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THE WEAKNESS OF THE GREAT WALL

In ancient China, the people desired security from the barbaric, invading hordes to the north. To get this protection, they built the Great Wall of China. It's 10 metres high, 6 metres thick and almost 3,000km long.

Despite this seemingly impenetrable defence, during the first 100 years of its existence, China was successfully invaded three times.

It wasn't the wall's fault. During all three invasions, the barbarians never climbed over the wall, broke it down or went around it; they simply bribed a gatekeeper and then marched right in through an open door. The purpose of the wall failed because of a breakdown of integrity.

- We have a responsibility to help children build walls to protect their lives from attack.
- Christian values, like integrity and respect, need to be taught and modelled as well.
- The gospel also provides forgiveness for the times when we do fail and also the power to help people to actually be able to do what is right .

Our approach to children's ministry must be complete; ministering to the body, the soul and the spiritual.



QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The *mediocre* teacher tells.
The *good* teacher explains.
The *superior* teacher demonstrates.
The *great* teacher inspires."

William A Ward

"Anyone who stops learning is old,
whether at twenty or eighty."

Henry Ford

"God does not need extraordinary
people. He needs ordinary people to
do ordinary things extraordinarily well."

Anonymous

THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON



Joshua at preschool, years before
the Walls of Jericho fell.

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RESOURCE MATERIALS

Children's Ministry Network (WA) webpage
www.cmn.org.au/wa. Go to 'links' to see online resources.

Child Evangelism Fellowship - WA office
Resources, Good News Clubs, Training
(08) 9453 9403 Ken Richards



Kidsreach (David Goodwin)

www.kidsreach.org.nz

Go to the resources section.

Children's Ministry Resources - 2008 CD This CD from Kidsreach gets better every year. Hundreds of 'pages' of stories, jokes, object lessons, games, devotions, craft ideas, quotes, etc. \$25 plus p&p. Great value.

www.max7.org

What a great website of freebies. This concept is powered by the Oasis team in Sydney (along with Waffle the puppet) and allows people worldwide to contribute or use resources for kid's ministry ... and its FREE!



FILLER GAME

GUESSTIMATE:



Equipment:

- Glass jar or clear container
- Jelly beans, or other lollies

Instructions:

Before the program, the leader counts the number of sweets in the jar and writes the answer on a piece of paper which is then put out of sight. To play the game, get the children to guess the total number of sweets in the jar and to write it down on a piece of paper along with their name. The leader then displays the correct answer. The player who guesses closest to the correct number is the winner. The winner has to share (say) two sweets each with the other players and then gets to keep the rest of the goodies to take home. Why not be creative and use items that are healthy instead!

Resource book: **Fun Packed Fillers**. Over 70 games & activities that take between 30 seconds and 3 minutes.
(\$5.50) Available from **OAC Ministries** (08) 9310 6220

OBJECT LESSON

\$20 NOTE



Theme: Our value comes from who we are, not what we can do.

Talk: Hold up a \$20 note and ask the following questions (allow children to give answers in between) -

"Who can tell me how many dollars this \$20 note is worth?"

"Is this note worth \$20 because it's good at sport?"

"Is this note worth \$20 because it's good at its school work?"

"Is this note worth \$20 because it's good at playing a musical instrument?"

"No matter what this \$20 can or can't do, it is still worth \$20. This \$20 note is valuable, not because of what it can do, but because of what it is."

"People are worth far more than \$20. In fact people are worth more than money. We are made in God's likeness, by God and for God. We are valuable and precious to him. When God made the sun, moon, stars & animals he said, 'That's good.' However, when he made people he said, 'that's VERY good.'"



"Let's just check out to see how good this \$20 note is at sport."

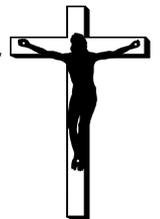
Fold the note so that it will stand by itself on its edge on a table. Instruct it to run from the table to the side of the room and back again. "Was the \$20 note able to run fast? Is it still worth \$20?"

Instruct (humorously) the \$20 note to jump in the air. "Could it jump high? But it's still valuable even though it's no good at sport"

Take the note and scrunch it in your hand. Then pretend to stamp your foot on it.

"Is the \$20 note still valuable? No matter what I do to it, it is still worth \$20. There are times in my life when I feel all scrunched up. I feel hurt by others or useless, but I'm still valuable."

"The wonderful thing is that to God we are valuable. He never sent his son, Jesus to give his life for the animals or the trees, but he did give his life for people ... you and me. Why? Because he made us in his own likeness, he loves us and we are very precious and valuable to him."



Resource book: **Everyday Object lessons**. 36 lessons.
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