Enough: Worship Resources

**Children’s Sermons**

Option 1
Show the children a $5 dollar bill, and ask them if any of them LOVE money. Find out why, and see what they'd like to do with such a dollar.

**Money can buy many nice things, but there is sometimes a danger attached to loving money:**

* Develop a Temptation to waste it on things we really don’t need.
* The love of money makes us want more and more and more…we get greedy, and won’t want to share.
* We spend a lot of time thinking about money, then we won't be thinking about God.

**There’s an awesome way to show our love of money:**

* The followers of Jesus can use their money well by being generous, sharing, and being rich in good works.
* Put the $5 in the offering plate.

Option 2

**The best thing to do with a dollar is to put it to work for God…**

* for the Sunday School offering that will help…
* for the morning worship offering that helps people who are hungry in Africa as well as right here in {Local Community}
* for the cool things you use to learn about Jesus in Sunday School
* for this church building so we can worship and praise God, allow others to meet here who need help, and our nursery school for kids.

**The best way to show our love of money is to put it to work for God! Keep that in mind every week you get money…with an allowance or for your birthday or if you work**.

* Put your money to work for God by offering some of it to help others!
* Buy or make blank paper people cutouts of different colors and have markers or crayons handy. Ask to have a few parents or older youth to help the younger children with their cutouts.
* Everyone is special and different because God made us that way! You are God’s beloved ones! You are holy and special!
* Give each child a paper cutout and crayon/marker and have them (or with an older helper) write or draw things that make them who they are. (boy, girl, tall, short, hair length, glasses)
* Other things make up who they are too, like: student, soccer player, pianist, drawer, friend, sister/brother. Let them write down words that describe these aspects.

**Then read Colossians 3:12** *“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” The Bible reminds us of even more things that make you YOU—being nice, using kind words, being helpful, patient, loving, etc.*

Take your paper cutout home and work with your mom or dad or grandparent to name all the ways God made you YOU!

**Prayer:**Thank you God for making me ME! Amen!

Option 3

Put a baseball cap on your head, and ask the children to tell you what it means. Say that it means that you like to play baseball (or softball), and describe your favorite position. Then say that it also means that you are part of a team — a team that has one name and one identity, even though it is made up of many different types of players. Point out that the Christian church is a lot like a baseball team, in that we have one identity but lots of different players.

Let them know that the apostle Paul says that our Christian team has “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:5-6), but at the same time we have lots of different kinds of players: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (v. 11). Ask them to tell you what is good about having one name and one identity, but also lots of different players. Point out that one identity pulls the team together, and keeps it “joined and knit together,” but having different players means that you can cover all your different positions, so that you can be sure that “each part is working properly” (v. 16). Ask the children to tell you which position they like to play in baseball (pitcher, catcher, infield, outfield), and then ask them to tell you what they like to do in the church (sing, read, help other people). Close by encouraging them to play the position they like best, and to try to support the team in whatever way they can. (from Homiletics)

* Have small paper cups for all kids (bathroom size could be perfect) and a really large paper/plastic cup for each child (16oz or 24oz would be great!)

**What’s a God-sized vision?**

* Moses leading the people out of Egypt from slavery into the promised land…That’s a God-sized vision!
* Putting 2 animals of every kind on the earth into an ark…That’s a God-sized vision!
* Dying on the cross for the sins of world…That’s a God-sized vision!
* Raising Jesus Christ from the dead…That’s a God-sized vision!
* Trying to build 300-500 houses for people who lost their homes to Super Storm Sandy…That’s a God-sized vision!
* Trying to bring an end to deaths from malaria…That’s a God-sized vision!
* (Name a local mission endeavor that is impacting a change for the better)…That’s a God-sized vision!
* As followers of Jesus we’re called to listen to God’s hopes and dreams for the world and try to do something about it! So I have a challenge for you too! A God-sized vision to help others! I want to give you a cup to collect change in for the next few months. The money you collect will help build a house for someone who lost theirs from Sandy, it will buy a mosquito net and train kids about how to be safe from getting malaria, and part of it will help right here in a service project for the community. (Hand out small cups)

But you know what? I’m not sure that cup is a God-sized version of helping others! Let’s “super-size” that cup for collecting your change! (Hand out the Big cup) Filling that cup up by Christmas to help others in need…now THAT’S a God-sized vision! Take it home and fill it with pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters! Bring it back to help others in need!

* Who else might be willing to take that Super-sized challenge to help us achieve our Conference’s God-sized vision for The Mission Fund?
* Have enough big cups to hand out one per family. Ask the children to go out among the congregation and give the super-sized Cups or have them available for people to take them on their way out.

**Prayer**: Super-size our hearts to serve you! Amen.