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Theme/Lesson: "Life in the Son" and the relationship between sunflowers and God's Son.

Objectives in this lesson:

a.) Students will learn the pattern sunflowers follow each day as they turn and face the sun throughout the day. They then will compare sunflowers to our own relationship with God and how it is important to always be 'facing' Him throughout each day.

b.) Students will tie this theme into our science curriculum, when we are learning about the function of plants and each part (roots, stem, leaves, flowers).

c.) Students will get to paint their own sunflowers for an art project.

Materials needed: A picture of a sunflower in real life to show how tall sunflowers can grow, picture of a plant with each part (roots, stem, leaves, flowers) which is found in our science books, and necessary art supplies for the art project (paper, paint, brushes).

Idea: One year I taught at a school where our theme was "Life in the Son". We focused that year on how our lives should always reflect Christ's life, and how we can grow in Him each day. You can tie this into the science curriculum when we study plants and talk about the function of each plant and how the stem's job is to hold the rest of the plant and provide the necessary nutrients to the rest of the plant. Emphasize the fact of how sunflowers turn to face the sun, no matter where the sun is in the sky. You can have the students paint pictures of sunflowers, and then include this heading: "Just as sunflowers turn to face the sun, we too can be followers of God's Son."