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ATTENTIVENESS

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 85:8a

I will hear what God the Lord will speak.

DEFINITION:

Attentiveness is listening with the eyes, ears, and heart.

I WILL...

I will look at people when they speak to me.

I WILL...

I will ask questions when I do not understand.

I WILL...

I will sit or stand up straight.

ATTENTIVENESS

DAY 1

Read the definition to the kids, and have them repeat it with you.

Attentiveness also means that you show someone's worth by giving them your undivided attention. This means that you always watch and listen carefully. You don't interrupt, or get distracted.

Prayer

Lord, help me to learn to listen with my eyes, ears, and heart. Help me to show others their worth by giving them my attention, and to always watch and listen carefully.

Day 2

Review definition and memory verse.

Teach the “I wills of attentiveness”:

1. I will look at people when they speak to me.
2. I will ask questions when I do not understand.
3. I will sit or stand up straight.

Prayer

Father, help me to remember these 4 things, and learn to practice them so I will be attentive as I ought to be. Thank you that you speak to us through others, and through your Word. Help me to be a good listener.

Day 3

Review definition, memory verse, and “I Wills”.

Lesson

The opposite of attentive is distracted.

What will make us distracted?

(Playing with things, looking around rather than where you should be looking, interrupting)

To pay attention: your hands and body should be still, you should look at the person, and listen.

Practice

Practice being attentive by sitting up straight, looking right at me, and being still (hands in lap).

While sitting like that, let's say the memory verse together.

Prayer

Lord, help me not to be distracted when I should be paying attention. I want to learn to pay attention, so I will listen and hear Your voice when You speak to me.

Day 4

Review definition, memory verse, and "I Wills".

Role play

Tell the kids to pretend in these situations and respond wrong, then right.

*Wrong first:

As mom is speaking, child interrupts.

As mom is speaking, one child fiddles with toys.

*Right:

As moms speaks, kids sit up still, and straight, and listen.

Play Attentiveness Game

Give a child a series of orders. Tell them one time, and see if they can remember them all.

*Stand up, go to the kitchen, get me a glass of water, come and sit back down.

*Stand up, go to your bedroom and put your Bible on the bed, bring your pillow down with you, come and sit down.

(Depending on age, you can make it easier or a bit harder.)

Play "Mama Says"

This is just like Simon Says. Stress the importance of being attentive as they play.

Prayer

Lord, help me to remember to listen closely and not interrupt. Keep my eyes and ears tuned to the teaching and instruction that is given to me.

Day 5

Review definition, verse, and the “I Wills” together.

Have each child say them to you separately. Give reward sticker for chart when they can complete all of them correctly.