

Additional Activities

1. Endure Hardship

There are no additional activities for this lesson.

2. Reach Goals

Roman Emperor Study (10-20 minutes)

This research activity gives kids a context of this church era.
Supplies: Bible research resources

Using an encyclopedia, Bible encyclopedia, or other reference materials in your church library, have students research the emperors of Rome during the first three centuries AD. Divide the class into small groups and assign an emperor to each group. Provide materials for them to scan. Tell them that they are to find out when they ruled and one significant thing they did. Finally, they are to rate them (using a scale of 1-5, five being worst) on how they treated Christians. Let groups report their findings to the class. You may want to search for "Roman Emperors" on the Internet.

3. Glorify God

Unusual Testimonies (20-40 minutes)

This individual assignment introduces children to the uniqueness of each Christian's testimony.

Turn your students loose as investigative reporters to find unusual testimonies among their relatives or fellow church members. Instruct them to each find one interesting story of how a person came to Jesus. Let students give their reports the next time your class meets.

Pray for Christian Leaders (5-10 minutes)

This prayer activity emphasizes the importance of lifting up our leaders in prayer.

Compile a list of national, state, and local government officials who claim to be Christians. Make copies of this list for students and their parents. Every now and then, take time to lead your students in prayer for these influential people, using 1 Timothy 2:1-4 as your base of inspiration.

4. Earn Respect

Research Islam (20-40 minutes)

This research activity exposes the differences between Islam and Christianity.

Gather information about Islam through your church's missions department, library, or websites of missionary organizations with which you are familiar. Make available to the class any literature you find that is age-appropriate. Your students will especially appreciate stories about missionaries who have tried to reach this very resistant group of people.

Operation World (10-20 minutes)

This prayer activity encourages children to maintain a global perspective. **Supplies:** *Operation World* by Patrick Johnstone, Gabriel Resources

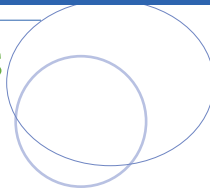
Acquire a copy of the book, *Operation World* (available at operationworld.com), and use it as a guide for praying for the nations of the world. Allow students to choose several countries of interest to them. The book lists specific needs of each nation and offers suggestions about how to pray for each need. Simplify the lists to suit your students' level, then pray as a group for each country's needs.

5. Pursue Godliness

Ignorance Busters (10-20 minutes)

This reading activity reminds kids the importance of Scripture.

Help your students motivate each other to stay in God's Word. Create a club that meets a few minutes before or after class (or at a different time altogether) just to read the Bible together. Select a passage and make your own rules (e.g. read one verse each, keep remarks to questions for the purpose of clarifying what was just read, etc.). That's all there is to it! Ready...set...read!



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