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Uplifting

Last week, nearly 350 children attended the Vacation Bible School (VBS) in Kirigiti Parish, Kiambu. The theme verse was Psalm 34:14: "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

This was the first time the VBS consultant's team's work on peace was being tested out. The teachers (14 brave souls) appreciated the lessons for older children, saying they were easy to understand and apply.

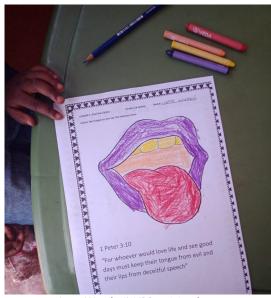
The favourite lesson of the five, was the story of Abigail, partly because of the interest in hearing a new story and also because it is intriguing! Abigail acts as the peacemaker between Nabal and David (1 Samuel 25). Her actions point us to Jesus who is the mediator between us and God.

One of the parents encouraged Gladwell and her team of teachers with these words: "The Bible knowledge being passed to our children is top notch. Today's lesson was epic... May the seed being planted in their lives, live to bear good fruit all the days of their lives. Thanks team, more blessings."

Parents really appreciated the fact that all of the activities were Bible-based, pointing towards the gospel message. The children learnt the song "To tell the truth", and also enjoyed making sad and happy emoji faces attached to a lollipop stick, which they then used to answer quiz questions. The activity sheets catered for the different levels and were beautifully coloured in by the younger children.

When asked what contributed to the success of the VBS, there were several answers including the sequential, structured lessons, the training of the teachers beforehand, and the prayer chain organised among the parish VBS planning team.

There are some improvements we hope to make before August when these same lessons will be used in other parishes. So, that's the agenda for the consultants' next meeting. For now, let's rejoice and praise God for this good report from Kirigiti!



Irene Wambui's VBS activity sheet. She is in Class 1 (age 6).

Prayer points

- Praise God for the uplifting report from Kirigiti
 Parish VBS on peace. Thank God for Gladwell, the
 14 teachers, the supportive parents and the 350
 children who attended. Pray that "the seed being
 planted in their lives, live to bear good fruit".
- Ask for blessings on the next consultants' meeting, that the team will be able to make the adjustments to the material before it is used again in August.
- Remember the Leremore family over the Easter holiday period this month. Pray for uplifting times with the first visitors flying in since Covid began!

