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Idea I:

Theme/Lesson: Creation of Man and Emotions

Your objectives in this lesson:

a.) Students will realize that one of the unique characteristics of man is that people are created with emotions.

b.) As we study the four basic emotions (happy, sad, afraid, angry), students will identify these as emotions and that these are unique gifts from God for His people.

Materials needed: I find it helpful to connect the Health unit on emotions (CSI, grade 1) with the Unit 2 lessons (CSI, “The World God Made”). We also use a number of library books, videos, and some role-playing situations to discuss how we deal with various emotions.

Idea: Tell the story of the days of creation and how God created man . Spend time looking at the four basic emotions and keep coming back to this part of God’s creation. Emphasize that emotions are a part of what makes God’s people unique and special. It’s a great opportunity to integrate the Health unit and Bible units. During morning devotions we read passages (use commentary) which focus upon these emotions too.

Idea 2:

We choose a theme for our school year and each K-8 classroom focuses upon this theme and verse throughout the year. Last year our theme was “Respect”. Each month teachers from a grade level presented to other faculty members suggestions, plans, and materials to help integrate that part of the theme for the month. We focused upon respect for others, parents, government, self, property, God, and those in authority. Each group of teachers planning for the month had the option of planning a monthly k-8 chapel focusing upon the theme. In K-2 we had mini chapels one Wed. afternoon per month for 20 minutes or so focusing upon each monthly theme. We would sing songs focusing upon the theme, review our definition of respect, practice our verse about respect, and we would do an activity with the group. We felt it was important to plan something simple for these grades and keep it more on their level to make the theme meaningful.

This year our theme is “Put on the full armor of God”. We are having a kickoff the first week of school and kids will have t-shirts with this theme on them. Teachers from a variety of grades have planned the theme and will present the ideas and plans during faculty in-service the first few days of school.