

FUN FISH – In Every SHAPE

Session 10: SEMI-CIRCLE – Never Give Up! – Hiding a Candle

Memory Line: "Thank you for making me" (Psalm 139:14 NLT).

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Shape and Topic:

You can find a SEMI-CIRCLE here and there. A basket. Half a pizza. Door mat. A bowl. Whenever you see half a circle remember to never give up. Every shape is important and has a special place in the world

Bible Story: My Candle! (Matthew 5:14-16)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Jesus

Girl

Materials needed: (if you don't have the materials below, feel free to replace them)

Empty basket

Candle

Bowl

Bed

Reflective Time (interactive):

Sometimes we want to give up, especially when we don't know what to do. But with God we can figure things out. So, whenever you see a SEMI-CIRCLE, remember to never give up.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us to never give up. Amen."

Sing a song:

"In Every SHAPE" card for this session:



**never
give up**

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Story 10: My Candle! (Matthew 5:14-16)

Jesus told a story about a candle. But you might be thinking – can a candle have a story? The Bible says, “Let your light shine!” Each of us is like a candle. When we do good things, when we are kind and polite, we shine.

Ellie has a candle, the biggest one in the world! Tall and round. Perfect and clean. But where should she put it? Maybe someplace safe.

She puts it under her bed. But she might forget that it is under there.

She wraps it in her blanket. But that doesn't work. She uses that blanket every night to keep her warm and toasty.

She doesn't give up. She puts it in a cupboard. Too crowded... She puts it under a SEMI-CIRCLE bowl. But now she can't make a cake... She puts it in a SEMI-CIRCLE a basket. Perfect. She will leave it there.

Then it gets dark, and Ellie can't see. She walks through her house. She stubs her toe on a chair. OUCH... She bumps into the table. OUCH... And all through the house she hears her mum and dad, her gran and grandpa, her brothers and sisters say, OUCH! OUCH! OUCH!

Suddenly, Ellie thinks – a candle is for shining, not for keeping somewhere safe. But where can she put it so everyone can see? On a chair? But chairs are for sitting. On the floor? But floors are for walking on. In the bathroom? Not there.

Ellie doesn't give up. She finds a lamp stand and puts it on the table. She lights it.

“PERFECT!” says everyone. They find their chairs. They read their books. Because light is meant to be shared. Our lives are meant to be shared. So never give up finding the best place you can shine.