PURPOSE:
The children will create a craft that will reinforce the lesson and give them a way to recall many Bible verses.

DESCRIPTION:
In this activity, the children will cut out and glue together two strips of paper that have Bible verses on them. They will then fold the joined strips accordion style and keep it as a way to use their time wisely by learning the Bible verses when they are waiting.

MATERIALS NEEDED:
For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet. For each child, you will need scissors, tape, and the “Wise Waiting Bible Verses Lesson 8” from the Lesson Materials CD-ROM.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:
1. What is our Main Point today? (I Will Use My Time Wisely To Do What Is Right!)
2. Good job! We all have a certain amount of time in our day, and some of that time will be spent waiting on something.
3. When do you spend time waiting? (Riding in the car. In a line somewhere. Waiting on someone in the house to finish getting ready.)
4. When we are waiting on something, we need to spend our time wisely.
5. One way to spend this time wisely is learning Bible verses and telling others about Jesus.
6. Today we are going to make a booklet to help us spend our waiting time wisely.

For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, see the Small Group Leader DVD.

Note: Pass out the materials to each child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:
1. What does this sheet of paper have on it? (Bible verses.)
2. That’s right, these are all the Bible verses from this series, plus some other important ones to know as well.
3. Everyone take your scissors and cut right down the middle of the paper on the solid black line.
4. Then, tape the bottom of one strip to the top of the other strip. It should make one long strip.
5. Fold the paper accordion style across each dotted line.
6. Now, you should have a Bible verse booklet that can fit in your pocket!

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:
1. You can carry this around with you and when you are waiting in the car or in line or anywhere, you can use your time wisely by learning these Bible verses.
2. Then you can use these verses to help tell others about Jesus.
3. Using this booklet will help you spend your time wisely.

CLOSING STATEMENT:
We will all have moments in our life when we are waiting on something. When we are in these moments, we can spend our time wisely by learning Bible verses. Learning these Bible verses can help us tell others about Jesus, and that is time well spent.
PURPOSE:
The children will listen to stories to distinguish the people who use their time wisely.

DESCRIPTION:
In this activity, the children will hear short situations and determine if the person used time wisely or unwisely.

MATERIALS NEEDED:
For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:
1. Let’s all say our Main Point together. I Will Use My Time Wisely To Do What Is Right!
2. Doing what is right is always the wisest thing we can do. What are some examples from Large Group of wise ways to use our time to do something right? (Obeying our parents. Coming to church. Reading our Bible. Praying. Telling the truth. Showing kindness. Worshiping God. Being generous.)
3. I want you to listen to some situations that I will read and decide if the people in them are using their time wisely or not.

For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, see the Small Group Leader DVD.

Note: Have the children stand in the middle of the room.

DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:
1. If the person is using his or her time wisely, I want you to go to this side of the room.
2. If the person is using his or her time unwisely, I want you to go to the other side of the room.

Note: Read items from the lists below, mixing up the wise and unwise situations.

Unwise Things
• John’s alarm clock went off at 8:00 AM, but he snoozed until 1:00 PM.
• Sam went to church, but made paper airplanes the whole time.
• Sam hangs out with John every afternoon, but never invites his friend to church.
• Jason woke up early on Sunday, but watched TV instead of going to church.
• Kenneth went to church, but spent the whole time talking to his friends and not paying attention.
• Chris invites his new neighbor to come over and play video games but doesn’t ask him to come to church or tell him about Jesus.
• Holly’s friend asked her about church, but Holly said she didn’t have time to talk and she went to play basketball.
• Matt’s cousin is visiting from out of town. Instead of telling him about Jesus, they spend all week watching movies and playing video games.
• Carter’s friend calls on the phone. Instead of telling him about Jesus, Carter spends time making fun of other kids at school.
• Collin’s family is going to church to volunteer. Collin decides to stay home and take a nap.
Wise Things

- Holly got up five minutes early to read her Bible every morning.
- Carter stopped for a few moments before eating to pray and thank God for his food.
- Kendall was grounded and couldn’t play outside so she read her Bible.
- Ryan noticed that his friend was upset at school. He stopped for a few minutes and prayed with his friend.
- Robin spent all morning making cookies to take to her neighbors and invite them to come to church.
- Alisha’s friend asked why she was happy all the time and Alisha spent some time telling her about Jesus.
- Ed’s friend, Kyle, is sick. Ed spends some time each day praying for him.
- Brennan makes a list of friends to invite to church camp. Then he takes a few minutes to talk to each one of them and ask them to come.
- James’ friend has some chores to do around the house. James goes over to help and while he is helping, he tells his friend about Jesus.
- Autumn spends Saturday writing cards to invite her friends to church and tell them about Jesus.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. What were some of the ways that people in the situations spent their time wisely? (They told people about Jesus or church. They were kind to people. They prayed for people.)
2. There are many wise ways to spend our time. We know what those ways are by studying the Bible and learning what things God wants us to do.
3. Make sure to spend time every week reading the Bible and learning the wisest ways to spend your time.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

If you are spending your time doing what God would want you to do, then you will know that you are spending your time the wisest way.
Ask the following questions and ask for volunteers to answer. If they answer correctly, press “play.”

1. True or false? It is important that you spend your time wisely doing the things you know God wants you to do.
   A. True.
   B. False.

2. Imagine that you get home from school and have no homework. Your friend then comes over to play at your house. How can you spend your time wisely?
   A. Watch TV all night until it is time for your friend to leave.
   B. Make your friend do all of your chores while you watch.
   C. Have fun with your friend and talk to your friend about what you’ve learned at church.
   D. Push your friend in the pool.

3. Imagine that it is raining outside and you are stuck inside all day. How can you spend your time wisely?
   A. Go back to bed and sleep until the next day.
   B. Whine and complain to your parents about how bored you are.
   C. Go outside and grab some mud so you can repaint the walls.
   D. Help your parents around the house and play games with your little sister.

4. In today’s Bible Lesson, after Paul was put on house arrest, how did he use his time wisely to tell others about Jesus?
   A. He shouted outside of his window to passersby about Jesus.
   B. He prayed in his home and hoped that people would learn about Jesus.
   C. He preached to people he invited to his home and he wrote letters to other believers.
   D. He couldn’t use his time wisely because he was on house arrest.

5. In the Skit, what did Rudder and Cuddy plan on doing once the cruise was over?
   A. Buy their own cruise ship and become their own captains.
   B. Watch TV, eat junk food, play video games, and do nothing.
   C. Make Captain Stern a gift from random items on the ship.
   D. Finish off all of the food in the dining hall before it went bad.

6. Fill in the blanks. “So be careful how you _____. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are _____. Make the most of _____. opportunity in these evil days.” Ephesians 5:15-16 (NLT)
   A. think, smart, each.
   B. talk, alert, any.
   C. act, active, some.
   D. live, wise, every.

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