The Godly Standard



1. <u>Pre service/ Ice breaker</u> (10 min): Stack Attack

1. Start by placing the stack of cups in front of each player or team.
2. When the timer starts, players build a pyramid with 8 cups on the bottom row, followed by 7 on the next, continuing up to a single cup at the top.
3. After completing the pyramid, they must then disassemble it by re-stacking all cups into a single stack.
4. The goal is to complete both tasks within one minute, and the player or team who finishes the fastest wins.

2. <u>Praise and worship</u> (15 min):

- Higher (3C Live)
- Yaweh (3C Live)
- Your Great Name (Indiana Bible College)

3. <u>Ministry to kids</u> (5 min):

Pray for the needs of kids. (A leader can prepare a short scripture for ministry)

4. **<u>Offering</u> (5 min):**

Encourage kids to bring their offering. (A volunteer can prepare a scripture for offering) Pray a blessing as they give.

5. **<u>Announcements</u> (3 min):**

Bring a buddy day coming soon – Invite friends from your list of 10

6. **<u>Birthdays</u> (5 min):**

Celebrate birthdays that have happened in the past week. Sing and pray for the children. Give a special birthday treat to the birthday people for the month.

7. **<u>Lesson</u> (15-25 min)**

Lesson objective: To teach children that living by God's standards means following His way, not the world's, and understanding that through Jesus, we have the power to obey God and live a holy life.

Memory verse: Romans 12:2
"Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Declaration: I choose to live by God's standards, not the world's, because He is holy, and I am called to be holy. I will obey Jesus, turn from sin, and trust God's plan, letting Him guide my thoughts and actions to honour Him.

Opening question:

•Ask: What are you most excited for this holiday season? What are your plans, and how do you plan to spend your time?

•Transition:
"Holidays are fun because we get a break from routine—no school, and sometimes no church if we're traveling. But even when routines stop, it's important to keep living by God's standard. We don't take a break from praying, worshiping, or doing what's right just because it's the holiday season."

Then read 1 Peter 1:13-16
"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy.""

Points to Discuss about the scripture:

1. Prepare Your Mind for Action

Just like packing and preparing for a holiday, we need to prepare our minds to stay focused on God. Think ahead about how you'll keep your faith strong even when routines change.

2. Be Sober-Minded

Stay clear-headed and focused on making good decisions, even when it's easy to slack off during holidays.

3. Don't Conform to the World's Way

The world may say holidays are for doing whatever you want, but God calls us to be different. We shouldn't copy bad behaviour or let go of God's standards.

4. Be Holy in All You Do

Holiness isn't something we do only at church or during the school year—it's a part of who we are every day, everywhere.

Application: Keeping God's Standard During the Holidays

Ask: What are some godly things we shouldn't take a break from during the holidays?

Things to Keep Doing:

- Reading the Bible: Spend time learning about God through His Word.
- Worship: Don't stop praising God just because you're not at church.
- Obeying God: Make choices that honour God, no matter where you are.
- Being an Example: Show others what it means to live for God, even during holidays.

8. **<u>Practice for Christmas Production</u> (15 min)**

Challenge for the week:

- See challenge paper for the week