



CONNECTING TO COMMUNITIES

Making a Connection that Counts!

Children’s Message

(Object Lesson: A lamp, a Bible, and an outlet)

Today, we’re talking about making connections. Connections are important, aren’t they? Jesus shows us that he wants us to make connections with people in our lives!

I have a lamp here and I need to make the right connection to make this lamp work. What do I need to do to make this lamp light up; in other words, what do I need to do to make the connection work? (You need to plug it in—plug it into an outlet if you have one available)

(Take the lamp and plug it into the lectern, communion pad, or floor and ask the kids if they think that will work—of course not!) Why won’t those connections work? (Because there is no electricity there—there’s no power!) That’s right—to make the connection work, you need the lamp to be connected to a power source.

Did you know that as Christians, God has given us a power source to make connections with? Can anyone tell me what it is (hold up Bible)? (The Bible) That’s right! The Bible is God’s Word and God’s Word is powerful. Can you give me an example of how you’ve seen that God’s Word is powerful? (Creation—God spoke, “let there be light” and there was light!) Is your word that powerful? Could you say, “let there be ____ fill in the blank?” God’s Word is powerful, in fact it is so powerful that it creates faith in our hearts.

What do you think God wants us to do with this powerful Word? (Tell others about Jesus.) God wants you and me to tell our parents and our friends and everyone about Jesus and how much he loves you and me—so much so that he died on the cross to take away our sins. God wants us to connect them with the one power source God uses to create faith—His Word. Now that’s a connection that counts!

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your powerful Word. Thank you for making a connection to us by sharing your Word with us. Lead us to now tell many others about what Jesus has done for us as you tell us in the Bible and so make a connection that counts. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.