

Lesson

Engaging Introduction

Hello, everyone! Today, we're going to imagine our life like a big piece of clay. Just like an artist works with clay to create amazing sculptures, God is like an artist in our lives, always shaping and helping us to become more like Him. Think about how a potter takes a lump of clay and turns it into a beautiful pot or vase. In the same way, God works in our lives, changing us little by little to follow Him closer and live the way He wants us to.

Main Teaching Points

First, let's talk about how God gives us new hearts. Imagine you had a toy that wouldn't work because it needed new batteries. When new batteries are put in, the toy comes to life. God does something like that with our hearts. Ezekiel 36:26 says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you." God changes our hearts to love Him better and to choose what is right.

Next, God guides us with His Word, the Bible. Think of the Bible like a map. When you're going on a trip, you need a map to find the right way to go. The Bible is our map for life, showing us how to live in a way that pleases God. Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." This means God's words help us see the way to live.

Lastly, God helps change our actions. Just like we practice learning a new skill, like riding a bike, God helps us practice doing good things. By doing kind and helpful actions, we honor God and reflect His love in the world. With God's help, we get better each day in being more like Jesus. Philippians 2:13 reminds us, "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."

Personal Application for Elementary Students

Now, let's think about how these things apply to you. If you ever feel scared or unsure, remember God is working in your life. Just like learning to ride a bike takes time, learning to follow God can take time, too. You're never alone, because God is always with you, helping you grow. Try to read the Bible with your parents or friends, and pray to ask God to help you understand more and make good choices. Feel encouraged; each day is a new chance to learn and grow closer to God!

Interactive Discussion Questions with Explanation and Teaching Guidance

1. What is one thing you think God might want us to do better at in our lives?

Encourage students to think about ways they can improve, like being kinder or sharing more.

2. How might God's Word help us when we feel lost or confused?

Guide students to think about how the Bible offers stories and lessons that show God's love and wisdom.

3. Can you think of a time when you changed for the better with a little practice?

Help students relate their experiences in learning new skills to understanding how God helps us

grow spiritually.

Engage your students by listening to their thoughts and helping them see how God quietly turns our hearts, guides our way, and grows our actions to follow Him more closely.