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Series

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TO EASTER! ENJOY!

4 Fun-filled Amazing Lessons



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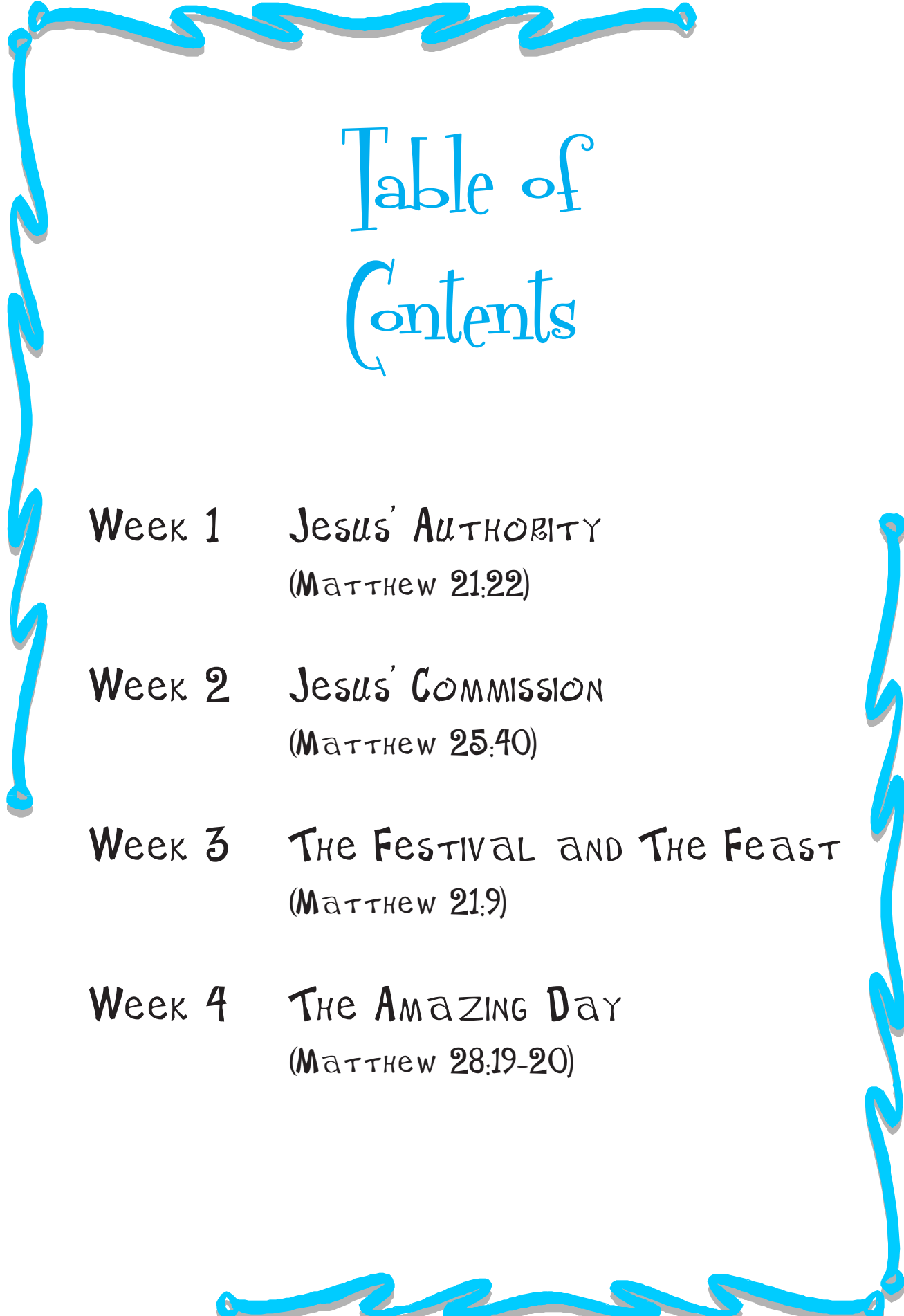


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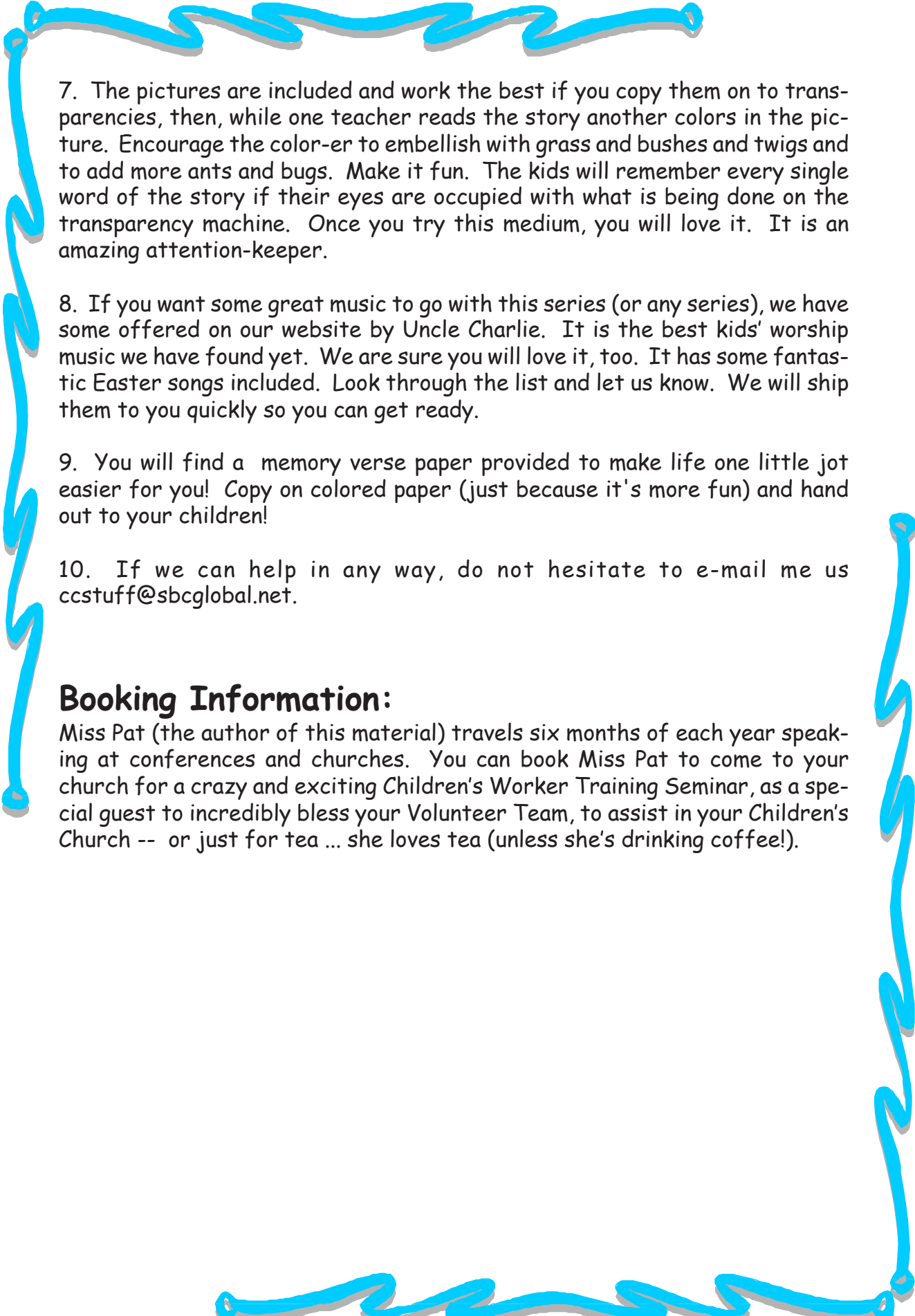
Easter Series

4 Weeks Presenting the Easter Message With A Punch!

We hope you and the children you minister to enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed preparing it for you!

There are a few hints we can give to help you use the material most effectively and to draw your attention to some special points in this particular series:

1. The curriculum is written conversationally to help new teachers get the feel of speaking to children. Experienced teachers love it, too, because they already know how to glean the best from their material and add their own touches!
2. We pray that you and your team is blessed as you work on these lessons and that the Easter message is fresh and alive and impacts the hearts and minds of the children.
3. There are so many activities included -- pre-service activity, memory verse activity, and closing game/activity. These are so easy to adapt to small group situations. Enjoy them, change them, make them your own.
4. We include activities performed by a Snail Puppet. We offer one for sale that has a unique feature: you can animate the antennae as well as his mouth. You can do the lessons without him, but lesson #4 you will have to present the info Miles tells before the story. He is easy to operate and adds a lot to the visual impact, so we urge you to give him a try. Once you try him, you will love him!
5. If you have a teacher rotation system, we recommend that you encourage all the teachers to read all 4 lessons. That way they will understand the continuity of the series and be less likely to step into the next lesson accidentally. It also gives them a full picture of what the kids are going to experience.
6. We offer an incredibly fun and unique craft idea on week #3, which would be Palm Sunday. The craft can be ordered from GuildcraftInc.com -- we are just flagging it so you make a note to order before you begin so you have everything ready for fun.



7. The pictures are included and work the best if you copy them on to transparencies, then, while one teacher reads the story another colors in the picture. Encourage the color-er to embellish with grass and bushes and twigs and to add more ants and bugs. Make it fun. The kids will remember every single word of the story if their eyes are occupied with what is being done on the transparency machine. Once you try this medium, you will love it. It is an amazing attention-keeper.

8. If you want some great music to go with this series (or any series), we have some offered on our website by Uncle Charlie. It is the best kids' worship music we have found yet. We are sure you will love it, too. It has some fantastic Easter songs included. Look through the list and let us know. We will ship them to you quickly so you can get ready.

9. You will find a memory verse paper provided to make life one little jot easier for you! Copy on colored paper (just because it's more fun) and hand out to your children!

10. If we can help in any way, do not hesitate to e-mail me us ccstuff@sbcglobal.net.

Booking Information:

Miss Pat (the author of this material) travels six months of each year speaking at conferences and churches. You can book Miss Pat to come to your church for a crazy and exciting Children's Worker Training Seminar, as a special guest to incredibly bless your Volunteer Team, to assist in your Children's Church -- or just for tea ... she loves tea (unless she's drinking coffee!).



IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY INFORMATION

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or suggestions ... you can e-mail us through our website: www.ChildrensChurchStuff.com. Of course, there is always this option too: Pat Meyers, 428 S. Seminary, Collinsville IL 62234

Personal Information:

Miss Pat has been ministering to children for over 20 years ... she served on the pastoral staff of a growing, thriving church for 10 years. With multiple services, over 300 children on the roster and just under 200 volunteers, her experience is solid. As you read through the lessons you will know without a doubt that this curriculum is written by someone who truly knows children and has spent years in the classroom. For the past two years she has traveled across the country speaking at conferences and in churches encouraging, motivating, and training Children's Workers who touch children in Jesus' name.

Bible Translation:

We used the New International Version in this set of lessons unless otherwise noted.

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Thank yous!

There are always so many people to thank with a project this size. The list is amazing from family to dear friends to lovely people who donate their time to read and test. The list is long ... I hope you all have as many wonderful people surrounding you as I have surrounding me.

Thank You for trying our curriculum!

Check out our website for more options available:

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Easter Series

Week I - Jesus' Authority

MEMORY VERSE

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.
Matthew 21:22

SUPPLY LIST

Here is a list of the supplies needed for this lesson.

Pre-Service Activity -- Butcher paper or brown construction paper, crayons, tape.

Memory Verse Activity -- Memory verse printed on slips of paper then taped to the bottom of the kids' chairs before they arrive at church.

Mini Lesson #1 -- The tree you make during pre-service activity, or something to use in its place

Snail puppet -- He needs to bring in the story for the teacher

Transparency Story -- Pictures on transparencies

Mini Lesson #2 -- Box of cereal, bowl to dump it into, the sticker from this binder cover pocket

Memory Verse papers copied onto colored paper

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

Use this space to write out the order of events for your service. This will help your helpers and puppeteers to be ready when you need them!

Have fun ... be blessed ... be a blessing!

Jesus' Authority

Week 1

TO THE TEACHER

(For your devotion in preparing the lesson.)

We are going to be discussing the events surrounding Easter for four weeks. Today's lesson is broken into 3 mini lessons all about Jesus' authority. Jesus made a couple of very strong points regarding His authority just before the Triumphal Entry. He was setting the stage for the disciples' understanding. And we need to set the stage for the kids' understanding that He had and has full authority. The decision to follow through with God's plan for His life was a yielding of His will, not someone exercising authority over Him.

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITY

As the kids come in, have them work together on making a tree. Butcher paper works great, they can strip the paper off some brown crayons and use the side of the crayon to color it quickly. Have a helper oversee the project. They can tear the paper to make a big trunk and attach it to the wall, then they can tear sections and twist them to make branches. We are not going for perfection here, but having fun making something quick that you will use in your lesson later.

If you have a huge class that couldn't work together on one tree, let them make some trees and you'll just have to pick one to use as the one that gets cursed later.

WORSHIP NUGGET

(Share with the children prior to worship.)

Today we are going to sing some songs of praise and worship to Jesus. Do you know why we do that? (Let some kids tell you why. Comment on their reasons, they'll probably be good ones!) Yes, we are going to sing to Him because He is greater than us, He is worthy of our praise. So, let's get at it.

AFTER WORSHIP

After worship, pray that the words of those songs would sing out in everyone's hearts all week long.

OFFERING NUGGET

There is a verse found in Matthew 6:24. Let me read it to you: "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Jesus is teaching about living right and just before this he tells the people to store up their treasure in heaven where it does not rust or get stolen. He further explains that if we hoard our money for ourselves and think only of what we want, our money becomes our master and we cannot serve two masters. So, if we think we are going to serve Jesus as the Lord of our life, then money can't be our master. That doesn't mean we can't have money, it just can't be our master. Let's think about that as we give our offering today -- we are giving it to help others instead of using it only on ourselves. We are loving God with our money instead of loving our money more than God.

MEMORY VERSE

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.
Matthew 21:22

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

You can't use this activity too often or they begin peeking under their chair when they come in, but when you use it once in a long while, they love it.

Before the kids arrive, tape the words to the memory verse under some of the chairs. Of course how many depends on the size of your class. There are 12 words in the verse and then the reference. If you have a small class, they can all be involved -- fun! If you have a large class, print the verse out on colored paper, one color for each team. You can let the kids play that have a word on the bottom of their chair, then you can switch and play again with those that didn't.

Simply have them find out if their chair has a word, then they have to find their teammates, if you have more than one group of words hidden, and get in order the fastest. They love the hunt and the race. After they are standing in order have the class read the verse out loud. If you have time to play a few times, take the words, mix them up and take one or two away. Then tell them to get in order, leaving a blank where the missing words should be. Have them recite the entire verse each time. You can play 4-5 times and they'll be standing up there with just a couple of words and telling you the whole verse.

MINI LESSON #1

(Choose a few kids to be the disciples walking along with you. You will use the tree made during the pre-service activity as your visual. If you didn't make a tree then, have something on hand to use as a visual -- brown paper that you can make into a branch and then make it look like it withers, etc. This message is from Matthew 21:18-32.)

The day after the triumphal entry, which we will talk about in a couple of weeks, Jesus was walking with His disciples and started sharing some very important lessons with them. He knew His time on earth was almost over so He had some strong points He wanted to make with them. These points are points that we need to pay special attention to.

So, He and His disciples were walking along. (Start wandering around the room with your 'disciples'. Head towards the tree you are going to curse.) As they were walking, Jesus started feeling hungry. The Bible doesn't tell us if His stomach was growling or not, but we do know He was feeling hungry. He saw a fig tree and went to see if He could get something to eat. But the Bible tells us it wasn't time for figs to grow right then. Jesus cursed the fig tree "May you never grow figs again!" and He walked on.

The disciples were amazed and mumbled among themselves. (Have the kids say 'How weird' 'Strange' and stuff like that.) As they were mumbling, the fig tree withered right in front of their eyes. (Rip the branches down and make the tree look pathetic.) The disciples were even more amazed and said things like "Wow! He has authority over fig trees?" (Have the 'disciples' repeat what you said with amazement.) That poor little fig tree withered up and never did bear figs again.

The message that Jesus had for His disciples and for us today is the verse that is our memory verse. What is it? (Let them tell you.) Yes, He told His disciples that message after the fig tree withered. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." He wasn't talking about being tree killers, the tree was just a handy object lesson. He was making the point that He had authority over "things" and so did they -- and so do we. Perhaps we do not have to believe for faith regarding fig trees, but there are things we need to believe for. There are things we need to pray for, believing that Jesus will honor our prayers because He has full authority.

That doesn't give us license to pray for the "stuff" we want selfishly, but instead it is a message about His authority. We need to know that He is all powerful, with full authority, and if we believe in His power and authority when we pray, we will receive what we ask for.

(This is a great time to have the kids stand up if they have a prayer request and pray together.)

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Included in each lesson of this series:

Pre-Service Activity

Worship Nugget

Offering Nugget

Memory Verse Activity

Bible Lesson

Puppet Skit with Miles the Snail

Transparency Story - Original Artwork ready to copy onto transparencies

Activity/Object Lesson

Review Questions

Memory Verse handout

Puppet Ordering Information:

Miles the Snail Puppet is used each week for the puppet skit. He is also used in the Adventures of Peter and John Series (sold separately) recommended to follow the Easter Series.



To order Miles the Snail visit
www.ChildrensChurchStuff.com
or call 866-774-5355.