

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

HOME STUDY 20TH MARCH 2020.

This is a time of great communication. We can either see the glass half full or half empty. I want to encourage our Church Family to see the glass half full.

REASON:

There is some remaining in the glass, that we can decide how to utilize. The empty portion of our situation presently, we have no control. This was orchestrated by the universal virus called corona.

QUESTION:

What should we do with the half we have (time)?

Time with our family. I would suggest we introduce our family to some Old Testament stories.

I would highlight some lessons to be learnt and activities we can participate in.

LESSON 1.

Joshua 1: 1 - 9.

- a. Joshua was prepared spiritually for the call of God.
- b. God gives instructions to fulfill His purpose.
- c. He gives the assurance of His presence always, to those who are obedient.
- d. Be strong and very courageous.

ACTIVITY:

V7 - TREASURE CHEST - in or out of the house.

Instructions: look for prize not going left or right but straight to hidden object.

ON THE RIVER ON THE BANK - Lesson to be taught: concentration on the "Word" - instruction. **(V8)**

LESSON 2.

Daniel 1: 1 - 21.

Daniel was a young person who believed in the only true God.

Even though he was taken into captivity, he continued to acknowledge the True and Living God, and worshiped Him alone.

V4: highlight the qualifications to serve the King, which were to be healthy, good looking, have wisdom and knowledge, quick to understand.

V8: Daniel in spite of all privileges offered to him decided that he would not make himself unclean by the Kings' delicacies and wines.

V9: God brought Daniel into favor and good-will through the chief of the eunuchs, to be given the special food, to assist him in maintaining his conviction.

ACTIVITY:

Build an activity board. Allow family to cut or draw different types of fruits and drinks that are healthy, and stick them on the board.

Lessons: Advise why some drinks are unhealthy.

e.g.: It destroys the body, families, behavior, and exposes oneself to sinful behavior.

.....Allow someone in the family, or use a tape or YouTube to learn another language (Spanish).

Give rewards for the persons who learn the most words. I would suggest 1, 2, 3; to encourage participation.

.....Teach table etiquette.

- Napkin positioning (You Tube); if help is not available in the home.
- Proper washing of hands before meals.
- Praying before meal. And worshipping the only true God through Jesus Christ.

LESSON 3.

EXODUS 25: 1 - 9.

God and Moses had a dynamic relationship. They spoke to each other on a regular basis.

In the temple, a sanctuary was ordered by the Lord to be built for the Lord to dwell.

How was it to be built? From the hands of God's people, the Israelites.

V2. Instructions for building:

....Bring offering from everyone who will bring it WILLINGLY with his heart.

This lesson tell us that God only accepts gifts given to Him with a willing heart. I am sure we have had the experience of having to pry open the hands and heart of members to give to the Word of God.

Lessons we can learn:

1. God determines what He wants from us.
2. He also determines what type of giving He will accept: Willing.
3. He always wants His presence to be with us.

ACTIVITY:

A song that we can sing: What can I render to Jehovah? (You Tube)

Establish a "Mission Initiative":

Ask children to look around the house for any coins they find and put it into the container provided. Any money they find in the house hanging around (hide your purse, lol). You may want to place certain coins or notes that they can discover. Ask the older ones to donate from their savings. It may be a good idea to ask children to look through their cupboard and donate clothes that may be small for them to give to the needy.

LESSON: Children may learn to give with a willing heart, for that's the giving that God appreciates. Teach about tithing, explain the tithe envelope. Encourage them to use it, with whatever they have.

Dramatize an accident. Get the family to represent doctors, lawyers, nurses, ambulance driver.

CONCLUSION:

1. Money given to God is usually spent on Mission - locally and foreign. Feeding the needy, sending money to missions; example: Hurricane, flooding, earthquake, etc.

2. Ask who would like a career in these areas: Missionary Doctors, Nurses and all careers. For this lesson “Missionary” is a person purposing to proclaim the Jesus story in every opportunity given, as they work in their career.

**Let's work together from our homes to evangelize for
The Kingdom of God.**