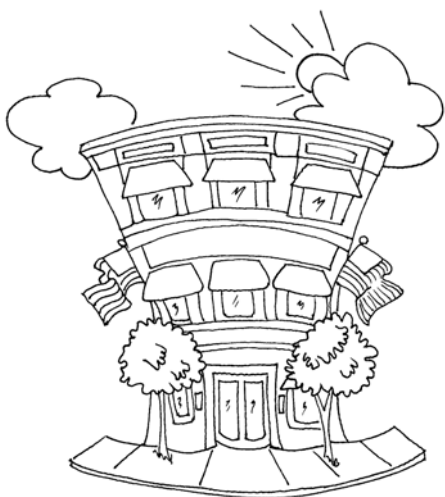


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Costumes



Part of the fun of bringing *One Smile Square* to life is the creation of props and costumes. This does not have to be difficult or expensive. Follow our tips, add your own ideas and let your imagination run wild.

This small town theme gives freedom to dress simply. Spice up normal clothing with baseball caps, hats, colorful jackets, etc.

Leaders and Assistant leaders wear clothing that fits the theme area they lead. Suggestions are provided in each activity center lesson plan.

Smiley Faces: Every leader should have smiley face stickers on their hats and clothing! Students should wear stickers or pins on their hats and clothing. There are smiley face stampers available in stores. Stamp everyone's hand each day when they arrive.

Smiling City Cop: Navy blue shorts/slacks, white shirt and tie, whistle, sturdy shoes, hat.

Ding Dong Diner: Frilly aprons, waitress caps.

Shop Owners: Follow suggestions for specific shops

Park Bench: Story Teller may become a friendly homeless person. Oversized, old clothes.

Music Shop: Red hearts on shirt and shorts.

Games: No specific costume required.

Library: No specific costume required.

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Publicity ...Get Happy!

Publicity is vital to Vacation Bible School

Be clear and concise.

CHURCH BULLETIN. Begin by advertising for leaders. Include reminders in the weekly church bulletin until *One Smile Square* begins. Include Registration forms when appropriate.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER. Print quick, catchy announcements and include Registration forms in the monthly Church Newsletter.

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETERS. Greet people coming into church. This is a great reminder that *One Smile Square* is coming. Dress in costume. Place one or more students near the door. Distribute Registration forms and basic information.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER. Take photographs of people in costume. Send a news release several weeks before *One Smile Square* begins to insure publication. Invite a local news reporter and photographer to visit for a feature story.

COLORING CONTEST. Sponsor a Sunday School coloring contest. Choose one picture. Display completed pictures. Award prizes to create excitement.

AT THE PULPIT. Visit the pastor during preparation time. Give this your best effort. The congregation becomes excited. Wear a costume and give a presentation.

POSTAL SERVICE. Send a letter to potential students. Pretend the letter is from the *One Smile Square* Post Office!



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LOCAL TELEVISION. Ask your local television station to tape a feature story. This is great publicity and encouragement. Do not assume a crew will not come. Call and ask! Use the local television cable advertising station to print a few lines about your event. This is free or inexpensive.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES. Does your denomination have a communication network? Send pictures and a well written article. You may be pleasantly surprised to find your church featured in the next edition.

SIGNS AND POSTERS. These are the most common forms of publicity. Although considered the least effective, placing signs and posters in stores, offices and well traveled spots brings attention to your program. Attach tear off strips stating basic information.

CHURCH SIGN. Place a large sign outside the church announcing dates and times. Use the small town theme to draw attention to the sign. Fly colored flags. Light the sign at night.

Calling all kids!

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Vacation Bible School

DATES:

TIME:

BE THE "NO FROWN" ZONE!

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Photography ...Say Cheese!

Pictures are a unique way to remember the work and the rewards of a bright, visual week. Ask your church photographer to wear an appropriate "Smiley" outfit and to enter each activity with enthusiasm.



Encourage Visitors To Bring Cameras

This is a good way to involve parents and church members who visit each decorated area. Amateur photographers usually stand at one side to take pictures and should not disrupt events.

Photography Crew

Assign a small crew to take pictures each day. Underwrite the cost of film and developing from Vacation Bible School resources.

35 mm Color Prints

Take pictures early in the week. Facial close ups are the most popular shots. Display the developed pictures at OPEN HOUSE.

Disk Photography

Offer CD's to families. Broadcast on the church web site.

Video

Delegate one person to video tape all events. Some activities can be staged for filming but it is fun to record events as they develop.

Selling Pictures

Decide in advance how you will be priced to quote prices. Do you want to cover the cost or defray the cost of the Vacation Bible School expenses? Print a sign up sheet and display pictures to allow families to make choices at OPEN HOUSE.

Display Pictures

Display pictures during OPEN HOUSE. Prints may be placed on a table and video may be shown in the snack area.

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The Opening ...Square One Alley



Introduce events, pray, make announcements, collect offering, spark enthusiasm and sing. *Morning In Square One Alley* skits establish the small town theme with grace and humor featuring characters who clash in a continuing story.

DIRECTOR

The Vacation Bible School Director is The Smiling Cop. Dress in a simple version of a police uniform and prepare the guests for an amazing tour of *One Smile Square*.

DECORATIONS

Design a simple, visual focal point for the small town/back alley theme. Create your own alley using supplies available locally. Keep it simple!

Backdrop: The Opening area represents a dark alley where garbage is strewn about and cats roam freely. While not necessary, a "brick" wall can be part of the background. Brick looking contact paper is available in most stores and can be attached to large pieces of cardboard. Lean it against the back wall.

Accessories: Think about items that are discarded and found in alleys. Any item will work.

Garbage cans- Group several old garbage cans near the brick wall. Put items in the overflowing cans. Enlarge our garbage can pattern and place on cardboard. Paint in group colors and print group name. Station the groups will sit.

Place old boxes haphazardly near the garbage cans. The more clutter, the better. Print messages on the old boxes, "Do Not Touch", "Junk".

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Stuffed Cats/Mice– Gather as many stuffed cats/mice as possible and place them into the scene. Sizes of the animals don't matter.

Miscellaneous Items– Bicycles, broken lawn chairs, lamps, old toys, grocery cart, stacks of newspapers/magazines, scrunched up news pages strewn across the stage and other junky items.

Background Music– Consider using quiet Christian music as students enter. The once popular secular song "The Alley Cat" would be fun and songs from the Broadway Show "CATS" will bring laughter as well.

Microphone Stand– Decorate the microphone stand with old newspapers. Wrap the papers around the stand and tie with rope or twine.

Piano– Wrap the piano in newspaper using masking tape. The kids love the "New" look!

OFFERING

Collect the offering in old hubcaps. Ask two students or teen leaders to hold the hubcaps as students enter the Opening area. Students place their offering in the hubcaps before finding their seats. If a contest between groups or boys vs girls is desired, communicate clearly.

Decide before Vacation Bible School begins where the offering will be donated. Let families know. There may be some worthy city ministry or community project that will make the week exciting.

CHAIRS OR NO CHAIRS

If gathering in a gymnasium or fellowship hall, students may sit on the floor. Mark the seating areas with group colors.

WATCH THE TIME!

time even if students and staff are still gathering. Welcome the few songs, make announcements, perform one short skit and n time to allow groups to get to their first activity center

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SQUARE ONE ALLEY SKITS

Rehearse each skit segment. Memorization is not necessary. Speak loudly and slowly. Dress in costume for your character. Ham it up! Have fun!!!

MONDAY MORNING IN SQUARE ONE ALLEY

COP: *(Walking alone...)* Ahh, 'Tis a beautiful morning here in Square One Alley. There's nothing I like better than taking a short cut to the *High On Sugar Doughnut Shop*. *(Singing...)* Yessirree! It's a policeman's life for me....

Hey, wait a minute. Is there something under those newspapers? It's moving! Maybe it's a burglar! Maybe it's a murderer! And me without my night stick. I'm in trouble now.

(Shouting...) You! Under yesterday's newspaper! Get up and fight like a...fight like a... Well, on second thought, just stand up. I've got the drop on you!

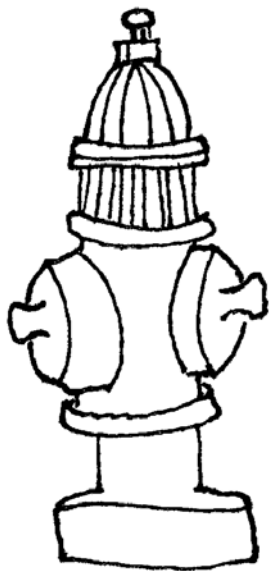
MARIE: *(Homeless person covered in layers of newspapers. Gets up as if she is just awakening...)* Yawn! Monday morning in Square One Alley. Looks like a nice day. Good day to ya', Officer! Welcome to my home.

COP: This isn't your home. This is city property and you better get moving before I run you in!

MARIE: But, all my precious things are here. Here's my tomato can where I catch drinking water. And...these are my blankets *(newspapers)*. Look at my collection of bottle caps. And then there's my pet rat. I can't possibly leave him here. He depends on me. I'll be afraid to be alone.

Officer, I recognize you. You're Marie! I've heard about you down at the alley. You're the homeless gal who takes in homeless people.

Marie! I'm Maria Dolores Louisa Christina Whitney Smith. You can call me Marie!



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COP: How long have you been on the streets, Marie?

MARIE: *(Shaking head sadly)* I've been traveling this hard life for five years. My beloved husband died and left me penniless and eventually...homeless. I used to sleep in my car but the city towed it away last year.

COP: I still have to run you out of here. You could be a dangerous criminal. I protect the upstanding people in this fine neighborhood. Get going. The rat has to find another place to eat.

MARIE: *(Calling...)* Ratty, come here Ratty! We're being evicted. You've got to come to me. You'll starve without me. Oh, please, Ratty, come out and get in my pocket. *(Crying...)* See what you've done? You've scared away my Ratty and now he'll die without me.

COP: So the city loses another rodent. Big deal!

MARIE: God loves rats you know. He even loves...you!

COP: Are you calling me a rat?

MARIE: *(Sweetly)* Only if the whiskers fit, Officer. I'm just saying that God is in the business of taking care of the unlovable. He takes care of Ratty and He takes care of me.

COP: Marie, I've got a soft heart. I'll give you one day to find a place to live. Just be gone by this time tomorrow.

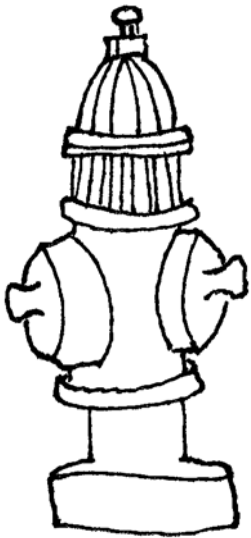
MARIE: Thank you, Officer. I'll pray about it tonight. We'll see what God can do for me.

MOVES STAGE. MARIE COVERS UP WITH NEWSPAPERS.

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Tuesday Morning In Square One Alley



COP: 'Tis another beautiful day. Today I get the award for SMILING COP OF THE YEAR. There is nothing that can ruin this day for me. It's nice to be an honored person. I guess I'm what call a VIP-Very Important Person. *(Singing...)* Yessirree! It's a policeman's life for me...

MARIE: *(Getting up from behind a garbage can.)* Good morning, Officer. It nice to see you again. Beautiful day! No rain! Any day there is no rain is a good day for me.

COP: Are you still here? Didn't I warn you yesterday to move along? Gather up your dirty rags and get your silly self out of here.

MARIE: *(Sadly...)* I'm not very dirty, Officer. I wash up every day down at the gas station. The nice gas station man even gives me a bag of peanuts each day to share with Ratty.

COP: My job is to keep this neighborhood free of folks like you. The guys at the Police Department might think I'm not doing my job if they see you hanging around here. Maybe they will think I'm getting to be an old softie. I could even lose my SMILING COP OF THE YEAR Award!

MARIE: Congratulations.

COP: Congratulations for what?

MARIE: Your award. You know, SMILING COP OF THE YEAR?

COP: Thanks. Word travels fast. How did you know?

MARIE: I'm not deaf. I'm homeless, not deaf.

COP: You were deaf yesterday when I said, "Get out of here!" You ran like a box and scam. The next alley is two blocks that way. The cops worry about you. Nothing is going to ruin my day.

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MARIE: Officer, let me explain this to you. Such as it is, this is my home. It is the only home I have right now. I am safe here. I have a few friends. The diner owners let me dig in their dumpsters. I promise I won't cause any trouble.

COP: Not good enough. I thought you were going to pray to God and see what He said. Didn't find the time to pray, did you?

MARIE: Oh yes, I prayed all day and all night. Even lost some of my beauty sleep. See? My eyes look droopy this morning. I prayed and He answered.

COP: Then why are you still here? Didn't God give you directions to a new place to live?

MARIE: God said I should stay right here in Square One Alley. He said I should tell you all the stuff I just told you. You remember....safe, friends, diners, dumpsters...no trouble. See like God has faith in you.

COP: Oh, no you don't! You can't stay here. If you are still here tomorrow, I'll get angry. You won't like me when I'm angry.

MARIE: Well, the best I can do is pray again. And Officer?

COP: Yes?

MARIE: God told me to give you this. (Wrapped napkin/doughnut)

COP: What's this?

MARIE: It's a doughnut from the High On Sugar Doughnut Shop. They gave it to me but you might enjoy it since this is such a special occasion. Forward and all.

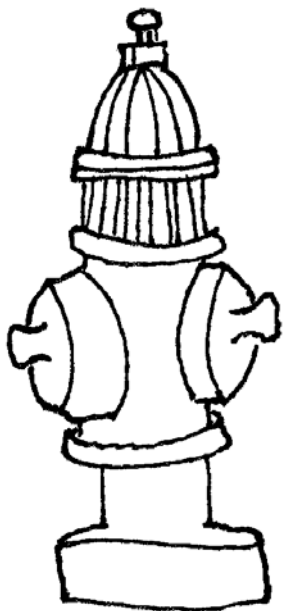
COP: You are making this very hard. Just be out of Square One Alley tomorrow.

COP AND MARIE LEAVE THE STAGE.

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Wednesday Morning In Square One Alley



MARIE: (*Alone in alley*) Dear Lord, I'm in big trouble. I don't know where to go. I need a place to sleep and food and a spot for a quick wash. You know the trouble I've seen. That police officer is coming back and this time I don't have any snappy answers. I don't have another alley at One Smile Square. Please do something, Lord.

What happened to me? I had a good family and a good job. Then I lost my husband and I lost my job. Our house was sold to pay the bills. It wasn't as easy as I thought to find a new job.

Living in my car was at least bearable. I was safe and dry. I was stupid to leave my car on that corner. The cops grabbed it fast. Then I became truly homeless.

Homeless. It's a terrible word, Lord. It's a terrible place to be, Lord. I have been so content here in this little alley. Now, I may be on the road again. Please Lord, help me!

Sshh, someone's coming. (*To audience...*) Please, don't tell anyone where I am. I'll hide until I can figure out what to do. (*Hide on stage.*)

COP: What a great day! You should have been there. I got the Cop Of The Year Award. The mayor said, "Good Job. You are a City Cop to be proud of and you do it with a smile." My picture is in the morning paper. All the officers are patting me on the back. Yes, yes, the good life. I'm a happy cop! (*Singing...*) Yes sirree, it's the good life for me...

Marie's alley. I wonder where that homeless gal is. Marie! Marie! Where are you? Her stuff is still here. She knows what's good for her, she won't show her face again.

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I must admit there is something special about that gal. She had gumption. She had spirit. She had a sense of humor. She had a real mouth on her. Ha! Well, she's gone now and I don't have to kick her out on a happy day.

(Silent for a moment...) I can't believe it but there is part of me that misses Marie. She has faith even when life is hard. She actually believes God will help her. How foolish. God doesn't care about the little people. He only cares about big, important folks. I wonder if God loves me now that I got the Cop Of The Year Award.

(Praying...) God, if You're really there could you give me a sign. Just a word...a breeze...a feeling?

I used to know You. I accepted Jesus as my Savior when I was a kid. I admit I have forgotten You but I want to believe again. I do! I do believe in you, Jesus! Forgive my sin. Thank you, Lord. I'm a different person today because of You...and Marie! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

SMILING COP LEAVES STAGE

MARIE: *(To audience...)* Did you hear that? The Smiling Cop is a Christian! Wow! This is a great day! The angels are rejoicing in heaven.

(Looking off stage...) I've never seen a police man so happy. Look at him skipping around that corner. Wait! What's going on?

(Shouting...) No! No! Leave him alone! Those gang members are hitting the Smiling Cop! Stop! Don't hurt him!

I'm going to see if the Smiling Cop is okay. I might not get back until tomorrow, kids! Pray that our Smiling Cop is safe!

MARIE RUNS OFF STAGE

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Thursday Morning In Square One Alley

MARIE: *(Assisting the limping Smiling Cop...)* Take your time, Mr. Cop. You'll be fine. Just lean on me. Sit down here in the alley. Catch your breath and we'll see if you should go to the hospital.

COP: *(Breathing hard...)* Whew! I never saw those guys coming. They sure wanted me out of the way. Dangerous guys. I've got a headache that will last until Christmas.

MARIE: Have a drink of water. *(Offer water from a tin can.)* Rest your head on my newspaper bed. It's quite cushiony.

COP: Thanks, Marie. I'll be fine if I can just catch my breath. *(Drink from tin can.)* Mm, that tastes good. It's better than the water I had at the City Cop Award ceremony and that water was in a crystal goblet.

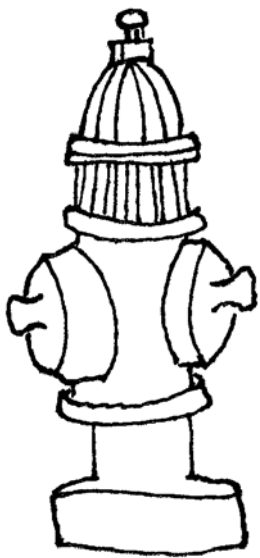
MARIE: Thank you kindly, Mr. Cop. It's God's own fresh rain water. The Lord has a wonderful way of taking care of us even if its' a simple cup of water.

COP: It's hard to do but I have to apologize to you. I'm sorry I kicked you out of Square One Alley. I talked to a few people around town and they want you to stay. In fact, there's a surprise...

MARIE: Hush now. Don't tire yourself. We'll talk later. I have a job to make.

COP: I won't bother. You couldn't have done anything that bad.

MARIE: I'll hide the garbage cans so you wouldn't find me.



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COP: Hiding from me? Just because I planned to kick you out of the alley? Trust me, I would have hidden from myself.

MARIE: I heard you talking to God.

COP: Oh.

MARIE: I'm sorry. I was afraid to talk to you and when you left it was too late and then those guys beat you up and now you've been hurt.

COP: I'll accept your apology on one condition. I don't understand much about being a Christian. You help me and I'll help you stay here.

MARIE: Just count on your fingers, Mr. Cop:

1. Ask God to forgive your sin.
2. Believe In Jesus.
3. Ask Jesus to come into your heart.
4. Go to church.
5. Tell others about Jesus.

See? Five fingers and five things to remember!

COP: I feel like I should do something. You know, be a better person. Do good deeds. Stuff like that.

MARIE: Forget about it. Jesus likes you just the way you are.

COP: What a relief! I better get home. Will you be here tomorrow? I have something important to tell you.

MARIE: Oh, you know me. I'm an alley kind of gal. Me and Ratty will be here with bells on. Take care of that headache and...God bless you!

Thank you too! And, I really mean it!

THE SMILING COP AND SMILING COP WALK OFF STAGE.

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Friday Morning In Square One Alley

COP: *(Calling...)* Marie! Marie! Where are you?

MARIE: I'm here! I got the best night's sleep. Better than I've slept in a month of Sundays. Ratty slept good too. He's happy you're okay.

COP: *(Handing her a basket of food...)* Here's a bit of breakfast. I tucked in a little popcorn and a few peanuts for Ratty. You are the first person I ever met who has a rat for a pet.

MARIE: Well, aren't you nice, Mr. Cop. There are two older ladies living in a refrigerator box over on the next block. I'm going to invite them to a fine breakfast feast!

COP: That food is for you. It's a "one person" kind of deal.

MARIE: What kind of Christian friend would I be if I don't share with people in need.

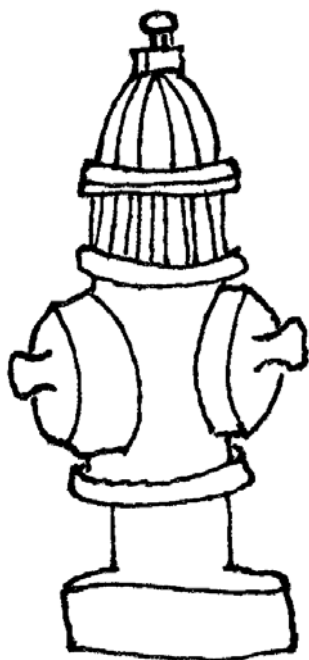
COP: *(Shaking head...)* Here you are living in a back alley with a rat and you think of sharing what little you have. You are an inspiration, Marie, an inspiration!

MARIE: God is the inspiration. I'm just the delivery girl. Give me that basket. I've got a delivery to make.

COP: Wait a minute. I've got news for you. See that brick building? Mr. Bradford has been watching you from his window.

MARIE: What? You mean he's peeked out of Square One Alley again?

COP: Well, he watches you take care of every scraggly person who lives in Square One Alley. He's got an idea to run past you.



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MARIE: (*Looking up...*) If it's good news, Lord. It had to come from You!

COP: There's a small apartment in his building. Plain but warm and clean. He wants you to move in and organize a safe shelter for the homeless folks in the neighborhood.

MARIE: But-- I don't have food or furniture or clothing.

COP: Funny you should mention it. The church on the corner agreed to supply everything! You have been watched by the church folks too! They have money. You have time. Great combination, don't you think? Can you leave the luxury of Square One Alley and move into a house?

MARIE: Tough decision. Can I take Ratty with me?

COP: Don't push it, Marie.

MARIE: Oh, Ratty will come. I'll talk to God about it tonight.

COP: You're terrific, kiddo. The last five years have been hard on you but I think the next five years will be amazing. Time to getting working for the Lord. And I mean both of us!

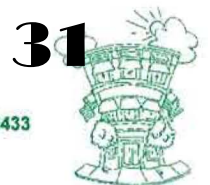
(*Singing...*) Yes sirree, It's the policeman's life for me....

WALK OFF STAGE

MARIE: (*Praying...*) Dear Lord, Thank you for this great gift of a home and safety and a job and friends to share everything. I'll miss Square One Alley but it's time to get busy--just You and me--oh, and Ratty. Can you think, Lord? Can Ratty live in the apartment? He's lonely without me. Oh, thanks Lord! I knew You'd see it my

WALK OFF STAGE

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Open House

...Farewell To One Smile Square

Students and teachers show off decorated shops, sing songs and display crafts. Families tour **One Smile Square**, sample *Ding Dong Diner* foods and enjoy a summer evening in your small town.



All costumed teachers and helpers are responsible to be in their work area during Open House.

Choose Open House time so a high percentage of parents and friends may attend. If the week ends Friday, plan a Friday evening program.

If VBS is in the evening, do not eliminate student's last day of programming. Some churches present Open House on Sunday morning. Eliminate *Farewell To One Smile Square Open House* if no common time can be found.

Farewell To One Smile Square Schedule

- 7:00 P.M. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER
- 7:02 P.M. INTRODUCE 'ONE SMILE SQUARE' THEME
- 7:07 P.M. STUDENTS SING _____
- 7:10 P.M. RECITE MEMORY VERSES
- 7:15 P.M. STUDENTS SING _____
- 7:20 P.M. OFFERING
- 7:25 P.M. TEACHER APPRECIATION AND GIFTS
- 7:30 P.M. STUDENTS SING _____
- 7:35 P.M. CLOSE IN PRAYER
- 7:40 P.M. DISMISS GUESTS TO TOUR 'ONE SMILE SQUARE'
- 7:45 P.M. STAFF BEGINS CLEAN UP!

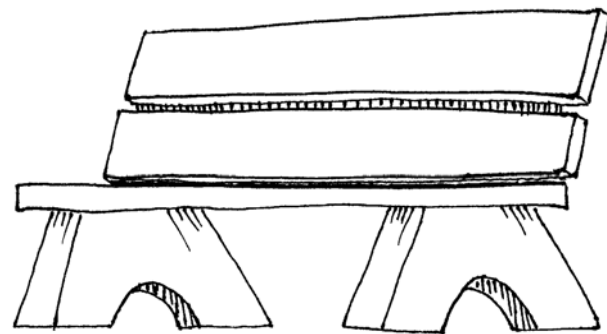
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The Story Teller ...Park Bench Tales

This OPTIONAL activity offers rest and a delightful continuing story.

What Is Park Bench Tales? The Story Teller greets small groups cheerfully and tells a continuing story with enthusiasm. Choose a quiet room far from the noise. Students hide away and hear a five day story in fifteen minute segments.



How Should I Decorate? Place a park bench at one end of the room. If an outdoor wicker chair or swing is available, use them. Keep it simple. Add a few large, green plants or decorative trees beside the park bench. A trash can, flowers and other park accessories add to the fun. Toss colorful pillows on the floor so students can relax. Blow a gentle fan across the room. Except for the Story Teller, keep the room dimly lit.

What Should I Wear? Have fun with the Park Bench theme and become a friendly homeless person. Old, oversized clothing and hat, old boots make you appear realistic.

Who Hears The Story? All student groups visit daily. Preschool students are scheduled to visit but if they cannot pay attention, substitute other short story books or another activity. Discuss choices with the preschool team before One Smile Square VBS begins.

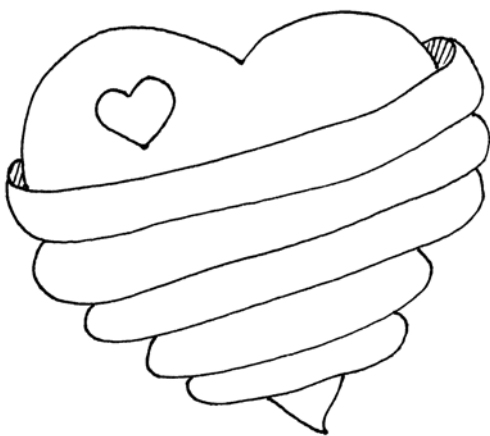
Do I Tell? Our suggested story is "Lost In The City" A Huey Twin adventure with complete script and line art available separately from CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES 1-800-858-8585 www.cemlife.com

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Happy Heart Music Shop ...With a Song In Your Heart!

*I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your Name,
O Most High. Psalm 9:2*



This fifteen minute music session is for small groups. Guests sing praise songs to Jesus when they visit this little One Square Smile shop. Choose upbeat, contemporary Christian choruses. Lead with enthusiasm and good humor.

Decoration. If you meet at Square One Alley where the Opening happens, no decoration is needed. If singing in a small room, try this:

'Open' a small music shop filled with posters featuring musical instruments, Christian music groups and scripture verses about songs and music. Add a collection of real instruments scattered around the area.

Don't forget a large "Happy Heart Music Shop" sign. Attach music notes to the walls shaped like hearts!

Attire. Dress as the musical shop keeper. Wear comfortable shoes and a heart shaped name tag.

Worship Team. Choose teens and adults to help with microphones and music stands. They are the praise team. Contemporary style is enjoyed by all!

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What Music Should I Use?

Choose familiar praise choruses. A five day program requires 10-15 songs with options for young children. After choosing a few favorites, consider this series:

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES PRESENTS: HAPPY HEART MUSIC

An original split channel CD of five upbeat choruses written and produced by Jonathan Miller of Glory Sound Studios in Winston-Salem, NC. Purchase the music package separately. It includes the CD with sample voice/accompaniment only, piano sheet music, words only for teaching!

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 2. God is the Master Builder
 3. Skip and Sing and Dance
 4. Home, Sweet Home
 5. He That is in Us
 6. The Potter's House
 7. Change My Heart, O God
- are the Light of my Soul
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Memory Verse (Philippians 1:6)
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Prepare a Place

with stereo and split tracks CD *(turn the balance knob
ch mixer)* and Sheet Music

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Sing-a-long Songbook 2: This CD-ROM songbook includes songs from several CD's offered by the Donutman including songs from the Master Builder CD. For those who want piano music, this is a great choice.

There are great old songs you might want to sing. We don't offer the music but you may be able to find it or sing a capella!



Happy Days Are Here Again!

Happy days are here again,
the skies above are clear again.
So, Let's sing a song of cheer again,
Happy days are here again.
Ending: Happy days, happy nights,
happy times are here again!

Happy All The Time

I'm in right, out right, up right, down right...happy all the time.
I'm in right, out right, up right, down right...happy all the time.
Since Jesus Christ came in and saved my heart from sin...
I'm in right, out right, up right, down right...happy all the time.

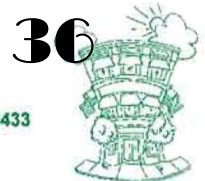
You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.
You make me happy when skies are gray.
You'll never know, LORD, how much I love You!
Please don't take my sunshine away.

Heavenly Sunshine

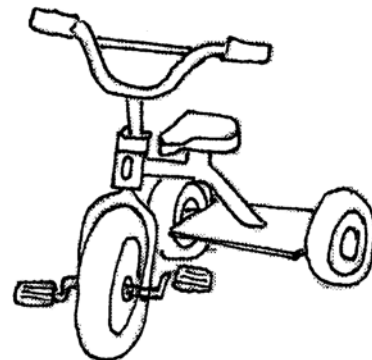
Heavenly Sunshine, Heavenly Sunshine.
Flooded my soul with glory Divine.
Heavenly Sunshine, Heavenly Sunshine.
Hallelujah, Jesus is mine!

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Happy Feet Games

Happy Feet Games is a daily fifteen minute game time. Play games that are appropriate for each age group. Use our game suggestions or play games your children love.



Dress comfortably. Wear a baseball cap, sunglasses and whistle around the neck to become the game coach.

Decoration. Choose an indoor or outdoor area large enough for running, jumping, ball playing and circle games. If outdoors, select a grassy spot away from traffic. Fence off the area using rows of brightly colored pennants (Available from Oriental Trading Inc. www.orientaltrading.com).

Equipment. Collect supplies. Practice each game and adjust event rules for your group. Print the description for each game on a 4 x 6 card for easy daily organization. Place equipment within easy reach in moveable covered plastic tubs.

Rewards. Award stickers to winning students/teams. At the end of each session, treat everyone. Pieces of soft candy are popular prizes that can be eaten immediately. Gather a variety of treats like Hershey Kisses, twizzlers, pretzel sticks or other small treats that can lodge in small throats. (NO HARD CANDY OR PEANUT BASED CANDY.)

Background Information

In cities and towns have always presented challenges to child's play. Sometimes children live in apartments or townhouses. Most games played in towns revolve around ball, tag or relay. These games are not safe on busy streets as children run in and out of traffic. Not so in One Smile Square, it is still fun to play on the big playground. We suggest several games but you may prefer a series of small town activities.

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Corner Stick Ball: there is no more popular game in big cities than stick ball. Create your version of the game by playing a short one or two inning game of softball. Use plastic bats and wiffle balls for safety.

Dodge Ball: Play your favorite version of this children's game. Use basketballs as the dodge balls or soft "nerf" balls for younger children.

Basketball: If hoops are available, play a rousing game of basketball by dividing the small group into two teams. If hoops are unavailable at your church, create a new type of basketball game by placing two large laundry baskets at either end of the court. Students may dribble, toss, throw and roll the ball into the baskets. Place the basket on the ground, on chairs or higher if possible.

City Soccer: Divide the group into two teams. Play a simple game of soccer where players attempt to kick the ball across their team goal without touching it with their hands. Keep score and award the winning team a prize.

Bean Town Bag Toss: Make or purchase colorful bean bags. Set up cans, jars, cereal boxes or other items as targets. Students earn points for successful bean bag shots.

Apartment Wash Day Toss: Provide two bed sheets. Two teams stand behind their sheet and attempt to toss an object to the opposite sheet. If the opposite team misses, the first team gets a point. Objects to toss: water balloons, balls, stuffed animals, bean bags. Award the winning team a prize.

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Foot Races: Devise races that can be run, baby stepped, crawled, team of two with arms around each other, backwards, skipped or walked. Change the rules for each participant as the race is being run. Teams may compete against each other as a relay. Awards for Best walker, Best complainer, Best runner who talked the entire race!

Water Relay: A hot summer day, kids and cool water are a great combination. Choose a fun water relay that insure students get wet (a little bit). Place tubs of water at the starting line. Two teams compete to see how much water they can place into containers at the other end of the course. Decide what carriers will be used and what containers will hold water. (Tablespoons, plastic cups, sandwich bags, hands, plastic cups with holes. The best place to run a water relay is near the water source for easy refills and less heavy lifting!

Subway Coin Relay: At the goal line, place lots of coins on the floor. Each team gets ONE glove. Run to goal line, pick up coin with gloved hand, carry to starting line where the second player who carries the coins back to the goal line and returns to give the glove to the third player. Continue until everyone has participated. First team to complete the task and sit down at the starting line is the winning team.

Dribble Relay: Dribble a basketball to the goal line. Shoot until you make a basket and return. Or, have players pitch a ball into a wastebasket.



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Snacks

...Ding Dong Diner

Every great Vacation Bible School needs a memorable snack time and this one is terrific! Set up an old fashioned, 1950'S diner where waitresses with an attitude serve 'drive-in, diner and dive' foods. Wait until you hear the diner slang that has entertained Americans across the decades!

What is a Diner? A diner is a prefabricated restaurant (like a mobile home) characterized by a wide range of foods, a casual atmosphere, a counter and late operating hours.

Diner Decor: Serve snacks on card tables places along the walls like restaurant booths. Place a few tables in the middle of the room just as it would be in a small restaurant. The entire feeling in the snack area should be that of a small neighborhood diner.

Tables: Cover tables with checkered vinyl table clothes. Place napkin containers, salt and pepper, ketchup and mustard, sugar packets, etc. on each table. Place a small artificial flower arrangement on each table. Wrap silverware in white paper napkins. Place large green plants in the corners.

Signs: Display a large sign DING DONG DINER. Trim the sign with flashing white twinkle lights. Other signs could be menus with prices, and In One Smile Square, Drink Coke or Pepsi, No shoes, No shirt, God Loves A Cheerful Eater! Some menus or messages could be written on black chalkboard.

Play 1950's jukebox music or cheerful kid's Christian music on a jukebox or make one from cardboard. Include flashing twinkle lights.

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Costume and Serving: Waiters and waitresses dress appropriately. Women wear white waitress caps and frilly aprons. Pin a fancy handkerchief to your shoulder with a fancy brooch. Men wear black slacks, white shirts and long aprons. Carry a pencil behind one ear and place a menu pad in a pocket. Deliver snacks to individual tables on large serving trays. Talk to each table of students as they are served.

Tableware: Use paper plates, cups and plastic ware. A more realistic touch is heavy china, clear glasses and stainless silverware. So, heat up the dishwasher and have a ball!

Menu Suggestions: Give Ding Dong Diner an authentic touch by naming snacks appropriately. Have fun with the food and preparations. Use our suggestions or create your own divine diner dishes. Keep it simple. It is not necessary to serve an entire lunch. Sample portions of each food are enough to provide a light snack.

A GENTLE SUGGESTION TO THE DING DONG DINER TEAM

Do not provide alternative "safe" snacks for students who refuse to try unique menu items. Most students take a "no thank you" helping. Refill when students want more.

Do not be held hostage to bad attitudes. Complainers often become enthusiastic bragging about how they tried something new. Say, "You are welcome to refuse the snack because lunch will be served at home later. If no other food is available. Just enjoy chatting with your friends."



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desires known then their student arrives.

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Diner Slang

*"Two chicks on a raft-wreck 'em, shingle with a shimmy and a shake in the alley, Zeppelins in a fog, city juice 86 the hail, drag one through Georgia and sweep the kitchen floor!"**



The words are obviously English so it can't be a foreign language. Nor is it a couple of spies greeting each other with a pre-arranged code. It is an example of what you might have heard a waiter shouting to a cook in an American diner, luncheonette or cafeteria before fast food restaurants changed the way folks eat out. Diner Slang could have been heard in any cheap eatery across the nation at one time, but sadly it is a dying language thanks largely to corporations who deem it inappropriate.

**Oh, the translation for the above is "Scrambled eggs on toast, a side order of toast with butter and jam, sausages and mash, a glass of water with no ice, Coca-Cola with chocolate syrup and an order of hash."*

Where and Why Did It Start? Who knows. It was mentioned in a Detroit newspaper in the 1850's and was commonly used by black waiters in the 1870's and 1880's. Its heyday was from the 1920's until the 1970's.

A lot of the terms were invented just for the fun of it and to lighten the burden of a difficult and sometimes frustrating job, there is good reason for some of the phrases. At busy times a diner is noisy and words can be misunderstood.

The Slang: Enjoy reading and using this list of words and phrases that probably will never be used in real life again. Any employee at the diner who shouts "Burn one, 86 the breath, add frog sticks and put it!" to the kitchen will probably be fired.

...er slang may be kept alive is in the growing business of springing up all over the US and in Britain, too. Let the you are saying and serve a few of the foods so you order at the right time. Have fun!

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Adam and Eve on a raft/log-Two poached eggs on toast
Adam's ale/city juice/dog soup-Water
Axle grease/skid grease/cow paste-Butter

Baby juice/moo juice/sweet Alice-Milk
Bailed hay-Shredded Wheat
Belch water/balloon water-Seltzer or soda water
Birdseed-Breakfast cereal
Blonde with Sand-Coffee with cream and sugar
Blowout patches-Pancakes
Blue plate special— Meat, potato and one vegetable on a plate
Bossy in a bowl-Beef stew
Bowl of red-Chili con carne
Bow-wow/bun pup/tube steak/groundhog/Coney Island-Hot dog
Breath-Onion
Bronx vanilla/halitosis-Garlic
Bucket of cold mud-bowl of chocolate ice cream
Bullets/whistle berries-Baked beans
Burn one-put a hamburger on the grill
Burn one, take it through the garden and pin a rose on it-Hamburger
with lettuce, tomato, onion
Burn the British-Toasted English muffin

Cow feed-Salad
Cowboy/western-western omelette

Dead eye-poached egg
Dog biscuit-cracker
Dog and maggot-cracker and cheese
Dough well done with cow to cover-buttered toast
Drag one through Georgia-cola with chocolate syrup
Drip/cup of mud-cup of coffee
Drip in the dark-cup of black coffee

Give an item from the menu
Hamburger-apple pie
Hamburger lid-Apple pie with a slice of cheese
Hamburger pudding

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Flop tow-two fried eggs over easy
Fly cake/roach cake-raisin cake
Frenchman's delight-pea soup
Frog sticks-french fries

Go for a walk/on wheels-order to go, take out
Gravel train-sugar bowl
Graveyard stew-milk toast

Hail-Ice
High and dry-sandwich without butter, mayonnaise, dressing
Hockey puck-Hamburger, well done
Houseboat-Banana split

Ice the rice-rice pudding with ice cream
In the alley-served as a side dish

Java/Joe-coffee

Keep off the grass-no lettuce

Life preservers-doughnuts
Lumber-toothpick

Maiden's delight-cherries
Mike and Ike-salt and pepper shakers
Murphy-potatoes

Nervous pudding-jello/jelly
Noah's boy-Ham

hoof-meat cooked rare

etchup

-two cups of coffee

add onion

ham/sausage sandwich

st or burn something

and cry-liver and onions

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Radar range-microwave oven

Sand/yum-yum-sugar

Sea dust-salt

Sinkers and suds-doughnuts and coffee

Spot with a twist-cup of tea with lemon

Squeeze one-glass of orange juice

Two cows, make 'em cry-two hamburgers with onions

Vermont-maple syrup

Warts-olives

Wax-American cheese

Wreck 'em-scramble the eggs

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Ding Dong Diner Food!



The snacks, while small, should resemble a full BLUE PLATE SPECIAL. Make and serve miniature portions. Plates may include mini portions of potato chips, dill pickle, baby carrots or celery and main snack.

Create food choices from the Diner Slang section. It's fun to play with the names and with the foods. Keep it simple if possible.

Each day serve a different diner sandwich. Cut into quarters or halves for a full portion. Students may ask for refills so make more than you think you will need.

Ding Dong Dagwoods

HOT DOG AND BUN
HAMBURGER AND BUN
EGG SALAD ON WHITE AND WHEAT BREAD
CHICKEN SALAD ON MINI DINNER ROLLS
BOLOGNA AND CHEESE ON HAMBURGER ROLL
HAM SALAD IN A PITA POCKET
BACON, LETTUCE AND TOMATO (BLT) ON TOAST
TURKEY AND MAYO ON WHITE BREAD
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY ON BREAD

Side Dish Delish^o

MACARONI AND CHEESE
JELLO AND FRUIT
FRENCH FRIES WITH KETCHUP
TATER TOTS WITH KETCHUP
SPAGHETTI O'S
BANANAS AND CREAM
Whip heavy cream, add sliced bananas
STUFFED APPLES
stuff with peanut butter, cream cheese or other spread.
Top with raisin or chocolate chips.
DEVILED EGGS

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Dessert Delites!

ICE CREAM SUNDAES IN CONE
CUPCAKE IN ICE CREAM CONE
HOMEMADE COOKIES
HOMEMADE BROWNIES
CAKE/PIE
JELLO WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND FRUIT
POPSICLE
MIXED FRUIT SALAD
FRUIT KABOBS

Tonics!

Orange Juice (Squeeze One)
Ice Water (Dog Soup with Hail)
Milk (Moo Juice)
Large Chocolate Milk (Black Cow and Stretch It)
Juice Boxes

Design the menu well before the week begins and consider asking church folks for ingredient donations. Distribute a sign up sheet and include telephone numbers to remind people when their donation is needed during the week.



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Salvation Station No Frown Zone

The Smile Project...How To Make God Smile!



Enter the No Frown Zone where everyone is happy and smiles are cheerfully shared. Students play games and learn what God says about salvation through His Son, Jesus.

Small groups visit the No Frown Zone each day for fifteen minutes. It is a place where the gospel is proclaimed in clear terms so the youngest student can understand how to become a Christian.

Decoration. Fill the walls with large smiley faces. Companies make posters, pinatas and other smiley items. (Check out: www.orientaltrading.com) Make your own smiley faces from neon yellow posterboard. String colorful crepe paper streamers across the ceiling and down the walls. Add colorful strings of twinkle lights wherever appropriate.

Five daily sessions have "smile" themes. Print the themes on smiley faces for one wall. Point to each one to remind students of what they learned.

Costume. Dress in bright, happy colors. There are smiley face hats available in catalogs that would be fun to wear. Wear a large smiley face button. Be on the lookout for smiley face socks, t-shirts, shorts, etc and have fun dressing the part!

Face Stickers or Ink Stamper: As students arrive request a smile as their entry "fee". Reward with a smiley face stamp a smiley face on their hand. These stampers and stickers in various colors are available at your local Wal Mart or K Mart stores.

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Activities: This area features several activities that students in all groups carry out each day. Watch the time carefully. Shorten any activity that threatens to eliminate the gospel message which is the real purpose of the NO FROWN ZONE!

Welcome –Just a few words of greeting and organization for the session. Give everyone a sticker or a hand stamp!

Circle Game –A fun game that students of all ages enjoy. Lots of laughter!

1. Wonder Ball Game
2. Find The Sinner Game
3. Honey, I Love Ya Game
4. Big Cheese Game
5. Woosh

Happy Talk –A few minutes in God’s Word with a simple, straightforward explanation of how to be a Christian.

1. God of Wonder Loves Me!
2. Smile, You’re On Candid Camera!
3. I Can’t Smile Without You!
4. Say Cheese!
5. Service With A Smile!

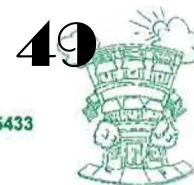
Learn A Verse –A fast moving game to teach a scripture verse each day.

1. Happy is he who’s hope is in the Lord...Psalm 146:3
2. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents...Luke 15:7
3. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.....Psalm 32:11 a
4. Rejoice and be glad for your reward in heaven is great ...Matthew 5:12
5. Serve the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:2a

Smile Project –Before students leave the area, they sign on large, hand made smiley face posters. These posters are titled “The Smile Project” and should resemble graffiti as shown in numbers!

Use large pieces of neon colored posterboard. Use neon colored poster OR use a variety of neon colors to make the smiley face better!

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Monday

Smile, God Loves You!



Greet students at the door of the No Frown Zone. Their "ticket" into the area is one big smile. When they smile, place a Smiley Face Sticker on their shirt. Or, buy a smiley face stamp and ink pad to stamp their hand each day!

A large neon yellow posterboard smiley face with the words SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU should be on the wall.

Welcome! You have entered The *No Frown Zone*. It's a happy place where people of One Smile Square come to learn the happy news that God loves us and wants us to experience peace and His love. Find the Smiley Face on the wall that says, "Smile, God Loves You"? That is today's Smile Project! Today we are going to find out what that means!

Circle Game: Wonder Ball. Start the session with a fun game of HOT POTATO, renamed "Wonder Ball". **Equipment:** beanbag/ball, music.

Everybody stands in a circle. Pass a beanbag/ball around the circle to music. When the music stops, the person holding the wonder ball is out. Pretend the wonder ball is very "hot". Person who is out, steps back, circle closes and game begins again. Play until one person is the winner.

If a beanbag/ball is not available, say this rhyme each time the wonder ball is passed around the circle. Leader blows a whistle to signify end.

The wonder ball goes round and round.

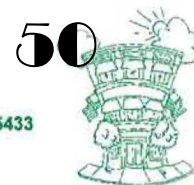
To pass it quickly, you are bound.

If you're the one, to hold it last,

The game is past and you are...out!

O-U-T...Out!

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Happy Talk: God of Wonder Loves Me! *(Sit on the floor in a circle.)* Have you ever wondered if God Smiles at you? Because we cannot see God like we see the people in this room, we might wonder if we make God happy. Trust me, you make God very happy! He loves you a lot. If He had a refrigerator your picture would be on it! We can say, "Smile, God Loves You" and know it's true!

How do we know? Listen to this, "For God so **loved the world** (that's you and me) that He gave His one and only Son, that **whoever** (that's you and me) believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16

God loves you and want you to have peace and life. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (like they've never had it before).
John 10:10

Learn A "Happy" Verse. Let's play another circle game. This time we'll learn words from God's Word that remind us to smile.

Assign one word of the verse to each person in the circle. Form two circles if there are more than 13 students in the room.

HAPPY-IS-HE-WHO'S-HOPE-IS-
-IN-THE-LORD-
-PSALM-146—3

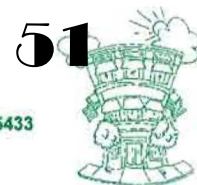
Students say the verse around the circle one word at a time. Try it faster and faster. By the time everyone has had fun saying their part at the right time, the group should know the verse. See if individual students can say the verse aloud by themselves. Award stickers.

The Smile Project

Name. Allow students to sign their names on the large posterboard smile with the words SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU printed on it. By the end of the day, the posterboard smile will be covered with names!

Close In Prayer.

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Tuesday

Smile, You're On Candid Camera!



Greet students at the door of the No Frown Zone. Request a smile and reward with a Smiley Face Sticker or Stamp on hands.

A large neon yellow posterboard smiley face with the words SMILE, YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA should be on the wall.

Welcome! Have you ever heard of an old television show called "Candid Camera"? Maybe not because it was on a lo-ong time ago. Video cameras were hidden behind walls and then an actor did something to make the unsuspecting person do something wrong.

Sometimes the actor would drop a \$50 bill and see if the person tried to give it back or put it in their own pocket. You would be amazed at what people do when they think no one is looking! What do you think most people did with the \$50 bill? (Let students respond.)

Circle Game: Find the Sinner. Start the session with a game called FIND THE SINNER. Sit all children in a circle with legs crossed. Have all children put their heads down. No peeking!

Leader: Walk around the circle and quietly tap the head of one person. This person is the "Sinner". The sinner tempts all the other players by silently winking at them. Be tricky so no one sees the wink.

If you are winked at, silently count to 10 and then put your feet in the middle of the circle. Don't tell ANYONE who winked at you.

If the sinner winks at everyone, they win. If you think you know who the sinner is, you get winked at, you can say, "I have a suspect. I think it's [name]. The sinner." If someone agrees with you, then the sinner is that person. If you're wrong, you've been tempted and must sit in the middle of the circle.

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Happy Talk: No Smile Sin! (*Sit on the floor in a circle.*) That was an interesting game. How did you feel when you were trying to wink without anyone discovering you? How did you feel when you were trying to be sneaky and find the sinner?

We had fun finding the *sinner* in our game. Do you know God watches us all the time? It's like He has a candid (hidden) camera and sees everything we do. We cannot hide our sin from God. When we sin, God is NOT smiling. We choose to disobey God and go our willful way. When we sin, we are separated from God. The Bible says:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Learn A “Joy” Verse. Print words of today's verse on individual cards. Place them on the floor in order. Group says the verse aloud. One person takes away one card. Say the verse again. Continue until there are no cards and the group says the whole verse without help.

Time left? Students holding the cards place them anywhere on the floor, out of order. Choose one person to unscramble the words.

Non Readers: It will not matter if they cannot read. Remove a card and say the verse aloud. The verbal prompts will help the young children say the verse. You say, “Oh! That word is.....”

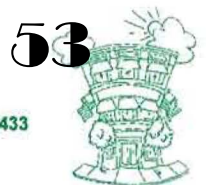
THERE-IS-MORE-JOY-IN-HEAVEN
-OVER-ONE-SINNER-WHO-REPENTS-LUKE-15-7

The Smile Project

me. Students sign their names on today's Smiley

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Wednesday I Can't Smile Without You!



Greet students at the door of the No Frown Zone. Request a smile and reward with a new Smiley Face Sticker or stamp their hand.

A large neon yellow posterboard smiley face with the words I CAN'T SMILE WITHOUT YOU should be on the wall.

Welcome! Give me a big smile! That's it! I can see all your pearly white teeth. What would life be without smiles? Can you imagine how drab and dreary it would be? Why, it would be like never having an ice cream cone on a hot day or petting a big friendly dog. And, who makes all those things more fun? FRIENDS!!!! I can't smile without you!

Circle Game: Honey, I Love Ya'. Play a game called HONEY, I LOVE YA' BUT I JUST CAN'T SMILE! Players form a circle with one player in the middle who is 'it'. The middle person approaches players one at a time around the circle and asks, "Honey, do you love me?"

The person being questioned must answer "Honey, I love ya' but I just can't smile." If s/he does smile or laugh, s/he becomes 'it' and the previous middle person joins the circle. The person who is 'it' is not allowed to touch other players but may make as many funny faces as s/he wishes.

Talk: Friend Jesus. People think they can get to know Jesus in different ways. Kids think, "God will smile at me if I eat my vegetables at dinner." "God will smile if I obey my parents and do my homework." "God will smile if I make my bed every day." Grown ups think God will smile if I do good works, study religion and try to be good.

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I can tell you what makes God smile. Want to know? God says, "I can't smile without you!" He wants your heart and your life. God provided the perfect friend for us, Jesus.

This is the secret: *"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..."* Acts 16:31 (Say it with me!) That's it! Nothing else. No long list of rules. Just believe. Everything else we *do* once we believe in Jesus as our Savior is done because we are so thankful for God's plan to get us to heaven.

Learn A "Glad" Verse. Crazy Cards! Make six cards with instructions on one side for something fun to do while *everyone repeats the verse together*. Choose one child at a time to pick a card from a silly hat without knowing what it says.

1. Say the verse while walking in place.
2. Say the verse with the person standing next to you.
3. Say the verse while holding your tongue.
4. Say the verse while holding your nose.
5. Say the verse while hopping up and down on one foot.
6. Say the verse while turning around.
7. Say the verse while patting your head and rubbing stomach

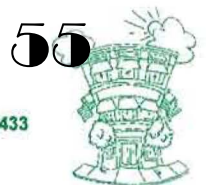
BE GLAD IN THE LORD
AND REJOICE. PSALM 32:11a

The Smile Project

Sign Your Name. Students sign their names on today's Smiley Face.

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Thursday Say Cheese!



Greet students at the door of the No Frown Zone. Request a smile and reward with a new Smiley Face Sticker or stamp their hand.

A large neon yellow posterboard smiley face with the words SAY CHEESE! Should be on the wall.

Welcome! Today is a happy day. Today we get to smile for all the right reasons. What do you like about getting your picture taken? (Students Respond) What do you hate about getting your picture taken? (Students Respond) What does everyone say just before you get your picture taken? SAY CHEESE! Why do they say that? (When anyone says the word "cheese", it is impossible not to smile.-try it!)

Take Group Pictures: Just so we remember the fun we've had this week, let me take your picture! Say Cheese!

Circle Game: Big Cheese. Choose one player to be the Big Cheese. That player must sit in the middle of the circle blindfolded with his/her legs crossed. All the other players sit silently in a circle around the Big Cheese with their legs crossed.

Place several items on the floor in front of the Big Cheese. (*Any item such as keys, ball*) One player in the circle is silently motioned to get up, take one item and return to their place without the Big Cheese seeing them.

The thief has three tries to point to where he/she thinks the thief hid the item. If he/she is wrong three times, he/she becomes the new Big Cheese!

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Happy Talk: Jesus Is Here! The best news is that God made a plan for us to get to Heaven! His plan is short...Believe in Jesus. We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation.

There is no other way! There is no Plan B. Plain and simple, even the youngest child can understand God's plan. We sing "Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so..." (*Sing with the group*) and that says it all.

*"...if you confess (say) with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9*

It's totally up to you. Your mom and dad, gram or grandad, friend or brother cannot do this for you. No one else can make this decision for you. Believe and be saved. How do we ask Jesus into our hearts and lives? By praying. You can say these words to the Lord and know for sure you're going to heaven:

"Dear Lord, Please forgive me of my sin and help me love and serve You with my whole life. I believe in Jesus and I accept Jesus as my Savior. I will follow Him as Lord of my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

When you pray that prayer, you can be the Big Cheese and smile from ear to ear! It's the most important decision you will ever make in your life! Angels rejoice in heaven when someone says yes to Jesus!

Make a "Rejoice" Verse. Print the words of today's verse on paper plates. Attach to the wall. Have a child pick any word in the verse. Explain to the group that the word just chosen now belongs to the child who chose the verse—just like we "belong" to Jesus. He is the only one allowed to say that word while the verse is read.

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Rejoice and be glad
for your reward in heaven is great.
Matthew 5:12

After repeating the verse, have another child pick a word. Then have the class repeat the verse while both children who have picked words are the only ones allowed to say their respective words.

Continue until each child has his own words that no one else is allowed to repeat. This is a lot of fun as the children must remember which words they may repeat and which they may not. (It's challenging for the teacher too!)

The Smile Project

Sign Your Name. Students sign their names on today's Smiley Face.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.

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Friday Service With A Smile!



Greet students at the door of the No Frown Zone. Request a smile and reward with a new Smiley Face Sticker or stamp their hand.

A large neon colored posterboard smiley face with the words SERVICE WITH A SMILE! should be on the wall.

Welcome! Today we complete our *No Frown Zone* adventure and *The Smile Project*. Whenever we sign our names, we leave a little of ourselves behind. Our printed name becomes our testimony. People will know you have been here. You listened, you laughed, you learned. Be proud of your signatures on The Smile Project.

It's time to provide Service With A Smile! If you prayed to ask Jesus into your heart yesterday, you are in the family! A child of God. A prince or princess to the King of Kings, your Heavenly Father. It's time to learn how to serve the King!

Circle Game: Woosh! The leader pulls an **invisible** 'woosh' ball from their pocket. Explain that the woosh ball is very light and it just sort of floats in their hand. When passing the woosh ball, it actually makes the noise "woosh." When passing, either to the right or left, make the "woosh" sound.

The person receiving the woosh ball has many options. They can receive the woosh and pass it along. They can say "Wao" and put their hands up to refuse the woosh, in which case the person trying to pass the woosh ball must turn to their other side to pass it.

When the person getting it is so excited that the energy of the woosh ball enters their soul with joy and they go "freakalistic," which in our language means the entire group go "freakalistic". Everyone must dance and move to a new place and find a new place to stand. The object of the game is to get as silly as possible.

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If someone falters when they get passed the woosh, or messes up the flow, they must "boing". A "boing" is a physical admission that they messed up the flow of the "woosh". They put their hands together above their head and bend at the knees and say, "boing".

WOOSH-WAO-FREAKALISTIC-BOING! Okay, have a "ball"!

Happy Talk: Service With A Smile! Now that we know what it means to be a Christian, it's time to get to work! We can begin a wonderful new life with the Lord by doing a few things:

1. Read your Bible every day to get to know Jesus better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Tell others about Jesus.
4. Go to Sunday School and Church to learn about Jesus.
5. Serve other people!

Service with a Smile comes from the J-O-Y Principle. Jesus First, Others Second and You Third. That spells JOY!

Learn A "Serve" Verse. Sing this scripture verse (Psalm 100:2a) to the tune of "London Bridge":

Sing: "Serve the Lord with gladness, gladness, gladness!
Serve the Lord with gladness...Psalm 100:2a"

The Smile Project

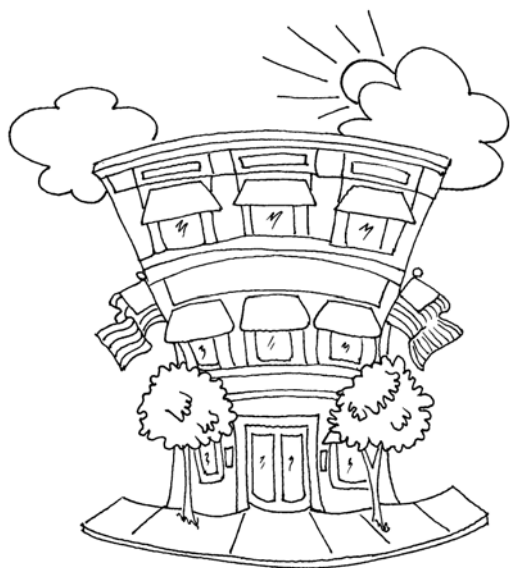
Sign Your Name. Students sign their names on today's Smiley

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Project Smiley Faces during Open House!

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Bible Street Shop Tips For Teachers

Each Bible Street Shop represents a small shop in **One Smile Square**. Students become Shop customers, enjoying the small town atmosphere. Groups enjoy a fun activity, hear a Bible story and complete a craft project.

Bible Street Shop leaders accompany their group and serve as extra help in all daily activities. Decorations, costumes and relationship bring this appealing street theme to life. Lead your students on a fun small town adventure and watch their lives change forever!

HOW TO MAKE GOD SMILE

Each BIBLE STREET SHOP features a Bible person/people who responded to God's call to Jesus in the way that pleases God most! Students learn that God smiles when we believe, live, obey, laugh and dream! These are great lessons for grown ups too!

BIBLE STREET SHOP #1: FINDERS KEEPERS JUNK SHOP

God Smiles When We Believe Out Loud!

Memory Verse: Acts 16:31 KJV

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Bible Story: I Can't Smile Without You! Jairus Believes! Luke 8:40-56

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BIBLE STREET SHOP #2: JUST PEDDLE BICYCLE SHOP

God Smiles When We Live Out Loud!

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

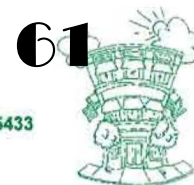
Trust in the Lord with all your heart...

Big Smile Keep On Turning! The Tale of Two Men

Luke 18:10

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BIBLE STREET SHOP #3: KAZOO TOY SHOP

God Smiles When We Obey Out Loud!

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:1 KJV

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Bible Story: Smile On Me! Jesus Obeys Parents Luke 2:20-52

Craft

BIBLE STREET SHOP #4: M.T. POCKETS BOOK SHOP

God Smiles When We Laugh Out Loud!

Memory Verse: Psalm 92:1a KJV

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Bible Story: Operation Smile! Ten Lepers/One Thank You

Luke 17:11-19

Craft

BIBLE STREET SHOP #5: HOLE IN THE WALL DOUGHNUT SHOP

God Smiles When We Dream Out Loud!

Memory Verse: Psalm 100:2 KJV

Serve the Lord with gladness...

Bible Story: The Whole World Smiles With You! A Boy and His Lunch

John 6:1-15

Craft

Decorate. Follow our decorating suggestions or design your own specialty shop. Borrow items from church members, family and friends. Make decorations from construction paper, posterboard and cardboard. Create dramatic lighting with twinkle lights, floor spots and candles. Find fun, inexpensive accessories at home and in dollar stores.

Role Character. Follow curriculum suggestions. Dress as a shop owner. Try on simple shop owner outfits. Become the shop keeper.

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Memory Verse Activity. Teach a scripture verse. If you prefer another version of scripture or another game, use it. Shorten the verse to match the age group.

Bible Story. In keeping with *One Smile Square's* general theme, the Bible stories teach students how to make God smile. They learn to:

BELIEVE OUT LOUD, LIVE OUT LOUD, OBEY OUT LOUD, LAUGH OUT LOUD and DREAM OUT LOUD!!

Seat students on the floor. Ask questions to encourage involvement. Simplify material for younger students. Older students may participate in discussion.

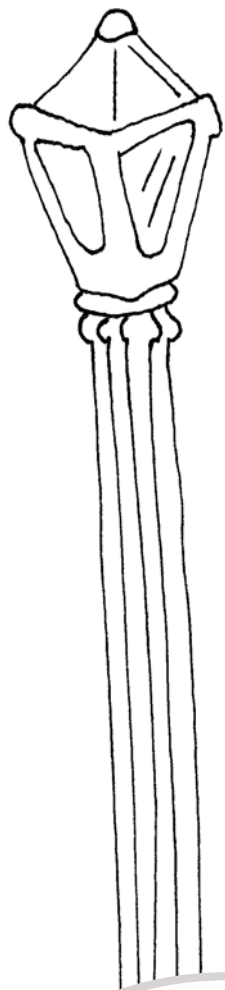
Time Management. Small groups complete their Street Shop activities in one session. If suggested activities cannot be completed within the forty five minutes allotted, choose the most important details and leave the rest.

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Bible Street Shop Craft Suggestions



Each Bible Street Shop includes craft time. Because groups visit only once during the week, the craft must be completed in one session. Set aside at least 15 minutes. Project choice determines time. Adjust the time as desired.

Choose crafts from the following list or create your own projects. CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES is pleased to offer suggestions from two excellent craft companies. We include catalog information and website addresses. Prices may change.

Homemade projects are fun and inexpensive. Your own crafty folks may want to create five projects and gather materials. If any appropriate small town theme project appeals to any teacher, develop that craft.

Set up one corner of the Street Shop to complete a simple keepsake. Divide craft parts into kits. Helpers assist young students. Students not attending Open House may take their projects home.

S&S Arts and Crafts

website: www.ssw.com Call for current catalog: 1-800-243-9232

LASER CUT CROSSES. Laser-cut craft wood crosses feature two designs and two inspirational sayings (Rejoice in the Lord-Jesus Is Lord). Includes super strong magnets for displaying on the fridge! 3" x 2 1/2". \$14.95 \$14.99 Per pack of 24 (Use natural wood stain instead of paint. The result is very appealing.)

With stuffing, ribbon and clothes ideas. 4 1/2" x 5". Green, red bear colors. \$1.99 per pack of 12/\$16.99 per pack, 3+ \$1.42 each

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COLOR ME BEARS. Color these stuffed white fabric bears with markers or paint (not included). 2 3/4" W x 6 1/2" H.
BTD-FA3367 \$12.99 per pack of 12 \$1.08 each

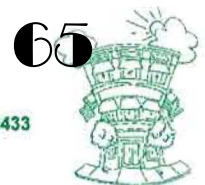
SUPER FOAM MEMORY BOOK. Assemble and decorate without gluing or painting. Very colorful and usable! 6" x 6".
BTD-GP1300 \$26.99 per pack of 24/\$23.79 per pack, 3+ 99Cents each

CHRISTIAN DOOR KNOB HANGERS. Easy to decorate preprinted luan craft wood hangers remind us that "Christ lives within" and "Open Your Door to Jesus". Pearlescent paint and glitter glue add a beautiful, shimmering touch. 9 7/8" x 4 3/4".
CHH-RE447 \$10.99 per pack of 12 67 cents each

MY HOUSE PUZZLE. In Galatians 2:20 Paul writes "Christ lives in me". As kids create their own unique puzzles, guide them toward a natural discussion on ways to make Him at home in their hearts. Decorate individual pieces, then add background details.
CHH-GP1466 \$13.99 per pack of 24 55 cents each

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER WALL PANEL. Jesus set a great example when He chose to forgive those who treated Him badly. As kids color and decorate their wall hangings, encourage them to extend forgiveness to others. Includes preprinted panels, wood look cardboard slats, decorating supplies, glue and gold braid. 9" x 17".
CHH-RE453 \$11.89 per pack of 12 94 cents each

These are just a few of the wonderful Christian crafts available through S&S arts and crafts. Check out their website and catalog and choose projects that your students will enjoy. Order directly from the company.



Guildcraft

www.guildcraftinc.com

Call for catalog: 1-800-345-5563

SERVE OTHERS CHALKBOARD MAGNETS. Kids can remember to serve their family, friends and neighbors with this magnet that is also a chalkboard! Includes chalkboard, adhesive foam stars, chalk and magnetic tape. 4" square.

216-119 24 projects \$10.99 46 cents per project

SHINE YOUR LIGHT CROSS NECKLACE. This glow in the dark cross will remind kids to let Christ guide them every day. Includes beads and precut cord.

403-969 30 projects \$10.95 37 cents per project

THE WAY, THE TRUTH FRAMES. Includes preprinted cardboard (ready to color) frames, adhesive foam shapes, markers, ribbon and tape. Fits a 4" x 4" picture.

667-051 24 projects \$16.65 69 cents per project

Oriental Trading Company

www.orientaltrading.com

Call for catalog: 1-800-228-2269

PLASTIC COLOR YOUR OWN..SMILE! JESUS LOVES YOU! WATER GLOBE CRAFT KIT.

A unique craft project! Customize these smiley water globes. (6 pcs. Per unit) markers not included. 2 1/2"

AX-48/3470 \$6.95 Unit \$1.16 each

PLASTIC COLOR YOUR OWN SIPPER CUPS. Each cup includes 3 paper inserts you can color! Assorted designs and colors. 4"/ 8 oz. Markers not included.

AX-48/3329 \$9.95/DZ. 83 cents each

COLOR SCRATCH BOOKMARKS 24 bookmarks, 12 wooden scratching sticks and 24 satin ribbons per unit. 5 3/4".

\$5.95 Unit 25 cents each

SCRATCH CROSS ORNAMENTS. 24 ornaments, 12 wooden sticks and 24 satin ribbons per unit. 4"

\$5.95 Unit 25 cents each

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BIBLE STREET SHOP #1:

Finders Keepers Junk Shop

God Smiles When We Believe Out Loud!

Finders Keepers Junk Shop is a *One Smile Square* business filled with second hand treasures. Old is "good" in this fun place where kids learn God Smiles When We Believe Him! We are God's Treasure!

DECORATION: Fill the room with interesting old items. Display stacks of old books and magazines, clothing on a rack, hats, lamps, boxes of dishes, old furniture, etc. Fill tables along one wall with these treasures. Leave plenty of room for students to sit on the floor to hear the story. One corner is reserved for a craft table. To save space, students may stand to complete their craft.



Display an **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** Sign on the door. Print messages on large smiley faces. Attach to the walls.

GOD DOESN'T MAKE JUNK! WE ARE GOD'S TREASURES!
SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU! JESUS-HE'S A GOOD DEAL!
FINDERS KEEPERS JUNK SHOP-WE LOVE OUR CUSTOMERS!
I BELIEVE!

CHARACTER: Become the friendly Finders Keepers. Wear comfortable work clothes. This shopkeeper says customers are looking for a great deal! Today the great deal is the way to make God smile is to **believe** Him!

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Flip the door sign to "Open": FINDERS KEEPERS JUNK SHOP is "Open for Business" and you are just in time for the best deals. I have a lot of treasures in this shop. You won't want to miss the best stuff at the best price. Look around. You might find something you like! In fact, I've lost a message in the stacks. Please look for posterboard smiley faces that have scripture verse words on them.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Supplies: *Make posterboard smiley faces (any color) about the size of a small frisbee. Print one word of the verse on each of the disks. Hide them around the room before students arrive.*

Are you finding my smiley faces? They are about "this big" and very colorful. I guess I'm not very organized. I want to teach you a scripture verse and somehow I have lost it in the all the junk! Oops, I mean ...my treasures!

Once the 12 disks are found, ask students to line up in any order, holding their word in front of them. Rearrange students to put the verse in the correct order. (This works for non readers too. They enjoy the movement even if they cannot read the words.) Shorten the verse to:

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31 KJV

STREET SHOP BIBLE STORY:

I Can't Smile Without You!

This week we are learning how to make God smile. It's hard to know what makes God happy. After your visits to **One Smile Square**, you will know exactly what kind of person pleases God. In Finders Keepers Junk Shop, **God Smiles When We Believe Out Loud!**

What does that mean? If you have a little treasure and never share it's beauty with anyone, how will it be appreciated? It becomes junk in a drawer. If you make promises, yet never tell anyone, how will God smile? **Believe OUT LOUD!**



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From Luke 8:40-56: (*Matthew 9:18-10:42, Mark 5:22-43*) When Jesus got off a small boat in Capernaum, a crowd, waiting to greet him, followed him through town.

One man came running. Jairus, a ruler in the local synagogue (Jewish church) may have met Jesus in the synagogue and **believed** in Him. He fell down at Jesus' feet and cried, "My little girl is dying. If you will come and lay your hands on her, I know she will get well!" I can imagine Jairus thinking, "I can't smile without her".

Jesus agreed and off they went. Well, the crowd wanted to see something interesting (*no television in those days*) so they followed Jesus and Jairus.

Along the way, Jesus was slowed down. A very sick woman touched His robe, He felt healing power leaving him. She was healed, the crowd and the woman were amazed and Jesus and Jairus tried to keep moving. The crowd wasn't helping at all.

I'm sure Jairus waited impatiently. "Hurry up! My little girl is dying." By the time Jesus was ready to go, someone came with sad news. "Don't bother the teacher. Your little girl just died." Can you imagine how terrible Jairus felt? I'm sure he cried.

Jesus wasn't upset. He looked at pitiful Jairus, "Do not be afraid; only **believe**, and she shall yet be made well." And on they went. Only **believe!** (*Now, I can see believing Jesus could make her better but this little girl is dead. And you don't come back from "dead".*)

People gathered at the house. Neighbors and friends were weeping. They knew this twelve year old girl. She was the smiley faced girl who hugged her mother and played with children on the street. Now she

sorrowing mother, "Why do you weep? The girl is not sleeping." Can you imagine? People started laughing at the difference between sleeping and dead. And this girl was **totally dead!**

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Jesus took control. He asked everyone to leave except her mother, father and His friends. When it grew quiet, Jesus took her hand and said, "Talitha koum" (*Little girl, get up!*) Guess what happened? (*Response*) She got right up and started walking around the room!

Jesus said, "Give this girl some food." He also asked them not to tell anyone what happened. The crowds were so big that if word got around that Jesus was bringing dead folks back to life, Jesus wouldn't be able to walk, teach or heal.

Somehow, I think word got out because I'm telling you the story of how Jairus believed in Jesus and how his little girl came back to life. So, somebody must have told on Jesus!!! Was it you?



WHAT WE LEARN: God Doesn't Make Junk!

In FINDERS KEEPERS JUNK SHOP, we search for the best deal. The best deal today is that...God doesn't make junk! Folks may think you are too small to make a difference. Maybe someone will say you are not old enough or smart enough or you don't come from the right family or live in the perfect house. Don't you believe it! God designed you for Himself. He must think you are outstanding!!!

Jesus raised a little girl from death. I wonder what ever happened to Jairus' daughter. Did she become a wife and mother? Did she praise God for her life? Will we meet her in heaven? (I bet we'll get to know her real name.) I wonder what big plans God has for your life!

Answer this question: What does God want the most from you? (*Response*) He wants YOU! He wants to get to know you and He wants to know Him.

that we believe in Him. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who **believes** in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

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CLOSE IN PRAYER



CRAFT

Choose a project from the craft suggestion list or design your own project to remind students that God Smiles When We Love Him!

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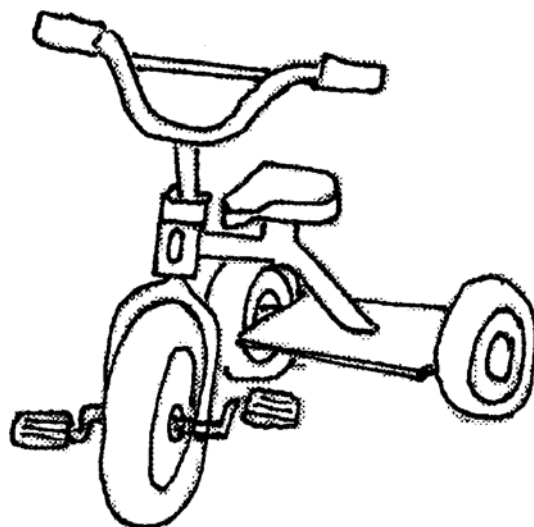


BIBLE STREET SHOP #2:

JUST PEDDLE BICYCLE SHOP

God Smiles When We Live Out Loud!

Just Peddle Bicycle Shop is a **One Smile Square** business filled with tricycles, bicycles and bicycle parts. Everyone has stories about when they learned to ride a bicycle or how they fell off their bike. Enjoy teaching everyone that God Smiles When We Live Out Loud!



DECORATION: Empty the room of all furnishings and re-design the space to look like a small bicycle shop. Borrow several bicycles, tricycles and even unicycles as available. Add bike parts as available: wheels, handle bars, old seats and horns. One craft table where students stand to complete their craft works well.

Display an **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** sign on the door. Print bike shop messages on smiley faces:

JUST PEDDLE BICYCLE SHOP
BARGAIN BIKES! GET INTO GEAR!
BICYCLE BLESSINGS! GET YOUR BEARINGS HERE!
GOD LOVES BIKE RIDERS! FREE BIKE IF I'M GRUMPY!
BE OUTSPOKIN'!

CHARACTER: Become the handy man (woman) who shops and loves to make kids happy with their first set of jeans, work shirt, hat worn backwards and tools in

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Place an OPEN sign on the door when the students arrive! The introduction includes a quick visual tour of a bicycle. Bring a large bicycle to show off as you speak. Let one or more students hold up the bike (s) as you point.

Hey! What are you doing in my shop? Wait! I know! You want a new bike. You have an old bike that needs fixed. You were walking by and couldn't resist my magnetic personality. Let's talk bikes!!!

Bicycles are simple, beautiful, elegant machines that kids of every age love. Even little kids love bikes. The coolest thing about a bicycle is that it lets you get where you are going a lot faster using a lot less energy than you would if you were walking or running.

The other neat thing about bicycles for anyone interested in machines and mechanics is that everything on a bike is completely in the open. There are no covers or metal hiding anything. On a bicycle, it is all out in the open. Many kids who are mechanically minded can't resist the desire to take their bike apart!

Let's take a tour of all the parts of a bicycle.

Front Fork: the movable part of the frame that holds the front wheel.

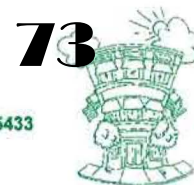
Wheels: The wheels are made of a hub, the spokes, the metal rim and the rubber tire.

Seat and Seat Post: The Seat can be made of leather, vinyl or cloth. The Post moves up and down according to the riders' height.

Bars and Handlebar Stem: The handlebars are what the rider uses to steer the bike. The stem connects the handlebars to the

Cranks: Cranks move the pedals up and down. Pedals are

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Brakes: Hold on! Big words comin' at ya'! The Brakes consist of the actuators on the handlebars, the brake cable, the brake calipers and the brake pads.

Chain and Gears: Consisting of the front chain wheels, the rear freewheel, the front and rear detailleur, the shift levers on the handlebars and the cables.

That is all there is to a bicycle!

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Attach phrases of today's verse to small hand tools placed on a large tray or on a work table. Students say the verse several times aloud. Mix up the tools and let them rearrange them in the correct order.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

For younger students: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart...."

STREET SHOP BIBLE STORY:

Big Smile Keep On Turning



This week we are learning how to make God smile. It's hard to know what makes God happy. After your visits to **One Smile Square**, you will know exactly what kind of person pleases God. In Just Peddle Bicycle Shop, **God Smiles When We Live Out Loud!**

Live Out Loud? What does that mean? How many shy kids have you seen that hide inside their houses? Sometimes they are afraid of people. Sometimes they don't want to share themselves with others. They think they are good enough to speak up.

What about silent, hidden people? God can't use us, mistakes we make. Let's go to make God smile! Come on, keep moving. Get that moving like a bicycle wheel. Move out for Jesus! Live Out Loud!

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The Tale of Two Men from Luke 18:10-14: There is a tale of two men in God's Word. Jesus told the story. One man had a big mouth and lived Out Loud most of his life. He was a leader in the temple called a Pharisee. Big, important, rich; he felt he deserved to Live Out Loud so he stood up and prayed about himself. Yes, right in front of everyone in the temple. I bet he said his prayer really loud too:

(Shout) "God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector over here. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

That man's prayer today would go something like this:

"God, I thank you that I'm so wonderful. You must be proud to call me your child. I live an honest life and I don't do anything wrong. I follow all your rules. Now, look at this money grubbing tax collector over here. He's a bum. See? I'm not like him. I am so faithful to you that I don't eat meals twice a week. When I get my pay check I give you 10% of all I get. Bet you're proud of me, God. Huh, huh, huh?"

Standing across the room was the tax collector. Poor guy. Nobody liked tax collectors in those days. Many of them cheated folks out of money and ruined people. If a tax collector walked down the street, people tended to walk the other direction. This tax collector was in the temple to pray, really pray. He didn't seem interested in gathering a crowd to hear him. He slumped in the shadows with his face in his hands. Not daring to look up, he beat his chest and said:

(Whisper) "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

to hear his prayer today, it would go something like this:

"God, it's me. I know I don't have any right coming to you. I've done some awful things in my life. I'm a sinner and I'm begging for your forgiveness and I really, really, really am sorry for my sin."

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Jesus always had a lesson in his stories and this tale of two men is no exception. Jesus said, "I tell you that this man, (the tax collector) rather than the other, (the Pharisee) went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Did you get that? Here are Jesus' words like we would say them today:

"This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself." (The Message)

WHAT WE LEARN:

**If You Fall Off Your Bike, Get Up and Try Again!
(If You Sin, Say "I'm Sorry" and Start Over!)**

Now, you tell me. Who was Living Out Loud? Was it the temple leader who was shouting his prayer and bragging on himself? Or, was it the unlovable tax guy who whispered his prayer? Living out loud doesn't mean having a big mouth, fancy bicycle or lots of money.

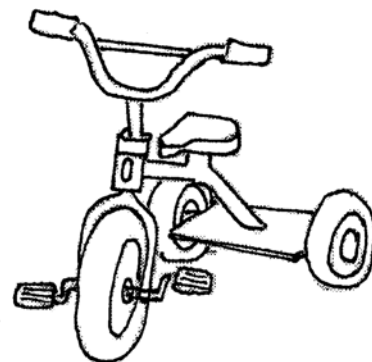
Jesus wants us to know that to make God Smile we must Live Out Loud by getting up every time we sin and fall down. God smiles when we say we're sorry and start over. God smiles when we whisper our prayer in quiet moments instead of using fancy words and showing off. Yes, Living Out Loud is much different than you may think. It's a lot quieter and a lot more real.



CLOSE IN PRAYER

CRAFT

Select from the craft suggestion list or design your own to remind students that God Smiles when we say "I'm Sorry"!



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BIBLE STREET SHOP #3:

KAZOO TOY SHOP

God Smiles When We Obey Out Loud!

Kazoo Toy Shop is a **One Smile Square** business filled with toys and smiles. Guests enjoy play time before getting serious about obedience and making God Smile!

DECORATION: Empty the room of all furnishings and re-design the space to look like a small toy store. Fill bookshelves, floor and small tables with toys of your choice.

Choose toys that are not valuable or precious. Bring in items that children will enjoy looking at, touching and playing with for a few minutes. Build a colorful, fun environment. Consider:



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|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Stuffed Animals | Checkers | Hand held games |
| Balls | Dolls | Puppets |
| Books | Puzzles | Musical Instruments |
| Memory Game | Matching Game | Wooden Toys |
| Cars/Trucks | Coloring Books/Crayons | Music!!! |

COSTUME AND CHARACTER: Become the toy shop owner, excited to show off new toys and play with guests. Wear comfortable clothing in bright primary colors.

OPTION: Give each student a plastic kazoo as a Kazoo Toy Shop keepsake. Kazoos are available in catalogs and online.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Put a sign on the door as students enter Kazoo Toy Shop. The sign says a few minutes of exploring toys in the shop and playing with a paper toy.

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The Kazoo Toy Shop helps you discover, learn, create and play! The very best toys create lasting family memories.

1. What is the first toy you remember receiving?
2. What is your current favorite toy?
3. What toy have you always wanted but never got?
4. What toy would you enjoy giving to a friend?

OPTION: *Make a paper toy. The suggested project takes 2-5 minutes. It could take longer depending on the age of students.*

Supplies: *Instruction Page. 1- 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. Bright green or lime green is nice since the suggested project is a jumping frog. Young students may not have the dexterity to complete this project. Skip it and move into the MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY.*

Let's see how well you obey instructions to make a paper jumping frog. I will give you the paper directions and I will lead you along one step at a time. You must listen and obey my instructions. If you do, you will be rewarded with a fun paper jumping frog. Let's get started.

Step 12: The drawing shows how to make the frog hop: run your finger down his back, compressing his back legs like a spring.

See the Origami Jumping Frog instructions included with this lesson plan. Make copies to give students so they have a visual picture as well as your verbal instructions. Try this several times at home so you can guide the group. Fold the frog with them and hold it up as you go. Helpers/assistants may be useful. Make a few extra jumping frogs to hold in reserve in case there are students who cannot complete their frog and are disappointed.

WATCH YOUR TIME!

If not comfortable completing this paper project, invite students to come and complete it with each group.

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Print today's scripture verse on a chalkboard or an erase board. Say the verse aloud with the group. Erase one word (or let student choose a word to erase). Say the verse again. Continue until the entire verse is erased and the group can repeat the verse from memory.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
Ephesians 6:1 KJV

BIBLE STREET SHOP BIBLE STORY:

Smile On Me!



This week we are learning how to make God smile. It's hard to know what makes God happy. After your visits to **One Smile Square**, you will know exactly what kind of person pleases God. In Kazoo Toy Shop, **God Smiles When We Obey Out Loud!**

Obey Out Loud? What does that mean? Every time we obey are we supposed to shout, "Hey! Look at me! I just obeyed." No, it's more than showing off. To *Obey Out Loud* means that we understand what "obey" means and live out our life pleasing God by being obedient to parents. Even when it's hard. Obedience becomes part of our Christian testimony.

(Note to Teacher: Of course, this premise assumes healthy family relationships. If a child speaks of abuse, you must handle it in a proper way.)

Jesus Obeys His Parents from Luke 2:39-52: Tell me something that makes your mom smile at you. *(Students respond: make bed, do dishes, say "I love you", OBEY!)* When your mom smiles, does it make you want to try harder to make her smile at you again? I hope so.

Kazoo Toy Shop Memory Verse is a reminder that it is a good thing to obey our parents. Some kids decide they don't have to listen to their parents and they get into trouble. Rules and chores are not set up to punish us. They are in place so we learn how to cooperate in our world. Speaking politely and kindly, without rudeness

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Parents know that obedience is good for you. They discipline when you disobey because they love you. Their loud voices make you think they don't love you but if you really listen, you will understand that they want you to become the best person possible.

Just think what could happen if your mom shouts, "Stop! Don't move!" And you think, "I don't have to listen to her. I'm going to move right now." A thousand dangers await. Cars could hit you, a drop off to make you fall, a biting dog, a stranger. Parents want to keep you safe.

Jesus was a good young man. I wonder what it was like to raise Jesus the Messiah? Was he a perfect child? Did he ever make mistakes? Did he ever have to learn anything? Did his parents ever yell at him? Ground him? Spank him?

The only story in the Bible about Jesus' childhood must have been one of Mary's favorite stories. She told Luke and he wrote it down so we can read it and enjoy it.

When Jesus was twelve, his family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. They traveled with friends and family and slept under the stars. It must have been a wonderful adventure as they walked and visited, sang and laughed.

After the Feast, it was time to go home. Everyone packed up their camping gear and headed back to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was walking with friends and didn't notice he was missing until they had been on the road for a day. They began looking for him among their family and friends.

Can you imagine how scared they got as they went from campsite to campsite? When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him. They searched for three days. Did you hear me? THREE days. The boy was in big trouble. They probably thought he was lost or even dead. Mary probably cried herself to sleep for the person that God placed in her care.

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On the third day they found him in the temple courts. Their boy was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone was amazed at how smart he was.

Mary and Joseph were not as impressed. Mary’s mother instinct takes over. She asks him—and I bet she was yelling—“Why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” She wanted her boy to understand how upset they were. After all, he disappeared for three days—in a big city!!!

Jesus said, “Why were you searching for me? Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house”? When you first hear this, you might think Jesus is talking back to his mother. Not so in this case. Jesus was so involved in his conversations that he didn’t even realize the caravan had left without him. Maybe he found a spot to sleep with friends who didn’t go home yet. He probably thought his parents were still in Jerusalem. It could be that when he discovered they left, he decided to stay put so they would find him. And surely, they should know where to look! His Father’s House!

Jesus went home to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. It was the right thing to do.

WHAT WE LEARN:

When Mom Says “Jump”, Say “How High”

Let’s face it, it’s hard to obey. We often think we know what is best for ourselves. It’s hard and can be grating. It is also necessary—at least for a time—so that God can work on other things in our lives.

It was necessary for Jesus to obey when he was twelve. It was not time to make grown up decisions. He had to wait, learn, grow and prepare himself for that time when he would enter his ministry.

**CLOSE IN PRAYER
CRAFT**

Choose from the craft suggestion list or design your own students that **God Smiles When We Obey Him!**

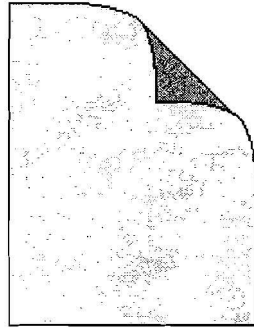


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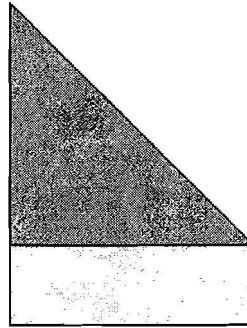


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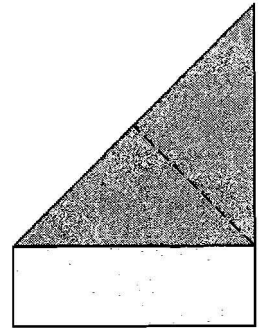
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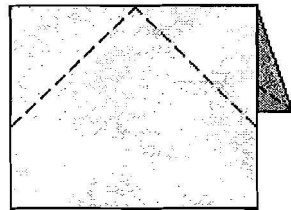
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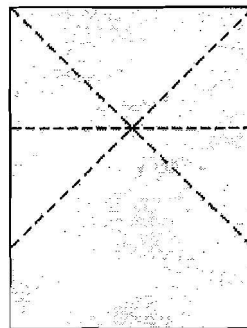
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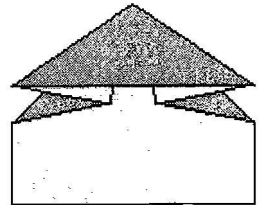
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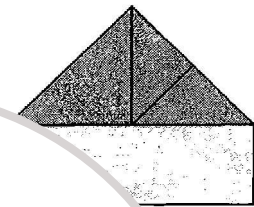
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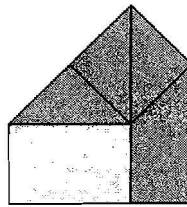
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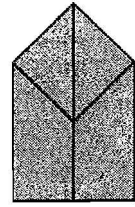
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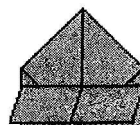
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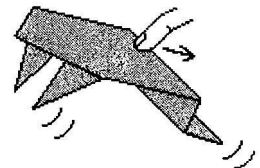
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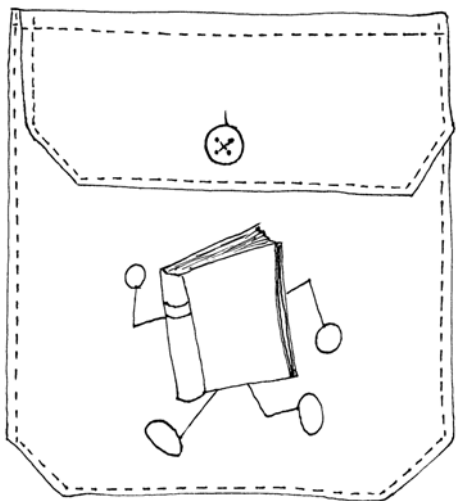
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BIBLE STREET SHOP #4:

M.T. POCKETS BOOK SHOP God Smiles When We Laugh Out Loud!



M.T. POCKETS BOOK SHOP is a **One Smile Square** business overflowing with fun books and smiles. Guests enjoy a little book time before getting serious about making God Smile!

DECORATION: Empty the room of all furnishings and re-design the space to look like a small book store. Fill freestanding bookshelves with children's books. Borrow books from families. Scatter them on small tables in an inviting way so students want to pick one up to look at pictures or read.

COZY STORY CORNER: Place a comfortable chair, end table, decorative pillow, afghan and table lamp in one corner. This is where the teacher sits to teach at the appropriate time.

SIGNS: Place Smiley Face Signs on the walls. If possible include one or more pictures of Jesus, laughing!

GOD LAUGHS WHEN WE MAKE PLANS!
MAKE GOD SMILE-LAUGH!
THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME!
PRAISE HIM ALL YE LITTLE CHILDREN!
GREAT IS THE LORD AND WORTHY OF PRAISE!

CHARACTER: Become the friendly book shopkeeper. Wear clothing appropriate for a small business owner.

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Place an OPEN sign on the door as students enter M.T. Pockets Book Shop. The welcome includes a few minutes of exploring the books in the shop.

LAUGH OUT LOUD SESSION: Welcome to M.T. Pockets Book Shop. Empty your pockets of all trouble at the door and prepare to smile, grin, giggle and even laugh out loud! Are you ready?

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Thistle.
Thistle who? Thistle have to hold you til snack time.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* I love.
I love who? I don't know, you tell me.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Woo.
Woo-who? Don't get so excited, it's just a joke.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Mary Lee.
Mary Lee who? Mary Lee we roll along.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Aardvark.
Aardvark who? Aardvark a million miles for one of your smiles.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Who.
Who who? Is there an owl in here?

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Andy Green.
Andy Green who? Andy green grass grows all around.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Police.
Police who? Police stop telling these awful knock, knock jokes!

Time to laugh. I hope my book shop is filled with laughter. People say that if you laugh out loud every day you will live a longer life. I don't know if that's true but let's test the theory. Laughing out loud makes a person feel good. 1-2-3! Laugh as you can! *(Have fun laughing!)*

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Today's memory verse reminds us that God loves it when we laugh. He loves our praise and our thankfulness as He cares for us.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.
Psalm 92:1a KJV



STREET SHOP BIBLE STORY: Operation Smile!

This week we are learning how to make God smile. It's hard to know what makes God happy. After your visits to **One Smile Square**, you will know exactly what kind of person pleases God. In M.T. Pockets Book Shop, **God Smiles When We Laugh Out Loud!**

Laugh Out Loud? What does that mean? Laughing out loud is a lot of fun but we would look silly if we walked around all day laughing out loud. People might think we are going crazy. Laughing out loud is reserved for situations that are really funny.

So, how can we make God smile? We **thank Him** every day for all the wonderful things He's done for us. We **praise God** for His gifts. Laughing out loud to God can even be a little prayer that comes from deep inside us, whispering, "Yippee! Thank you, Lord, for all you've done for me. I'm so happy I'm me!"

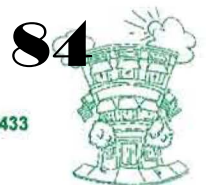
Ten Lepers/One Thank You from Luke 17:11-19: Jesus walked everywhere he went. One day, as he was walking into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him.

(Leprosy is a terrible disease with no cure. Skin turns white, no feeling in parts of the body, fingers and toes and noses fall off, person dies...and it's disgusting!)

...ed to live near anyone with such a horrible disease. These ... had to leave their homes and wander the countryside ... d, waiting to die. No laughing going on in those camps.

...hen saw Jesus, they called to Him from a distance, ... ve pity on us!"

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When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." (To go home to their families, they had to prove they were well by going to the priests.) And as they went, they were cleansed (healed). Can you imagine how amazed and happy those ten men were? As they walked, they felt their bodies getting better. They looked at their hands to see them tanned and whole. Their feet felt better and they began to run and jump as they headed for the priests.

There were ten happy men but only one happy man raced back to Jesus. When he saw he was healed, he came back praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus looked around. "Weren't there ten men who were healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't anyone else want to return and give praise to God except this man...and he's a Samaritan (a Foreigner)?"

Jesus said to the happy man, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." I'd like to think there was so much joy that Jesus and the healed Samaritan were hugging and clapping and jumping up and down with happiness. It's hard to be sad when you are with happy people.

WHAT WE LEARN: Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

1. What do you think they expected when they asked Jesus for mercy?
2. How do we know the one leper was thankful?
3. What was Jesus' attitude toward the thankful leper? The other nine?
4. Why is it so easy to forget to thank God for His blessings?

What can we learn from the ten men who were healed?

1. Every day is a good day to say "thank you" to God.
 2. Find reasons to praise God.
 3. Be happy that you are God's child.
- Show your thankfulness with praise and laughter! Be joyful!

CLOSE IN PRAYER

CRAFT

Choose from the craft suggestion list or design your own for students that **God Smiles When We Laugh Out Loud!**



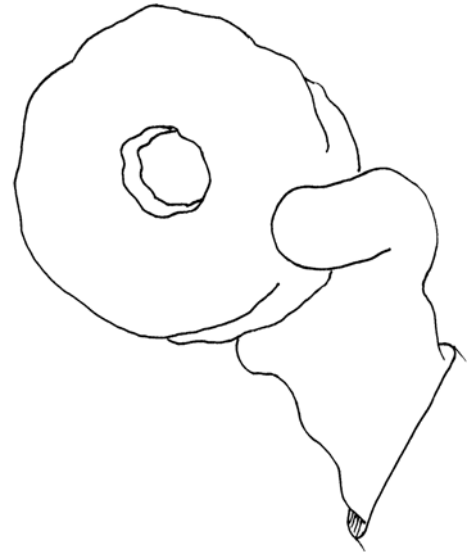
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BIBLE STREET SHOP #5:

HOLE IN THE WALL DOUGHNUT SHOP **God Smiles When We Dream Out Loud!**

HOLE IN THE WALL DOUGHNUT SHOP is a **One Smile Square** business that is a "delicious" place to visit. Guests enjoy a tasty doughnut and icy cold milk while learning about making God Smile!



DECORATION: Empty the room of all furnishings and re-design the space to resemble a small doughnut shop.

Place several card tables covered with bright tablecloths at angles throughout the room. Add a fun centerpiece to each table. Set chairs around the tables.

Add tall floor lamps to each corner of the room. This adds interesting lighting and a small shop feel to the space.

SIGNS: Place Smiley Face Signs on the walls.

DREAM OUT LOUD! MAKE GOD SMILE!
SMILE IF YOU LOVE DOUGHNUTS! TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT JESUS!
TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.

CHARACTER: Become the generous shop owner giving doughnuts to all guests. Wear comfortable clothing and a white apron. If a chef hat is available, wear it!

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Place an OPEN sign on the door as students enter Hole In The Wall Doughnut Shop. The welcome includes a few minutes of chit chat along with doughnuts and icy cold milk.

Supplies:

1. Doughnuts or doughnut holes on a colorful platter. Many flavors. *If serving full doughnuts, cut them into quarters so students can ask for a second helping.*
2. Milk in small paper cups.
3. Colorful napkins
4. Tongs for serving the snack.
5. Garbage bag for easy clean up.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Make a large paper doughnut on posterboard. Cut the doughnut into 6 sections. Print separate words on each section. Attach the sections to the walls around the room. Ask students to find each section and bring them to you. Ask one or more students to put the doughnut puzzle together. Say the verse with the group until they can say it from memory.

Serve the Lord with gladness....
Psalm 100:2 KJV

STREET SHOP BIBLE STORY:

The Whole World Smiles With You!

This week we are learning how to make God smile. It's hard to know what makes God happy. After your visits to **One Smile Square**, you will know exactly what kind of person pleases God. In the Hole In The Wall Doughnut Shop, **God Smiles When We Dream Out Loud!**



loud? What does that mean? Someone (Dwight L. Moody) *the world has yet to see what God will do with and for and by the person who is fully consecrated (dedicated) didn't say "a great person, a smart person or an old works in anyone (young or old) who dreams of serving ng and anything they have.*

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A Boy and His Lunch from John 6:1-15: Let's think about a boy who did not have much but he gave what he had and made God smile in a big way!

Wherever Jesus went, huge crowds followed. One day a crowd followed him and ended up in a desert with no food. Everyone was tired and hungry, including Jesus and the disciples. All they wanted was a bit of peace and quiet.

Jesus looked lovingly at the huge crowd of over 5000. He said, *"They are like sheep that have no shepherd."* He healed the sick and talked about the kingdom of heaven. Night came and the people stayed. They forgot there was no food or shelter in the desert.

The disciples wanted to send them away so they could find food and rest in a safer place. Jesus said, *"We must feed them before sending them away."* He asked Philip, *"Where can we find food for all these folks?"* Philip must have scratched his head; *"It would cost eight months wages and even that would only be enough bread for each person to have a bite."*

Andrew spoke up, *"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how will they go among so many?"*

Jesus gave instructions to have the people sit down in the grass. The men sat in groups of 50. *(Please know there were also women and children so the crowd was much bigger than 5000.)* Once they were seated, Jesus took the bread and the little fish, gave thanks and passed it out to the people. They could have as much as they wanted.

Once everyone was full, he told the disciples to gather the pieces so nothing would be wasted. There were enough leftovers to fill twelve baskets. The crowd must have been smiling big time with full tummies and happy families. It was a miracle and they said, *"Surely this is the Messiah who came into the world."* They didn't understand God's plan. They wanted a king who would feed them delicious food and make them happy. They were hungry. Jesus heard them and hurried away before they could catch up to him.

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1. Why did the crowd gather?
2. Why did the disciples want to send the people home?
3. What was in the boy's lunch?
4. What did the disciple ask the boy to do?
5. Did the boy want to share his lunch?
6. How many people shared the little lunch?

Remember, you are never too young to Dream Big for God. After all,
God Smiles When We Dream Out Loud!



WHAT WE LEARN:

Dream Big!

Little Is Much When The Lord Is In It!

Give your gift. God will use it. Can you imagine being the boy with the lunch? As the disciples looked around the crowd wondering how they would ever be able to follow Jesus' wishes, one of the disciples saw the boy with his lunch. He must have knelt down and asked kindly, "Would you be willing to share your lunch?" The boy jumped up and down and joyfully answered, "For Jesus, I will gladly give it all!"

Kelsey's Story: *Eight year old Kelsey enjoyed helping others. She really wanted to do something that would make a difference. She wasn't very big and she wasn't very strong. Many people didn't think there was much she could do. Some tried to discourage her and told her to wait until she was a little bigger.*

They didn't want to wait. It wasn't that she was impatient; she saw so much that needed to be done...now! She had to feed and yards to clean. Nobody else noticed. She saw sad people that she just wanted to help. All her friends, family and even teachers thought she was too small. It wasn't like she wanted to change the world, just her little corner of it.

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One Sunday, she heard a missionary tell of all the needs in a far away country. He said "If you give just one dollar in a month, you could feed TEN people in that far away country."

A big grin spread across Kelsey's face. "I can do that and nobody can stop me!" Finally, she was dreaming big (Dreaming Out Loud) and every month for many years, Kelsey took her offering to church to help feed hungry people in a far away country. Plus, she prayed for those people she was feeding. Kelsey was so happy and almost always had a smile on her face.

Do you ever feel like Kelsey? Do you feel like you want to help but aren't good enough or big enough? Well, Jesus wants you to know that it doesn't matter how big or how small; He wants to use all of you in an awesome way-right now!

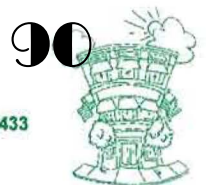
Let's pray and ask God to show you what He wants you to Dream and Do for Him right now!

CLOSE IN PRAYER

CRAFT

Choose a project from the craft suggestion list or design your own project to remind students that God Smiles When We Serve Him!

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Sunshine Corner Nursery

Who should be in Sunshine Corner? Infants and toddlers (Birth-Age 3) who are children of teachers and helpers. It is the decision of your church to open Sunshine Corner to the public.

One Smile Square is not designed for students under four years old who do not respond well to high activity so loved by older students. A separate nursery spot offers security.

How many helpers are needed? Provide one helper per baby, in charge of all care for that infant from bottle to changing diapers. If that is not possible, ask one adult and a variety of assistants to watch the children. This staff may change daily.

Should we plan activities? This is a babysitting service but tell a few stories, sing songs, play CD's and DVD's, give wagon rides and take walks. Decide how much to do by the children's ages.

What about food? Ask parents. They may want to provide snacks. Work with kitchen staff to offer safe, healthful foods.

AVOID: Popcorn, hot dogs, lollipops or hard candy which become lodged in tiny throats. Check with the kitchen staff to see if their snack is appropriate for little ones.

How should we dress? Wear cool, washable clothing and comfortable shoes. Costumes are not necessary. Just be comfortable

What should we bring to make Sunshine Corner pleasant?

Bring music quietly. Bring a fan if days are hot and humid. Toys from children, preferable on a shelf or high table.



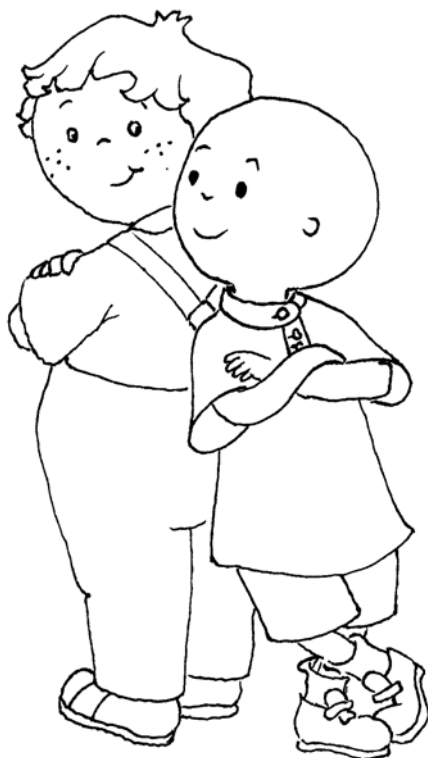
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Preschool

...New Kids On The Block

Age 4-Preschool Age 5

Decide if your preschool students are mature enough to become on of the five major rotation groups. If so, let them join all activities. If not, separate them and follow our Home Base schedule.



THEME: NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK study the same spiritual themes as older students. Each day's activities emphasize what older students are learning but with a separate preschool teaching team.

Use the schedule as a guide, providing plenty of time for rest, play and crafting. At no time feel pressured to attend activities if students are tired or upset. Cancel your group's appearance in favor of free play if the group needs a break.

TEACHERS: Arrange one helper for every 2-3 New Kids On The Block. Parental help is welcomed and encouraged. Wear comfortable clothing. Make each day fun and relaxing. Students should be able to chatter without being reprimanded. Run away children or rudeness must not be tolerated.

HOME BASE DECORATION: Home Base is a place where preschool activity can take place. Make simple Smiley Face decorations based on curriculum instruction.

If children cry continually, keep them busy separately at Home Base. If a child around the building may threaten some young children, sit them down, ask a parent to stay with their child or take that child home next year. Accommodate as many young students as possible. Loud and temper tantrums discourage teachers, helpers and parents. Children who may be too young and will do better at a later time.

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Planning A Preschool Day!



Two hours is a long time for preschool children. Plan their day around lots of play time. Bring beach balls, balloons, bubbles and other toys to play indoors or outdoors. Purchase story books from the local Christian book store. Use them as fill in teaching times.

Travel with students to all areas of One Smile Square as suggested in the daily schedule. If your students tire easily, omit some activities. They do not have to participate in every activity center. Most preschool groups handle these events well.

Consider including preschool children as one of the five major groups, allowing them to participate in every Bible lesson and activity. Decide before the week begins and staff the area accordingly. Adapting the Bible Street Shops is the biggest adjustment. Provide Home Base as an emergency option in case some children need a break.

SQUARE ONE ALLEY OPENING: New Kids On The Block participate in the Opening. This is an opportunity to organize name tags/hats and gather the group before the day begins. If there are criers, ask a helper to take them to Home Base for a few simple activities. This avoids distraction for older students.



HAPPY HEART MUSIC SHOP: Encourage preschoolers to participate in music time. Take students to the music area and stay with them fifteen minutes each day.

SMILE PROJECT: This is a joyful series of circle games, learning about the Bible and being a believer and signing the Smile Project.

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PARK BENCH TALES: Our suggested continuing story is a Conley Twin adventure called "Lost In The City". It is NOT written for their age group but many preschool children enjoy it!

BIBLE STREET SHOPS: Rather than duplicating decoration, take your students to one shop each day for Bible story time. Tell the teacher you will use their room for fifteen minutes when their class is not in session. Use props in each area to tell the Bible story. Adapt lesson plans designed for older students to fit little ones. Activities may be used or eliminated at the discretion of your staff.

HAPPY FEET GAMES: There are many games preschoolers can play. If you feel more comfortable, plan separate recreation for them and create your own fun.

REST TIME: Allow time for unstructured play and rest. Darken Home Base, play a CD while encouraging quiet activity. Students rest on large floor pillows while a story is told, a video plays or songs are sung.

CRAFTS: The perfect preschool craft is one completed with a minimum of teacher help. Provide coloring picture and crayons for slow times. Modeling clay or Play Doh may be available. Stringing large beads is a favorite activity.



Purchase one craft project for each day. Keep the process simple and everyone will enjoy the experience. S&S arts and craft catalog and web site offers many projects at www.swww.com or the Craft Guildcraft at www.guildcraftinc.com

Projects are always appropriate. If desired, ask "crafty" for more projects for your little ones and have fun!

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A
happy
heart
is
good
medicine
and
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cheerful
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works
healing.



Proverbs 17:22

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