

Word Aflame

Sunday School Ideas

September 2008



I had three new kids in class who came with their babysitter. By the time they got to my class, their babysitter was playing the organ for service and I didn't have their names. Two of the children weren't talking, but the third little boy told me that his name was Cain, the girl's name was Zoe, and the youngest child was "Chitzen Itsa."

"What?"

"Chicken Patty Itsa"

"Sweetheart, I don't understand. What is his name?"

"Chicken Patty."

"Gabrielle, come here and talk to him."

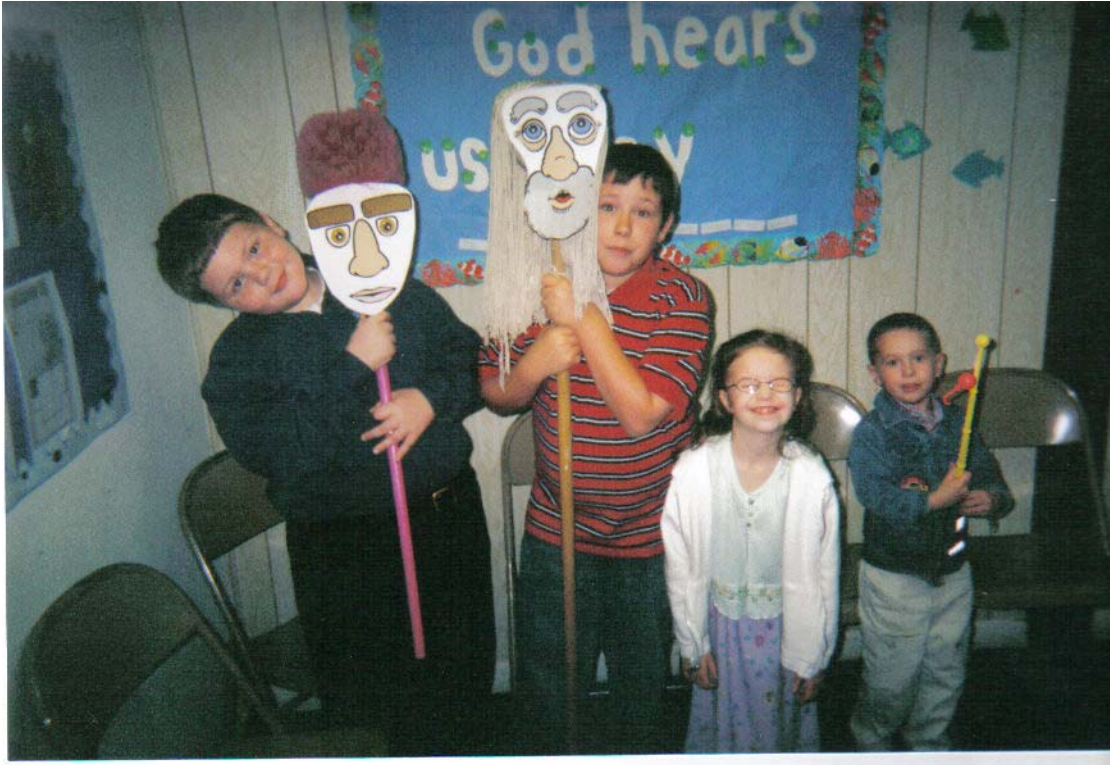
Gabrielle got the same answers.

And when we tentatively said "Chicken Patty" the youngest child's head popped up.

And so, we rolled on as if "Chicken Patty" was the most normal name in the world. We used it all evening.

It turned out that Cain's name was really Amos, his sister's name was and always has been Zoe, while Chicken Patty is actually Darwin.

Don't you love it? Happy teaching! [Ann Gustafson Frake](#)



Subject: picture of Primary class/Sunday school materials

I wanted to send you all this picture of some of my Sunday school students and our special guests, the men who were on the road to Emmaus!

The faces were included in the Word Aflame resource packet and included instructions to tape them onto two brooms. However, I couldn't find the two brooms and when I saw the pink duster thing and the mop, I KNEW they were meant to be Cleopas and Disciple!

The kids' eyes lit up when they saw our "visitors" who came to our class to tell us their story about seeing Jesus alive AFTER He had been crucified!

They had the best time visiting with them, and I was an innocent onlooker (who happened to be holding Cleopas and Disciple up. LOL). My favorite part was when the kids told the mop, "You know, you really should get a hair cut. Did you know the Bible says it is a shame for a man to have long hair?"

This was one of the best Sunday school lessons we have ever had. The kindergarten class teacher was absent that day, and I took her class in (so I had ages 3-11!), but I was surprised at how Cleopas and Disciple captured the attention of the younger ones AND was still awesome to the oldest ones.

The students are (L-R) Josiah Curtis, Braden Pitts, Abby Curtis, and Nathan Arney, Jr. I am the Primary class teacher at Duncan UPC in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Thanks and God Bless!
Sister Amy Curtis

Great Idea from Editor Joni Owens and Designer Chris Anderson!

“Chris just told me about a new 3-D sidewalk chalk. You draw with it, then put on your 3-D glasses and it’s “transformed.” I got all kinds of applications from the idea—things aren’t always what they seem, Jesus in your heart lets you see things differently. I haven’t taken time to research it, but he thought it’d be great for Idea Exchange.”



This product is by Crayola—about \$5 for one set of glasses with chalk. The glasses make warm colors seem to float and cool colors sink.

I think I would have each child draw a self-portrait in warm colors and fill in other people, like a crowd, around them in cool colors. This is how God’s children stand out in the world.

Blessing Prints

Kirsten Foley made a lovely gift of rubber stamps and water-based inks to our Sunday school. For this activity I passed out sheets of paper with the word “Blessings” printed on the side. My class colored the letters as we talked about blessings. Then everyone used rubber stamps to count their blessings.





The pan in the middle of the table holds wet paper towels, to clean stamps off between colors. Clean up is easy—I put everything in the kitchen sink and run the water.



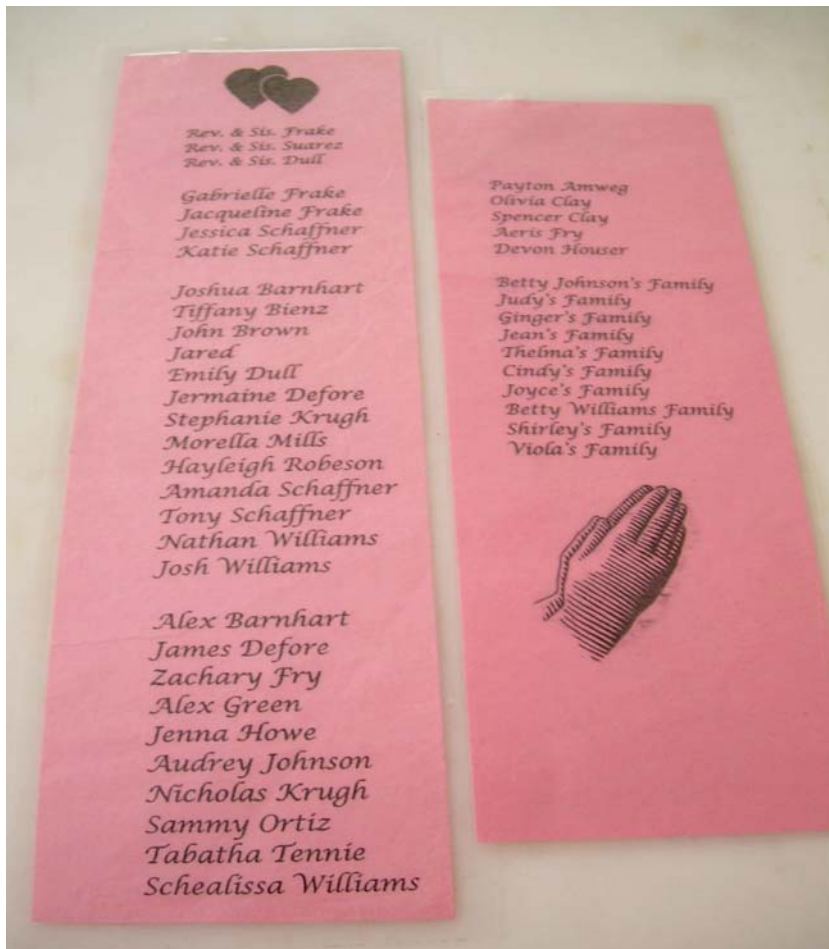
Church Big League Cards

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Print several pages of these verses, cut them apart and give each child in class three or more. Students find someone in the congregation to fill out the back this week. The person lists his name, approximately when he was baptized and where, and when and where he received the Holy Ghost.

Next Sunday let students share the information on the cards, and award Tootsie Roll midgits (“When the Roll Is Called”) to the collectors of the earliest, most recent, farthest away, and so on baptism and infilling.

Back to School!



Cindy Krugh does an excellent job with Daughters of Zion at the Van Wert, Ohio, church. She gives us all a laminated bookmarker with the names of the kids from the church to keep in our Bible and use for our daily prayer as they go back to school. Bravo, Cindy!

Have You POWered Up?



The Kids Power Up Radio Program was launched the first week of July 2008. You can listen to computer radio at the following sites: *kidspowerup.com* or *thereishopefortoday.com*.

This is a weekly 30-minute program for children 8 years through 11 years. Younger children will enjoy it also. Each week a new stand-alone story is introduced by consistent characters. These characters are introduced at *kidspowerup.com*. They include Mike the Microphone, Pete the Pulpit, Melody the Keyboard, and Ben the Bible. These characters are cute adventurers who come alive when the lights go out on Sunday night after service. Their introductions are dramas in themselves!

In addition to computer radio, the program is available to air weekly at the local radio stations in your area. Some stations will air the program for free. If you are interested in hosting the program in your area, contact Tiffini Countaway with Media Missions Division at 314-837-7300.

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