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GET IN THE MIX

PRETEEN ACTIVITY (4th-5th grade)



JUNE 13, 2021

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Cities in Dust (Israel Captures Jericho) • Joshua 5:13-6:20

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION: When have you needed a plan?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE: God's plan is the best plan.

MONTHLY LIFE APPLICATION: Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God no matter what.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE: *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13 (NIV)*

WHAT YOU NEED: "Follow the Plan" Activity Page, 10-12 plastic, disposable drinking straws, and some scissors. If straws are not available, kids can use strips of colored paper. (Or strips of white paper that they color with a crayon or marker.)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to cut their straws into 14 lengths: 8 short ones (about 1.5") and 6 long ones (about 3").
- If kids are using paper, instruct them to cut strips of paper the same length, with the strips being about .5" wide. Instruct them to color their strips with a marker or crayon.

- Explain that you will give kids a step-by-step plan to create an object with the straws or strips of paper. The catch is that kids won't know what they are creating; they must just follow the plan.
- Read the step-by-step instructions from the "Follow the Plan" Activity Page. Start with the house and then, if time allows, do the boat. (You won't do the flower or stick person due to not having pipe cleaners.)
- Instruct kids to follow the exact plan you give them, but be careful not to correct anyone who places a straw incorrectly. Challenge kids to guess what they are making.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Lead kids to discuss how it felt to follow the plan, but not know where the plan would lead them.

ASK

- What are some things you can do when you are given a plan that doesn't make sense?
- If you were one of the Israelites marching around Jericho for a week, what would you be thinking by the sixth day of marching? Would you feel confident in the plan? Why or why not?
- What are some things God has done for you?
- How can remembering what God has done in the past help us to have confidence in God's plan even when we don't understand all the details?

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"God, You know everything! And we know Your ways are perfect. Your plan to send Jesus so we could be with You now and forever is the best plan ever! Help us to remember all You have done for us and to remember we can trust You no matter what! When we aren't sure what to do, give us the confidence to show Your love to others. Amen!"

(Note: This one is the easiest.)

Using 4 long straws, make a square.

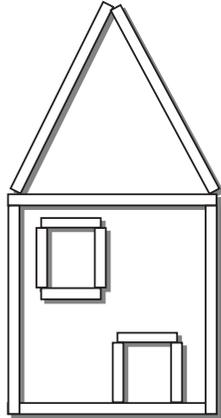
Using 2 long straws, make a triangle on the top of the square.

Using 3 short straws, make a small square along the bottom inside of the large square.

Using 4 short straws, make small squares inside the large square.

What is it?

A HOUSE



Place 1 long straw pointing towards you.

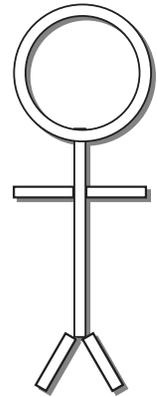
Using 2 short straws make a "T" in the middle of the long straw.

Using 2 short straws, at the bottom of the long straw, make an upside down "V".

Using a pipe cleaner, make a circle. Place the circle on top of the long straw.

What is it?

A STICK PERSON



Using a pipe cleaner, make a circle.

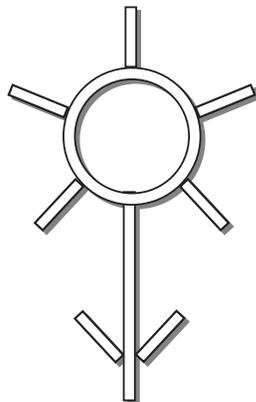
Place 5 small straws evenly spaced around the outside of the circle.

At the bottom of the circle, place one long straw.

Using 2 short straws, make a "V" along the long straw.

What is it?

A FLOWER



Place one long straw pointing towards you.

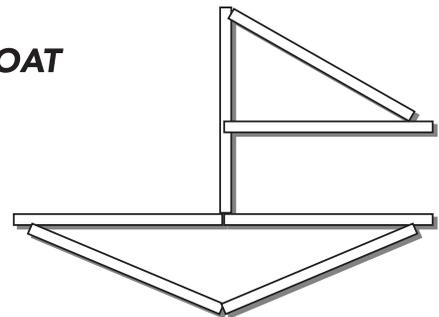
At the top of the straw, use 2 long straws to make a triangle pointing to the right.

Add 2 long straws at the bottom of the original straw to make an upside down "T".

Place 2 long straws under the "T" to make a triangle that points toward you.

What is it?

A BOAT



What to Do:

Provide one for each small group.

"Follow the Plan" Activity Page

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