



Respect Life Lesson Plan

Values Branch

Lesson Plans are designed to accompany the related Helps documents for each Step. Please refer to the resources in the appropriate Helps document found in the Leader Pages while you prepare your lesson.

The six "F"s are presented in a suggested order, but you are not required to complete them in that order. You may rearrange them as fits your troop's particular needs.

Necessary Resources



- The Bible
- Play Doh
- Large mirror
- Paper towels

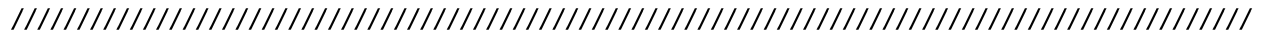


- Window cleaner
- Several copies of ultrasound photos



- Old bed sheet
- Small soft ball
- Sharpie

FUN



Trampoline

Take an old bed sheet and lay it on the ground. Divide the boys evenly onto two opposite sides of the sheet. Have each boy hold the sheet and pull it tight between the two teams. Place a ball in the middle of the sheet. The object is for each team to knock the ball off of the opposite side of the sheet using up and down motions with their hands while holding the sheet.

A variation is to have all the boys work together to move the ball and stop it on specific points on the sheet. If the sheet is not going to be kept, you can draw various circles on the sheet in which the boys must stop the ball.

FOCUS



Potter and the Clay

Read Isaiah 64:8

Ask/Discuss the following: How is a clay pot made? Discuss how in the same way, God took great care in making and molding us. Read Ephesians 2:10 and discuss God's purpose in creating us. Discuss ways in which we can be used by God.



Image Bearer

Read Genesis 1:26

Our physical likeness to God is only a part of what it means to be an image bearer. God gave man aspects such as dominion over the Earth, love, compassion, language, the ability to reason, truth, forgiveness, and even holiness. The image we show is not only how we look but how we act and treat others. We struggle with our sinful ways but there is always victory in Jesus. The Bible gives us many ideas of what the image of God in us should look like but no one in the Bible does it better than Jesus.



Known Before Birth

Read Psalm 139:13-14 and Jeremiah 1:5

Discuss how these passages apply to babies developing in their mother's tummies.

Explain how God makes fingers and toes; how he put together the beating heart, brain, and other parts. (May require some prior research.)

FINGERS



Play Doh

With Play Doh or clay, have each boy mold or create their own special pot or container.



Distorted Image

Have the large mirror standing to where the boy can see as much of his image as possible in the reflection. Either smear shaving cream on the mirror or have the boy put on a mask. Explain that although each person is still an image bearer of God, sin has distorted it. And because of our sin, we can no longer be in God's presence. Grab a rag or towel and clean the mirror, or take off the mask. Just as water washes this distorted image, so God promised that He would send someone to wash/forgive our sin so we can become a clean image-bearer again.



Ultrasound Pictures

Pass out the ultrasound pictures. Have the boys label the parts of the body and faces they can identify in the pictures. Is anything missing compared to a newborn baby or themselves?

*Make sure that these are copies of ultrasound pictures and not originals.

FAITH (TRAIL GUIDE THOUGHTS)



Potter and the Clay

Remind the boys of the containers that they sculpted. Just as they are making a container that they value and love, so God made each person in his image. Each boy and girl from the time they are in their mother's tummies and throughout their life is valuable and loved by God.

Pray with the Trailmen.



Image Bearer

To be an image bearer is no easy task. You will be challenged at every step. You alone do not have the strength to achieve this. Sin has corrupted and weakened us. That is why Jesus came and paid our debt. Through Him we find the strength to do what is right and to fight the sins of our flesh. The path to becoming a better image bearer begins with studying the Bible (His Word) and praying for the opportunity for us to grow in His image. The Holy Spirit was sent to be our helper and He fills us and guides us when we are looking to God and not focused on ourselves.

Pray with the Trailmen.



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

What does it mean to be fearfully and wonderfully made? Discuss how this verse applies to every baby boy and girl.

Take this time to tell each and every Trailman ways in which you as their leader/mentor see how they are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Pray with the Trailmen.

FAMILY



God made us

Discuss with your family how God has made your family. List some of the specific gifts that God has built into your family. Discuss and select one way that your family can use its gifts to help others and do it.



Being a better image-bearer

Have a talk with your parents and ask them what trait you can work on to improve your image. Ask them to pray for you and to help you with Bible verses and a prayer that will strengthen you in this journey. Plan to read those passages and pray daily for a set period of time.



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Discuss with your family members and encourage each other by pointing out the ways that you recognize that God has fearfully and wonderfully made them.

FOREST BADGE



By actively participating in this meeting, each Trailman earned the Respect Life Step on the Values Branch.



*Note: It is up to the Trail Guide to determine whether or not a Trailman was an active in the meeting. Even if he attended the meeting, you are not required to award him the Step if he did not participate.

