"Practicing Humility"

Bible Craft ideas on Matthew 23:1-12

Don't be Puffed with Pride!

This week's gospel lesson focuses on a warning. We don't want to rely on our own wisdom or teaching. We don't want to "talk a big talk" and lead people astray. Jesus admonished people to live genuinely and



humbly. These two crafts remind children of what it means to live with a humble attitude and recognize that our strength comes only from the Lord.

Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider... (Main Text: Matthew 23:1-12)

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. -Matthew 23:12

The greatest among you shall be your servant. -Matthew 23:11

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. -Proverbs 16:18

Recipe for Humble Pie...Put Others First!

Don't be "Puffed up" with Pride!

Humility: Look to God for strength!

Act like a servant!

Put others first!

Be kind to those around you!

More Teaching Ideas from Matthew 23:1-12

- Watch the video demonstration of this <u>children's sermon</u> on our <u>YouTube channel</u>
- Watch the <u>Sunday School craft project</u> demonstration on our <u>YouTube channel</u>
- Compare our <u>Matthew 23:1-12 Sunday School lesson for kids</u>



Craft one: "Humble Pie Recipe"

You will need:

- Construction paper or card stock
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Bows, ribbons, or other decorations
- Glue
- Paper bag
- Scissors

Procedure:

- Decorate the paper bag to be a "recipe bag" or "ingredient bag", making it plain but fun!
- 2. Decorate notecards or papers to nestle within the bag, including notes about "ingredients" needed to be humble and not prideful. Add small tokens or decoration (bows, cups, etc.)
- 3. Place the "humble pie ingredients" inside the paper bag.





- 4. Seal the bag with ribbon or string. Add captions or verses.
- 5. Use your bag to recall what humility means, or use it as a prayer request receptacle!



Craft Two: "Don't be Puffed up with Pride! Balloon "

You will need:

- Balloons, any color
- Paper (construction) (optional)
- Popsicle sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Glue
- Yarn or pipe cleaners
- Sharpie markers

Procedure:

1. Blows up the balloon and tie it off.

 Draw a face on the balloon (optional), perhaps a prideful or rude-looking one.
Carefully attach a string or pipe cleaner

to the balloon. 4. Glue the popsicle sticks into a cross

shape (or cut the paper likewise). Add a verse and/or caption.

5. Place the "puffed up" balloon on the cross, and remember the importance of receiving our strength and power from God alone!







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