Bibleless Peoples Prayer Cube

Description:
A craft that teaches children how to pray for Bibleless people groups

Aim:
Stimulate prayer for Bibleless people groups

Audience:
Children in grades 1-4, any size group

Country/Area:
World

Minimum Time Requirements:
25-30 minutes

Scripture to Study:
Luke 10:1,2

Materials:
- scissors
- glue sticks
- colored markers
- copies of prayer cube pattern from master
Pre-class Preparations:

- Photocopy a prayer cube pattern onto paper or cardstock for each student.
- Make up one prayer cube to show the finished product.

Class Time:

Hand out to each child one prayer cube pattern page, a pair of scissors, colored felt pens and one gluestick. Show the children your completed cube and explain these steps to make their own:

1. Write your name in the bottom middle square.
2. Cut out the pattern around the outer, solid lines.
3. Fold along all the dotted lines and the tabs to be glued.
4. Put glue on each tab that says “GLUE”.
5. Form the paper into a cube with tabs on the inside.
6. Leave the cube to dry. (One bit of tape may help on the last tab.)

Look up Luke 10:1,2 together and have someone read it out loud. Discuss briefly.

- Who is the Lord of the harvest?
- What (who) is the harvest?
- Who are the workers?
- What does Jesus want us to do?

Use the Introduction to Prayer below to lead children into a fun and educational time of prayer.

Using the Prayer Cube:

Have your prayer cube in hand as you explain,

When you’re young, you can’t often go overseas, but you can be involved in reaching far away people for Jesus by praying. Christians who share the good news with people in other countries need prayer. That’s something you can do right now. And it’s an exciting way to work for missions, because God answers prayer!

Sometimes it’s difficult to know what to pray for. Why? Life can be very different in other countries. Often you don't know the people you’re praying for. Sometimes your brain just refuses to come up with the things you could pray for. That’s where your prayer cube can help. On each side of the cube is a different picture. Each picture reminds you of something to pray for.
Let's try using the prayer cube.

**Demonstrate steps for the children.**
- One person rolls the cube and waits to see what picture comes up on top.
- That person prays out loud, using the picture to help him/her think of how to pray for that people group.
- Then the next person rolls the cube and prays, and so on.
- Your prayers can be very simple and short. And remember that there’s nothing magic about rolling the prayer cube. It’s just a little reminder and helper for your prayer life.

Let children pray in small groups with their very own cubes.

**After Class:**

Encourage children to take their Prayer Cubes home and use them to pray regularly for Bibleless People Groups. Mom, Dad and the whole family can enjoy after dinner prayer time with the world-changing prayer cube. Prayer really does change things!
Instructions:

1. Write your name in the team square and join the prayer team now!
2. Cut on outer solid lines.
3. Fold on dotted lines and the tabs to be glued.
4. Apply glue to tabs and form into a cube, with glue tabs inside.
5. Roll the cube at mealtimes or family times and pray for whatever comes up!

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