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sunday school stuff

week one

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Prayer: Stirring Passion for Mission

Praise You!

Introduction:

- Ask the children how many names they can think of for God and to describe God.
- Write them up on a flipchart page or a board where everyone can see them.
- Ask them why do we have names for God?
- Explain that God is very special and that we have so many names for God to explain the different characteristics of who He is and that they help us to worship Him.
- God loves to hear us tell Him that we love Him.

What is prayer of Adoration?

- Explain to the children that this type of prayer is important to use when we talk to God.
- Definition is that it is prayer that is **about God alone**.
- It's not prayer about asking for anything but about telling God how great he is and how much we love Him.
- We can use the names that have been put on the list to praise God for who He is.

Bible story: Psalm 8

- Read the Psalm to the children. Use a version that they will find easiest to understand.
- Talk about the different ways that God is talked about in the psalm and who praises Him.
eg Wonderful name / Glory seen in heaven / Praises of children and infants, etc.

Craft Activity: Prayer Helicopters

As the slogan reads, the prayer helicopters remind children that God's name is wonderful and that we should praise Him. It is important that the children learn about praising God for who He is rather than just asking for stuff that they want. Make the helicopters as instructed and then use the 'copters to encourage children in calling out names of God and phrases of adoration prayer to God before the 'copter lands on the ground.

1. Photocopy the helicopter template onto card (for a large group you can photocopy five or six helicopter templates on one sheet).
2. Cut out the outline along the bold lines.
3. Attach a paper clip to the nose. Fold one of the tail pieces forward and the other back along the dotted lines.
4. Drop the helicopter from a good height and watch it spin to the ground!

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