

FUN FISH – In Every SHAPE

Session 8: DIAMOND – Be Good – Jeremiah in a Well

Memory Line: “Thank you for making me” (Psalm 139:14 NLT).

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Shape and Topic:

You can find a DIAMOND here and there. On a ring. In a window. In a book. Diamonds are beautiful. And they can remind us to be good, as you will see in this story.

Bible Story: Jeremiah in a Well (Jeremiah 38)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Jeremiah

King

Ebedmelech

Bad men

Materials needed: (if you don't have the materials below, feel free to replace them)

Black/brown cloth for a well.

Huge diamond ring

Throne

Crown for king

Reflective Time (interactive):

Sometimes it is hard to be good. Why do you think it is a good idea to be good? So, whenever you see a DIAMOND, remember that it is possible to be good.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, help me be good. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“In Every SHAPE” card for this session:



Story 8: “Jeremiah in a Well” (Jeremiah 38)

There was a city full of naughty people. A teacher named Jeremiah tried to tell them, "Please don't do bad things. God wants you to be good."

But the people didn't like it. They ran to the king. "O King, Jeremiah keeps telling us to be good. We don't like it. Stop him!"

The king raised his hand with a gigantic DIAMOND ring. "Alright. Just throw him in the well. That will keep him quiet."

The men bowed. "Thank you, O King." They dragged Jeremiah to a well. They tied ropes around his waist and lowered him down. "What have I done wrong?" cried Jeremiah.

"You want us to be good, but we don't want to. If you're in the well, we can't hear you anymore. Don't worry, there's no water in the well."

Jeremiah sank into the mud up to his chest. "Help!" he called, but no one cared. So, he prayed. "Please, God, save me. Get me out of here." God heard him.

In that city there lived a good man - Ebedmelech. He ran to the king. "O King, Jeremiah will die in that well. Please, may I take him out?"

The king raised his hand with the gigantic DIAMOND ring. "Alright, you can pull him out. I promise no one will ever hurt him again."

Ebedmelech bowed. "Thank you, O King." He ran to the well and called, "Jeremiah, here is a rope. I will pull you out."

Ebedmelech pulled. Others helped him. Up came Jeremiah. They helped him out.

No one ever hurt Jeremiah again. But he stopped telling them that they should be good. It is that important.