

Names of God

Huddle 12: *Jehovah Shalom – The Lord is Peace*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

- How many Names of God can you guys remember?
(Elohim – Strong Creator, Jehovah Yahweh – I AM, El Shaddai – God Almighty, El Elyon – Most High God, Jehovah El Emeth – The Lord God of Truth, Adonai – Lord, El Roi – The God Who Sees, Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is There, Strong Tower, Jehovah Sabaoth – The Lord of Hosts, Jehovah Or – The Lord is Light)
- Read Isaiah 26:3 together.
- What do you guys think that verse means?
- What do you think peace is?

***Lesson Set Up: Prep before lesson huddle will require gathering supplies or using cell phones:**

Either let selected kids help you make “alarming” noises by blowing whistles and banging things together **or** multiple leaders can find “emergency siren” or “alarm” noises on their phones to play loudly.

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group

LESSON HUDDLE

Let’s all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (Pause) **TO OTHERS**.

Either let selected kids help you make loud alarming noises **or** play noises on your phones loudly.

Wow, what a ruckus! How do you feel when you hear loud noises, a siren or some other kind of alarm? *(leaders, share a story where a siren or loud noise caused you to be frightened)* What are some things that scare you?

There are scary things happening in our world, there is no doubt about it! Today, we're going to learn about Jehovah – Shalom which means “the Lord is peace”. Let's say that a few times together – have each group repeat back.

Sometimes God allows scary things to happen when we make the choice to disobey him – because he knows what's best for us (Him) and He wants us to turn back to Him. Sometimes scary things happen because we live in a world that's broken and separated from God.

A lot of times we can't control the scary things that happen around us – but who is in control of everything that happens? It's amazing when you think about it, but nothing ever happens that's a surprise to God!

Isaiah 26:3 says,

You will keep in perfect peace
all who trust in you,
all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

God's peace is about what's in your heart, not what's happening in the world. God gives peace to His children – He gives us the peace in our hearts of not worrying or being afraid. We don't have to worry or be afraid because God Almighty loves us and has promised to be with us. But we must “run” to Him, our Strong Tower. We must trust Him – believing that He is who he says He is – strong, good, wise.

The peace God gives us in our hearts is amazing. But there is an even better peace that Jehovah-Shalom gives – peace with God. Every single one of us was born a sinner, fighting against God – as His enemy. We all want our own way, not God's way. Only Jehovah-Shalom can change that.

Jehovah-Shalom made peace with us through the death of His Son, Jesus, on the cross. When you trust in Jesus as your Savior, God gives you a new heart of peace with Him. Jesus died on the cross so that you could have peace with God.

Isaiah 53:5 reminds us,

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us **peace** was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Let's pray and thank God for the peace he has given us through Jesus.

ACTIVITY: Jehovah-Shalom Dove

Materials:

- White paper plate (the cheap kind)
- Markers
- Scissors
- Tape
- String or ribbon
- Yellow Paper

Instructions:

Start with a regular, cheap paper plate. First, cut it into thirds in big strips (see example picture). The outside pieces become the wings, and the middle becomes the body of the dove. Cut the dove's tail and body from the middle section after cutting the wings free. The dove's body is easy to draw because it's just shaped like a snowman but flares out on the bottom. Draw the lines you need to cut on the back of the paper plate. That way, when you flip it over the marker lines won't show.

Cut on your lines, and then assemble like a dove with one of the big wings on each side. Secure the wings on the back of the dove with tape. Draw on some simple feet, a beak, and 2 eyes with markers.

Have the kids write Jehovah-Shalom, the Lord is Peace across the dove or they can write a verse:

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace
all who trust in you,
all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

You can stop here and have a perfectly lovely Jehovah-Shalom dove.

If you want to take it a step farther, you can add prayer requests, things the kids worry about or even names of God the kids want to remember.

Cut several tear-drop shapes out of a piece of paper, and give one to each kid to trace and cut on their own. 7 for each of them is good. Cut them out, and write whatever they want on them.

Tape string or ribbon to the back of each tear drop, and then to the back of the dove. Tape one more piece of string or ribbon on the back of each wing so you can hang your dove.



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