



A Gospel Presentation for Children



The Throne in the Circle

Purpose: I can choose to give Jesus control of my life.

Objects to collect:

1. Small stones - enough for each child and leader
2. 6 – 8 sticks or paper and marker or if outside, draw a circle on the ground
3. Four small sticks (to form the throne)
4. Two small stones or pieces of paper: one with “ME” written on it and the other “JESUS”
5. 2 small sticks and a string or grass to wrap them together to form a cross (during your presentation)
6. Your Bible - bookmarked at Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 15:3,4, John 1:12; ask a child to read some of the verses for you when you ask them.

Presentation/Activity:

1. Gather into a circle as a group.
2. Draw a circle (on paper or in sand) in the middle of your group.
 - Ask “What does this look like?” after a few answers explain “Today, this circle is going to remind us of your life.”
3. Draw a simple chair (or lay down a few sticks in a row) inside the circle and ask:
 - “What does this look like?” (Allow some guessing.) “Yes, it’s a chair, but a special kind of chair that only important people get to sit on!” (Allow a few more guesses.) “Yes, this is a throne!”
 - “Who gets to sit on a throne?” (A king.) “Why?” (Because he is the boss.)
 - “When you were born, who was on the throne in your life, who was the boss?” After some answers place the “ME” paper on the throne and explain: “The Bible tells us that we are the boss - which sounds great. But there is a problem. When we are in control of our life, we often choose to break God’s laws; we choose to sin.”
 - Ask a child to read Romans 3:23.
4. Hand out a stone to each child and leader, and keep one for yourself.
 - As you hand out the stones, explain: “Think about one way that you have broken God’s laws, one way that you have sinned.” (Talk about some of God’s rules they may have broken - maybe one of the Ten Commandments.)
 - “The problem with us being the boss, is that we choose to break God’s laws and our life becomes full of sin. Place your stone in the circle and say out loud one way that you have broken God’s laws.” (Let them each place their stone in confessing their one sin. All the leaders including yourself do the same).



5. Pick up the paper with "JESUS."
 - Ask: "When you were born, where was Jesus? Where should I put him?" After a few answers, place him outside the circle.
 - Explain: "Jesus loves you very much, but He will not force His way into your life. He will only come in if you invite him to come in."
 - Point to the circle and ask, "There is one reason He can't come in - what is your life filled with?" "Yes, sin. Jesus is God. God is holy and perfect and can't be where there is sin. But God has a great plan..."
6. Pick up the two sticks and wrap them together in the shape of a cross.
 - While you are doing this, have a child read from your Bible: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. "Even though He did nothing wrong, Jesus let men nail him to a cross. He died there, to take the punishment for us." Place your cross upright in the sand or on the floor.
 - The good news is Jesus didn't stay dead! He rose again, ALIVE, three days later!
 - Explain: "When you confess your sin, and tell God you believe that His Son Jesus died to take the punishment for your sin, and then invite Jesus into your life, He will come in!"
7. Then wipe away or take out all the stones from inside the circle.
 - Explain that, "Because Jesus died on the cross to take our punishment, when you invite him in, he erases/takes away all that sin so that you can become a child of God forever and He can live in your life. When you invite Him into your life you are also asking Him to sit on the throne of your life, to take control and be your Lord."
8. Take the "ME" off the throne and place the "JESUS" on the throne.
 - Explain: "With Jesus in control, you begin a forever relationship with Him just like you were created to have. He will help you stand up against sin."
9. Give the invitation.
 - "If any of you would like to make this decision to invite the Lord Jesus into your life and become a member of God's family, you can come and ask me about it -I'll be sitting (name the place and time where you will be available)."
10. Later, display the stones and the cross you made as a reminder of the lesson.