

The Persistent Widow

Baby and Toddler Lesson



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Story



Jesus told a story about prayer.

There was a widow who needed help from a judge.

The judge was not a nice man. He didn't care about God or the woman.

He told the widow to go away and leave him alone.

But the widow never gave up.

Finally, the judge had enough of the woman.

He thought, I will help her so that she stops bothering me.

The woman was happy the judge did what was right.

Jesus said that judge was bad, but eventually did what was right.

But God is good.

He told his followers to keep praying and never give up.

God hears and answers prayer.

Movable and Immovable

The judge was finally moved to do right through the widow's persistent asking

Skills learned:



Vocabulary



Gross Motor
skills



Logic

Materials needed:

Movable and immovable objects

Stickers in two colours

Preparation:

Movable and immovable objects

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Movable and Immovable

Explore movable and immovable objects.

For example, push a chair, carry a toy around or blow some feathers up in the air.

Next try pushing immovable objects like the floor or wall.

Explain to children that at first, the judge was immovable. The widow cannot move his decision.

But eventually, he was moved and helped the woman.

Give the child some colour stickers. (For example, green and red)

Have them place green stickers on items that are easy to move and red stickers on things which are difficult to move.



The Persistent Widow

The widow was very persistent and never gave up. Just as we should never stop praying.

Skills learned:



Sensory
development



Scientific skills



Speech

Materials needed:

Floating balls or rubber duck

A Bowl

Water

Preparation:

Fill a bowl of water

CAUTION: Never leave child unsupervised with water.



Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Ask the child what will happen when they put a rubber duck or ball on the water.

Put it on the water. Were they right?

Next ask what will happen if they push it to the bottom of the bowl.

Try it out. Try a few more times.

Explain to the children that the widow was persistent like the duck, and never give up even though the judge kept pushing her requests away!

Allow the child to play with the toy in the water.

Ripe and Unripe Fruit

God answer prayer in the perfect time. Sometimes when we ask for something it is not the best time

Skills learned:



Sensory
development



Life Skill



Nature

Materials needed:

Ripe and Unripe Fruit

Chopping board

Preparation:

Have a collection of fruit

Check for allergies



Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Talk to the child about their favourite fruit.

Put some fruits on the table near the child.

Explain that some fruit is Ripe and some Unripe. Ready and not ready.

Carefully cut the fruit open for the child to see inside.

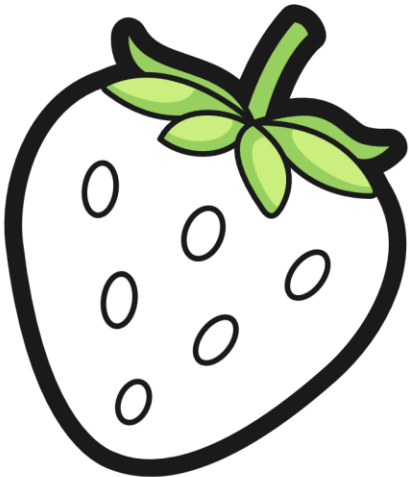
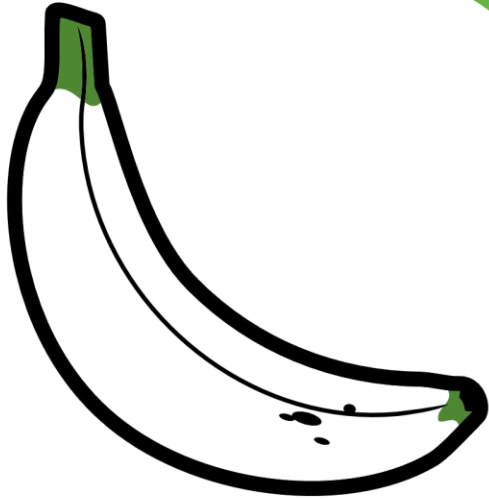
Allow them to taste the good fruit.

Talk about how unripe fruit can be bitter or sour but are sweet when ripe.

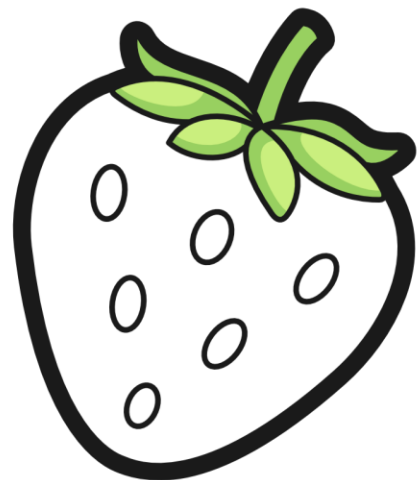
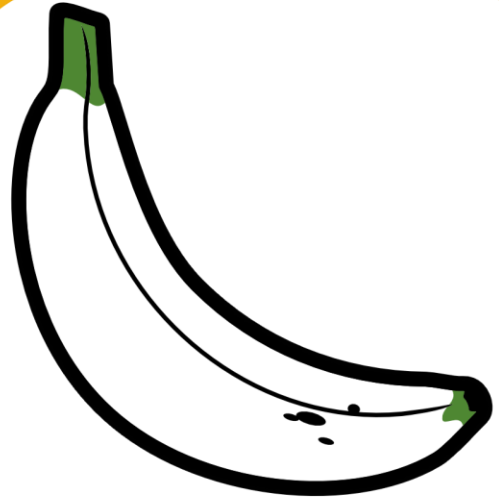
Say that God answer or prayers at the best time.

Colour the fruit

Ripe



Unripe



The Judge

A judge's job is to be fair and equal

Skills learned:



Materials needed:

A balance scale.

You could build your own with:

Hanger

String

Two Cups

Water



Preparation:

Get a hanger, two cups, string and position them as shown.

Steps:

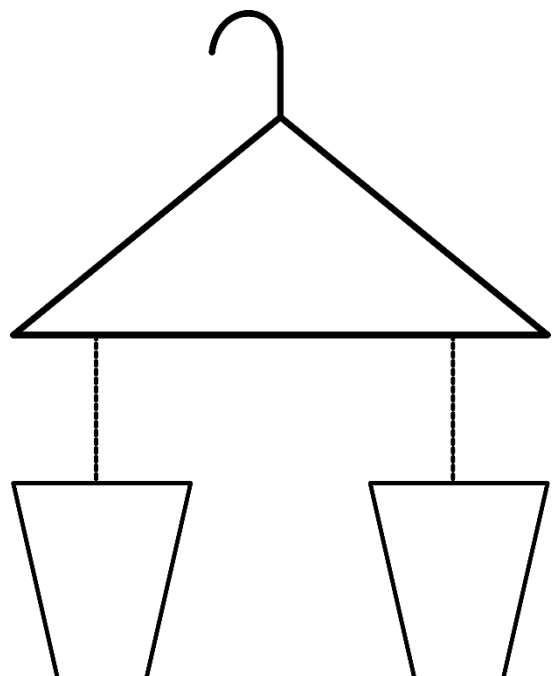
For Babies and Toddlers:

Gently pour water one cup, and then the other.

Experiment pouring more in one cup and let the child observe what happens.

Help the child to pour water in the cups until they are of equal weight.

Talk about how the judge should make things fair and follow the law.



Prayer hands

Jesus teaches us to pray and never give up

Skills learned:



Creativity



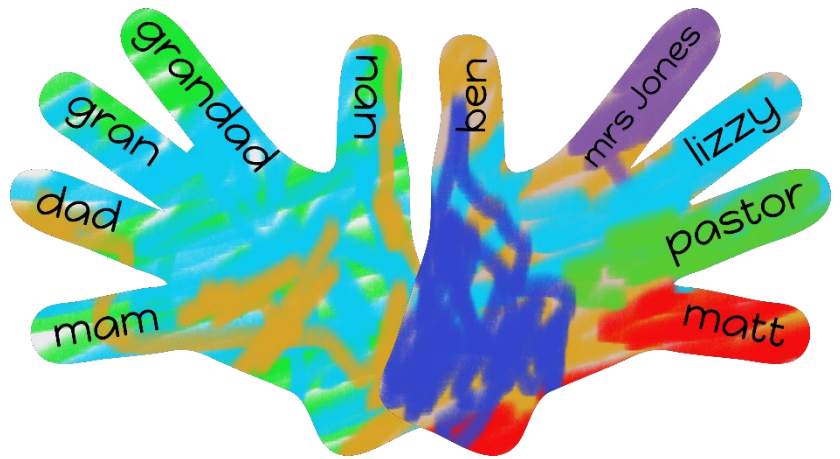
Letter
Recognition



Fine Motor skills

Materials needed:

- Card
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Tape
- Black Marker



Preparation:

None

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

- Draw around the child's hand onto the card.
- Cut around the hands.
- Allow the child to decorate the hands. Tape card hands together.
- Talk to the child about people they can pray for.
- Write the names on the fingers with a marker. For example, Mam, Dad, Nan etc.
- Finish by praying for each person using the hands.



Songs



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He is listening. Kids Worship Lyric Video

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