

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A California style pizza

If someone from New York ordered pizza and got a pizza looking like this, they would probably send it back. New Yorkers like their pizza very thin and flat, with giant slices. A Chicago pizza lover would send back this California pizza and the New York pizza. They like their pizza with a thick double crust with sauce on top. Every region of the country has its own preference for pizza. Some like it thick, some like it thin. Some like tiny toppings, some like big toppings. And if you think this is strange, you should see some of the pizzas they serve in Asia, where you can get not just cheese in the crust, but hot dogs and hamburgers!

When we travel to different parts of the world, it's important we respect their customs. Even here in our community and our schools, we will find people who do things we see as odd and different. Not everyone was raised like we were, and when we see people who are different, we need to remember they are still children of God. Everyone deserves to be treated with love and compassion. We may not always agree on things, but we can still love them with the love of Jesus.

It doesn't matter how you top your pizza. Everyone deserves to be loved. Let's ask God to help us become believers who treat everybody with love and compassion.

LARGE GROUP GAME

WHAT LANGUAGE IS THAT?

ITEMS NEEDED:

YouTube clips of different spoken languages

INSTRUCTIONS:

In this game, you will ask five questions. Each question will be, “What language is this person speaking?” You will then play a clip of someone speaking a foreign language and the kids will try to guess what language it is. Kids will raise their hands to answer. If you guess right you can stay in. If you guess wrong you're out. Whomever is the last one in the game wins a prize.

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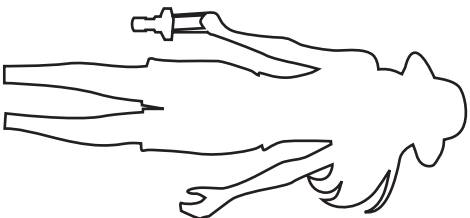
You can have an adult leader prepare a few phrases in different languages and speak them aloud instead of using audio or video.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

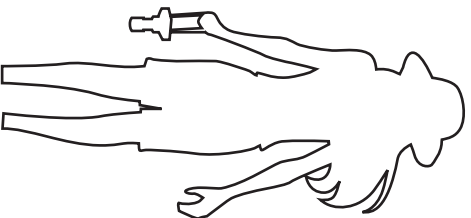
We need to treat everyone with compassion, even those who are different from us.

CRAFT ACTIVITY

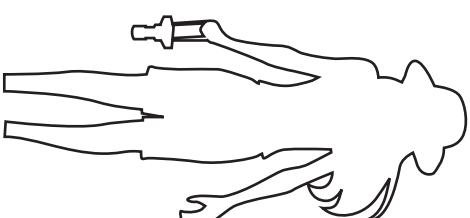
Have the kids create invitations so they can invite a friend to church next week.



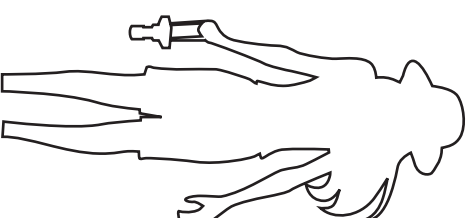
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