

Children's Bible Lesson for SNU Sunday

Bible Verse:

"Make me to know thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths." Psalms 25:4

Objectives:

1. The students will understand that God calls individuals to serve Him in many different types of occupations.
2. The students will understand what type of education will prepare them for service in the occupation in which God has called them.
3. The students will know that SNU has many different departments that will help them prepare for the type of service into which God is calling them.

Anticipatory (Getting students' attention)

Ask students what they want to be when they grow up. Write their responses on the blackboard/dry erase board. Keep a tally of how many students want to do the same thing when they grow up. Get students to discuss why they desire to go into that occupation.

Explain that in the Bible we can read how God called people into many different types of work.

Lesson:

1. For younger grades, teachers can read and share the following passages that show that God calls individuals to serve Him in many different occupations. In grades 3-6, teachers can assign different students to find the following passages and read them to the class. Teachers should be familiar with the passage so they can elaborate on each of the passages and callings.
 - **Genesis 39:2-4**—God called Joseph to be the **administrator of** Potiphar's **business** affairs.
 - **Exodus 3:7-10**—God called Moses to be **leader** (Similar to today's President, governor, mayor).
 - **Exodus 18:12-16**—God called Moses to be a **judge**.
 - **Exodus 35:30-35**—God called Bezalel and Oholiab to be gifted **artists** (weavers, and craftsman) and to be **teachers**.
 - **Deuteronomy 31:19-23**—God called Moses to write the words (**composer**) of a song and teach (**teacher/music director**) it to the people.

- **II Chronicles 5: 11-12**-- God called **musicians** (singers and band members) to lead music in the temple.
 - **I Chronicles 29:8**-- God called Jehiel to be a **bookkeeper** or **accountant**.
 - **II Chronicles 2:14**—God called Hiramabi to be an **inventor**, goldsmith and silversmith.
 - **Ecclesiastes 1:1**—God called Solomon to be an **author** and **preacher**.
 - **Revelation 1:1-2**—God called John to be an **author**; to write down his vision.
 - **Joshua 1:2-9**—God also called Joshua to be **leader** (mayor, governor, President) of people.
 - **I Samuel 16:1, 12-13**—God called David to be **king**. (Today that is similar to President)
 - **Jonah 1:1-2**-- God called Jonah to be a **missionary**.
 - **Luke 6:12-16** and **Mathew 4: 19-22**—Jesus called His disciples to be **preachers** and **missionaries**.
 - **Matthew 10:1**—Jesus called His disciples to be **doctors** and to heal the sick.
 - **Acts 9:1-9**—God called Paul to be a **missionary**.
2. After sharing and discussing the passages, teachers should explain that in order for students to be the best musician, pastor, teacher, etc. that they will need an education and go to college. Explain that SNU has the following departments that will help them become effective preachers, musicians, etc. for God.
- **Music Department** –to become a musician (composer, singer or instrumentalist)
 - **Religion Department** – to become a pastor or missionary
 - **Art Department** – to become an artist
 - **Education Department** – to become a teacher
 - **Business Department and Math Department** - to become an accountant or businessman
 - **Political Science and History Department** – to become a judge, lawyer, governor, mayor, President or other politician
 - **Biology Department, Chemistry Department and Nursing Department** – to become a doctor or nurse
 - **English Department and Speech/Communication Department** – to become any type of writer
 - **Physics Department** – to become an inventor

3. Class Activity:

After the discussion, teacher should pass a copy of the included certificate. Teachers should help them fill in the blanks correctly.

Certificate of Attendance

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_____ understands that study in the _____ Department at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma, will help her reach her goal.

*Her targeted college graduation date is May, _____.
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