

Fun Fish – Toddlers in COLOUR

Session 4: Don't Steal – RED – All Those Frogs

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

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.

Colour and Topic:

RED means danger. A stop sign is red. It tells you to stop. A red light is red. It tells you to stop. The Bible says that stealing is wrong, taking something that doesn't belong to you. RED is a good reminder to STOP doing wrong.

Bible Story: All Those Frogs (Exodus 8)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Moses

King

Soldiers

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

House

Frogs

Bugs

Red blanket

Palace

Reflective Time (interactive):

Stealing is wrong - that is because it belongs to someone else. The king in this story made people slaves. He took away their freedom. He didn't care what they thought. Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour red, don't steal.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us not to steal. Amen."

Sing a song:

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 4: All Those Frogs (Exodus 8)

One day while Moses was taking care of sheep, God told him to go back home. This time, the king was acting terribly, turning God's people into slaves.

Moses packed his bag and slung it over his shoulder. Would the king listen to him. Would he still be angry with Moses for doing bad things? Moses wasn't exactly the person to say, "Stop doing what is wrong?"

But Moses had changed. He knew what was right. He walked across the desert and into the city. Everywhere he saw slaves.

"This is wrong!" Moses said to himself. He ran to the king. "This is wrong!" he said. "These slaves are God's people! Let them go!"

But the king shook his head. "I like slaves. They build my palaces, my roads, my parks. Go away, Moses."

"If you don't let them go, God will be sad. You will have trouble. So, please don't steal their lives. Please don't steal their freedom. Wouldn't you rather do what is right?"

"Get out!" shouted the king. His face turned RED.

So, God took over. He sent frogs. Big frogs. Little frogs, EVERYWHERE! In the palace. On the streets. Under the king's RED duvet on his bed.

The king couldn't sleep. "Soldiers, call Moses," he shouted. "Tell him that I am sorry and I will free the slaves. Tell him to send those frogs away!"

Moses prayed to God straight away and the frogs disappeared. But the king just laughed. "HA! Now I can keep my slaves."

So, God sent bugs and flies, grasshoppers and hail. But that king still refused to listen. He still wanted those slaves to belong to him.

Sometimes, it is hard to let go of what we want, even if we have stolen it. Everyone is important. No one should be free. God really does want us to respect others.