

Day Three

Bible Reading

I AM the salt of the earth; I AM the light of the world



Matthew 5:13-14

You are like salt and light

13 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing. It must be thrown out for people to walk on.

14 'You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden.'

Bible video

Jesus talks about salt and light

by Lifekids

<https://bit.ly/LightAnDSalt>

Arrival activity

Wisdom Quest Journal

Make booklet (folded A4 or stapled pages)

Decorate cover and fill it with words the children have discovered

Modern day parables

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Challenges

Mud Hunt



You will need:

paper with the individual words: *salt, of, the, earth* (laminated or covered in tape to keep them waterproof), pots or containers filled with soil (more than four), tarpaulins or newspaper to protect the floor (or do this activity outside), a sheet of clear acrylic (Perspex) inside a frame, such as a photo frame with the back removed, books to raise frame up on, or anything that can raise it from the table so that a light can be placed underneath to light it up, salt to pour on top of the glass

Task:

This task is completed by the children finding the words hidden in containers filled with dirt. Once found, they then decide which order the words go in and write them using their fingers into the salt that has been poured onto the frame (watch that no one eats the salt as it is very dangerous in large quantities). A light will then be shined from under the frame, highlighting the phrase.

What you do:

This activity could take place outside in an enclosed church garden, or inside. If this activity is taking place inside, place the containers on newspaper or tarpaulin to minimise mess. Have several containers: jam jars, pots, buckets etc with soil inside them. Inside some of the containers have the laminated words. The children are asked to locate the containers and then discover the words hidden in just four of the containers. When all the words have been found, the group decides what order they go in, writes the words into the salt and then uses a torch (or similar) to shine a light through the words.

Take it to the next level?

Create a treasure map for the children to follow around your chosen area, locating where the pots of soil are.



Salt dough lamps

You will need:

- one cup of salt
- two cups of plain flour
- food colouring
- one cup of water



For a basic guide, you create the dough two parts flour to one part salt and water

What you do:

Add to a bowl and mix well. If you need more flour or water, add as needed. You do not want very sticky dough.

Give each child a piece of dough, to roll into a ball and then flatten to create a lamp base. This can be done at the beginning of your session if you are baking it.

Bake the lamp: Place the shaped dough on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated oven at 200°F (93°C) for about 20-30 minutes until hard.

Cool and decorate: Allow the lamps to cool completely, then paint or decorate them as desired. If you are not baking the dough but leaving it to air dry, ask the children to decorate their lamps by pressing in sequins or adding glitter to the dough; they can even engrave patterns into the lamp.

Make sure they have a container to take it home. It will take about two days to completely dry out.

Recipe (cont.)

Continue microwaving at 50% power in 30-second intervals until the chocolate is melted and smooth. Add a few drops of your choice of food colouring to the melted chocolate.

Use the stem and leaves of the strawberry as a holder and dip the clean, dry strawberries in the melted chocolate. Try to cover as much of the strawberry as you can. Allow any excess chocolate to drip off.

Place the chocolate-covered strawberry on a lined parchment paper to set.

Once the chocolate has set, gently remove the stem and leaves by twisting them off.

Use a little dab of melted chocolate to attach the Mini Rolo to the top of the strawberry.

Use Strawberry laces to create the cord and attach it with melted chocolate. The bulb spacing on the plate is up to you.

Recipe



Edible lights

You will need:

- (strawberries), (white chocolate), food colouring (Mini Rolos) or similar, strawberry laces, parchment paper, paper plate.

What you do:

Wash your strawberries thoroughly and dry them as well as you can with a paper towel. Keep the tops (or stems) of the strawberries intact. Place the white chocolate melts in a bowl that is safe for the microwave. Microwave for one minute at 50% power and stir.

Stem

Salt Paint

You will need:

- a variety of type of salt,
- dark coloured card,
- hot water, bowls and
- paint brushes



What you do:

Add one tablespoon of table salt to a small bowl. Add three tablespoons of hot water to the bowl. (An adult should boil water in a kettle and pour in three tablespoons to dissolve the salt.)

Mix the salt in the bowl until the majority of the salt has dissolved.

Use a paintbrush to paint whatever you like! You may want to do two or three coats. You can use a hair dryer to help the picture dry, or wait overnight to see what happens.

Games



Relay the earth

You will need:

earth, cups

What you do:

At one end of a room create two lines. Next to the line needs to be a table with a bowl of earth in it and some empty cups. At the other end of the room needs to be a table with an empty bowl. The goal is to transfer the earth from one bowl to the other the quickest. The person at the front of the line takes a cup, fills it with earth, carefully crosses to the other side of the room and empties it into the empty bowl. They run and join the back of the line. The next person goes, and so on. If you have a very small group you could do this in one team and time yourselves. Then do it again and see if you can get quicker.

Light

You will need:

torch, space to play that can be darkened if possible

What you do:

The aim of the game is to be caught *in* the light as opposed to be caught *out* by the light. The person with the torch moves the light around the room. If you get caught in the light you get a point, how many times can you get caught in the light?



I wonder...

- what food you add salt to, and why
- what crisps would taste like without salt
- how you can be like salt to your family and friends
- where in the world right now needs God's salt and light

Prayers

Salt prayers

You will need:

bowl of water, table salt, calming music



What you do:

Play some calming music and use this as a response prayer. Salt can be dangerous for children, so a leader needs to be in charge of the salt bottle. Pour some into your hand and then allow each child to take a pinch of salt and drop it into the water.

Each time the child could say something like, 'Dear God, help us tell others about you. Amen.'

Pray for God to show the children how they can bring God's flavour (salt) into the world (water). The salt will spread out and 'reach' all areas of the bowl. Together, united – we are the salt of the world and God can use each one of us to add to the growth of God's people. This is a time of reflection on what God wants from us.

Wondering questions