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Opportunities

Theme

We should learn everything we can in school while we have the opportunity.

Items you will need

Water gun/soaker (Can be purchased inexpensively at a dollar store. Consider using a pump-style rather than a militant-looking gun.)

Large bucket of water

Object lesson

Tell the students that the water represents things they can learn, and the water soaker represents them as students. Fill the soaker as full as possible to illustrate the fact that when you prepare for a water battle, you would be foolish to enter the game with a partially filled soaker.

We each are like this soaker: we can fill ourselves with knowledge in preparation for life.

School is an opportunity to fill up with knowledge and wisdom.

Opportunities

We don't know what all we may need in life. We must prepare for anything that may come.

A filled soaker can represent potential. How much potential do you have?

Verses to consider

Ecclesiastes 9:10—Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Proverbs 4:7—Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 16:16—How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Applications

How can you fill your soaker?

1. Come to school every day.
2. Pay attention in class and answer the teacher's questions.
3. Read and study the lesson completely.
4. Do your homework carefully. Double-check your answers.
5. Study diligently for tests.
6. Learn your Bible memory to fill your mind with verses for spiritual warfare.

7. Consider how school lessons apply to life outside of school.
8. Look up interesting things in the encyclopedia—learn from more than just your textbook.

Additional ideas

You could arrange with a student beforehand to help you by letting you splash them lightly with water. After filling up the soaker, tell the class your helper is going to get wet. Everyone will anticipate that you will soak them. You can simply use your fingers and flick some water on your helper.

If you are able to, discharge your soaker outside and show them how far it reaches.



My Cup Runneth Over

Theme

When we have joy and cheerfulness, we can share them with others.

Items you will need

- Three cups: one very small, one medium, one large
- A flat pan to catch water from the cups
- Enough water to fill the medium cup

Object lesson

Fill the medium cup with water before class. Pour the water from the medium cup into the little cup to show how this cup can easily make the little cup run over.

Leave the large cup empty, but ask the children how much they think this one would make the little cup run over. Then tell them the large cup represents Satan's offer to make us feel happy with things of the world that go against God, but it is all empty. Pour out of this large cup into the little cup and surprise them with there being nothing in it.