



SHARING WITH OTHERS

PIM 2020 #1
WHAT IS SELF DENIAL?

YOU WILL NEED:

- Cake (preferably home baked, cookies will also work)

Good morning guys. I have an extra special surprise for us this morning. I've got a cake. This cake looks so yummy. I made/bought this cake for us but, you know what, on second thought I don't think I want to share this with you guys. I'm not really in the sharing mood. (There should be a lot of complaining at this point.) I mean after all I made/bought this cake why should I share it with you?

Do you guys think that's very nice? Did you know there are some people in this world that think just like that? A lot of us who live in Canada (or Bermuda) have many privileges that others don't have. We can go get ice cream whenever our parents say it's ok. We can go shopping for food. We have cars to drive in. We have televisions with a lot of channels. In some countries, they don't have any of that. Sometimes they don't even have electricity or running water. We have been given a lot in Canada and it's like me not wanting to share the cake with you. We think that it's just for us. But God tells us that we are to share with others. Let's read together Hebrews 13:16,

"Don't forget to do good. Don't forget to share with others. God is pleased with those kinds of offerings." (NIV)

Do you think I should share with you? (Children will answer yes) You know what, there is way more cake than I should have.

PRAYER: God, thank you for everything you have given us. We live in a country where we have so much compared to the rest of the world. There may be some of us that don't have much even in our country. Let us help each other by sharing when we have more than we need. You have commanded us to care for one another. Help us to share all that we have. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



EQUALITY

PIM 2020 #2 - EQUALITY FOR ALL
INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S CENTRE

YOU WILL NEED:

- 4 glasses (possibly transparent)
- Red & Blue Food Colouring
- Salt
- Sugar

PREPARATION:

Add drops of blue food colouring to one glass of water; red food colouring to the second; a teaspoon of salt to the third; a teaspoon of sugar to the last.

In the Partners in Mission video, we saw something that you guys are very familiar with: Going to school. What were some differences between your school and the school shown in the video? (Things like uniforms, beds, people who are blind and visually impaired. They may pick up that others are orphans).

There are things that are different about each one of us, but there were also many things in the video that were very similar to your school. What were some things that were similar to your school? (These things may be harder for the kids to see, e.g. textbooks/recess/games/desks/Frozen pencil case).

Here, we have four glasses.

ACTION POINT:

Have one child taste the two coloured waters and ask if they taste different. They may say yes so be prepared to have them try again. Next, have the other child taste the salt and sugar water. Again, ask the child if the waters taste different. If one child, they can taste all the water.

In the first two glasses, the only difference was that I added a few drops of food colouring to each glass of water (food colouring has no taste). There was no difference except for the colour. However, the others looked identical but one had salt and the other had sugar. The tastes of these waters were very different. Did one taste better? Some people may be treated badly because they are seen as 'different.' Maybe they look different from us. Maybe they have a disability. Maybe they live in a different neighbourhood. There are many factors that make people different, but God doesn't look at those things.

To God, we are all equal in His eyes. He cares about what is on the inside. Together, let's read 1 Samuel 16:7,

"But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the LORD looks at what is in the heart.'" (NIRV)

It doesn't matter what we look like on the outside, God cares about what's on the inside and with Jesus we can be like sweet sugar water.

PRAYER:

God help us to treat each other the same. Remind us that it's not what we look like that matters but how we live our lives. Help us to live our lives for you. Thank you for making us unique but loving us all the same. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



GOD'S COMFORT

PIM 2020 #3 - GIVING HOPE
THE COUNSELLING & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

YOU WILL NEED:

- Teddy bear or stuffed animal
- Blanket
- Money

What are some things that comfort us when we are afraid? What things do you hold on to when you are scared?

ACTION POINT: Hold up the teddy bear.

Does this help you when you're afraid? Well, some people like to hold a stuffed animal when they are afraid to comfort them, but I don't think it would help protect you very much.

ACTION POINT: Hold up the blanket.

How about this blanket? Have you ever hid under the blankets when you were afraid of a storm or a loud noise? It might also comfort you a little bit, but I don't think it will keep you very safe.

ACTION POINT: Hold up some money.

How about this money? Did you know that many people think that having money will keep them safe and secure? They think that they can handle anything as long as they have money. Money may be able to help you with some things, but it really can't protect you and keep you safe.

There are some people who are treated very badly and are very afraid a lot of the time. People threaten them or hurt them. They have nobody to turn to when they are afraid. They may not have a teddy bear to hold on to. They may not even have a blanket. All the things that we might hold onto when we are afraid, they may not have. However, even when we don't have anything to turn to here on Earth, we always have God to turn to. When we turn to God and pray, we can be rest assured that He is with us and cares for us. The night before Jesus was going to die on the cross, his disciples were scared too, but Jesus said something to them. Together, let's read John 16:33,

"I have told you these things, so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." (NIV)

It's nice to have a blanket or a stuffed animal or even a parent to turn to when we're scared. These are all great things. However, sometimes we may not have these things. What we will always have is God. When we're afraid, let's remember to turn to him.

PRAYER: God help those around the world who don't have things to turn to when they are scared. Help them realize that you are with them. When we are scared, let us always remember that you are with us and will always comfort us. Keep us safe. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

PIM 2020 #4
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BANGLADESH



YOU WILL NEED:

- Candle
- Matches or lighter
- Cupcake

What are some of your favourite days of the year? Christmas? Halloween? Easter? These are all great days but for a lot of people, their favourite day is their birthday.

I don't know about you but I just love blowing out the candles on my birthday cake. It's always a game to make sure you get them all in one blow. This definitely gets harder as you get older. But to make it easy I have a cup cake here with one single candle. However, you know that this candle not only represents how old we are but it can also be the light that shines in us when the Holy Spirit is in our lives and we are living like Jesus.

Who here knows the song "This Little Light of Mine"? Let's sing the 3 verses:

1. This little light of mine
2. Hide it under a bushel? No!
3. Won't let Satan (blow) it out

ACTION POINT: As you sing the last verse, blow the candle out each time the song says, "blow".

Hey, my light went out. Does Satan blow our lights out sometimes? However, If you follow Jesus and let your light shine, there is no way that Satan can blow it out.

This is what The Salvation Army is doing in Bangladesh. They are helping people who have been neglected and who suffer from illnesses. They are helping them feel better and teaching them to move forward in their lives. They are shining lights to the people in their community. Let's read together Matthew 5:16,

"In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." (NirV)

We are all called to be shining lights for God wherever we are.

PRAYER: Thank you for being the shining light to this world and leading us out of darkness. Help us do the same thing for every person we meet. Help us be shining lights that Satan will never blow out. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



TEAMWORK & SUPPORT

PIM 2020 #5
ALL GIRLS DESERVE QUALITY EDUCATION

YOU WILL NEED:

- Stack of hardcover books
- 2 pieces of paper
- Pencil
- Clipboard
- Scissors
- Tape

PREPARATION: Take one of the pieces of paper, and draw lines on it lengthwise, approximately 1.75 inches apart, making 5 strips. They should be even to prevent an uneven surface.

I have a stack of books here and I want you to lift a few of them.

ACTION POINT: Have the child lift 4 or 5 of the books (enough so that they can feel the weight).

They're pretty heavy aren't they?

ACTION POINT: Roll up the unlined piece of paper.

Do you think this piece of paper would be able to hold the weight of the books? (You could even have a second piece of paper and try to stack the books on the single piece of paper). By itself, it won't be able to hold the weight of all these books. But what if we cut it into a few strips? Will that be better?

ACTION POINT: Take the lined paper and cut it into even strips. Roll them fairly tight, tape and stand them up. Place the clipboard on top of rolls.

The paper is smaller. How many books do you think these small pieces of paper can hold?

ACTION POINT: Begin placing the books on the clipboard.

By themselves, the pieces of paper would never be able to hold up all these books. But working together, they are able to hold up against so much more.

In today's Partners in Mission video, we saw a school in India. At this school, the students are paired together, an older student with a younger one. The younger one is learning from the older one but the older girl said, "She is my friend. She is junior, I am senior, but we are not like junior and senior – We are like sisters. There are no differences." The girls work together. They learn from each other. They can depend on each other if things are difficult.

We need to do the same thing for one another in the church. We shouldn't try to do things on our own. God does not want us to walk the journey of being a Christian alone. That is why we have a church family. Let's read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12,



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“Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other one up. But suppose a person falls down and doesn’t have anyone to help them up. Then feel sorry for that person!

Or suppose two people lie down together. Then they’ll keep warm. But how can one person keep warm alone? One person could be overpowered. But two people can stand up for themselves. And a rope made out of three cords isn’t easily broken”. (NIRV)

These verses show just how important it is to have someone helping you. It also mentions a third person when it mentions a cord of three strands. Who do you think the third person might be? (Wait until you receive the correct answer: God). Yes! Even when we work together to help one another, we need God to help us as well. When we have God helping us, and other people in the church we can be just like the paper. Together we can hold up many difficult things.

PRAYER: God, thank you for giving us a church family. Help us to not do things by ourselves but to rely on each other, especially when things get difficult. Together we can help lift each other up. Help us to keep you in everything we do. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

SMALL THINGS MATTER

PIM 2020 #6
LEPROSY CARE - BAPATLA, INDIA

YOU WILL NEED:

- Large bowl of water
- Small, light items (rice or paper clips)
- Medium items (coins, small toy)
- Large items (rocks, big toy)

Have you ever thought about how your actions or words can affect others? I have a bowl of water here and we're going to drop some things into it to see what happens.

ACTION POINT: Start by dropping in the smaller items. There should be small ripples as the item hits the water. Keep doing this, increasing the item size as you go. You could even drop 2 or 3 items for a larger effect.

What did you see when we dropped the small things in the water? Like the rice? (Ripples)

What did you see when we dropped the coins in? (Ripples – maybe a small splash)

What about the rocks? (Lots of ripples and a big splash)

No matter how small something is, it can still affect what's going on around it. The bigger the action is, the bigger the impact will be. Even simple acts of kindness can create a ripple effect to those around us.

What are some small things we can do that might affect others? (Smiling at people as they pass by; holding the door for someone; sharing toys). What are some bigger things? (Writing cards for sick or lonely people; playing with someone who doesn't have many friends; donating money). What are some really big things we can do? (Visiting people in the hospital or nursing home; donating clothes or items to the Thrift Store; organizing a fundraiser; volunteering at a food bank, etc.).

The Salvation Army in India is doing something for others that we saw in today's video. We saw a hospital that serves people with a disease called leprosy. Leprosy has been around for a very long time. Even people back in the Bible had leprosy. The people around Jesus didn't want to go near anyone with leprosy because they could easily catch the disease, but Jesus wasn't afraid and he cured many people who had the disease. The Salvation Army is trying to help out in the same way. The people who come to the hospital may not be healed as quickly as Jesus healed the people in the Bible, but there is a treatment available and patients are able to receive healing. The staff and volunteers at the hospital treat the people with leprosy like Jesus did. They don't push them away. They help them and leave an everlasting, positive effect. Luke 14:13-14 say,

"But when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor. Also invite those who can't see or walk. Then you will be blessed. Your guests can't pay you back. But you will be paid back when those who are right with God rise from the dead." (NIRV)

We don't have to open a hospital to help people. That's like throwing a big rock into the water. So what can we do? We can do smaller things that help others. Everything we do will have a ripple effect to those around us.



SMALL THINGS MATTER



PRAYER: God, thank you for showing us that we can have a positive effect on the world around us. Help us to do the small things every day, like smiling at someone or holding the door for people. Help us to remember that the small things matter. Show us opportunities to reach out to people who are treated badly and show them that they are loved. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



BODY OF CHRIST

PIM 2020 #7
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED



YOU WILL NEED:

- Small puzzle (24-36 pieces)

I have a pretty easy puzzle for us to work on.

ACTION POINT: Work on the puzzle but make sure you take one piece out and keep it aside or hide it around the house.

What's wrong? There's one piece missing? Well, we can still make out what the picture is – it just isn't complete. Maybe we should try and find that last piece.

ACTION POINT: Let the children search for the puzzle for a minute and pull it out or until they find it

I'm glad we found the last piece. Our puzzle wouldn't have been complete without it. You were very important.

In today's Partners in Mission video, what was different about the students? (They were blind).

Sometimes people look different from us, and that's okay, because every person is unique and important to God. There are people with disabilities who can do things that I could never dream of doing. There are people with no arms who can write with their feet or play the drums. Many of you know who Terry Fox is. He ran across half of Canada with one prosthetic leg – he would have made it all the way if he hadn't gotten sick. I couldn't imagine being able to do that. Every person was made for a reason. Some of us may be able to do things that others can't, but that does not make us more or less important. Let's read Romans 12:5 together,

"So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts." (NIRV)

Think about this morning. Some of you had more puzzle pieces than others. But together, we never would have been able to complete the puzzle. Without that one last piece, we could still see the picture but the puzzle just wouldn't have been complete. We are all important no matter what we have to give to one another.

PRAYER: God, thank you for creating each of us different. Each one of us has a piece to play in your mission for this world. We want to pray for people who are hurt by others because they are different. Please comfort them when they feel alone because of how they are treated. We also pray for those who hurt others. Help them to understand that you love us no matter how different we are. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



FAIR OPPORTUNITY

PIM 2020 #8/9
FOLLOW THE MOP - THE BAHAMAS

YOU WILL NEED:

- Building blocks (Duplo or Lego etc.)
- Individual candies (JuJubes, jellybeans, Skittles)

I have something I want you guys to do for me. I've given each of you some blocks. I want you to build a tower.

ACTION POINT: Let the kids build a tower (doesn't matter how it looks). If you only have one child at home, have them build 2-3. Those are great towers. I've got some candies and I'm going to pay you for building these wonderful towers.

ACTION POINT: Give out candies. It doesn't matter who you give the candies to but give varying number to the children, some getting large amounts and some getting one or two. For the single child give candy in varying numbers for each tower. Again, it doesn't matter how you hand it out but there needs to be some discrepancy. Be ready for some complaining about this being unfair.

What's all the grumbling about? Do you think that's fair? You all basically did the same thing. You all built towers. There's not much different about them, but I paid you very differently. Some of you received a lot of candy and some only received one or two pieces. Did you know that this unfairness happens in the world and is one reason why we have to raise money for others during Partners in Mission?

Some of the people in the countries we help through Partners in Mission don't get paid the money that they should for the work that they do, and we are partially responsible for that. Some of the things that we buy in Canada come from these countries but the companies that make them don't pay much money for the materials. Things like chocolate, cotton that's used to make a lot of our clothes, some of our fruits and vegetables and, possibly even, your parents coffee. The farmers and people who collect these items don't get paid enough to look after their families. What we can do to help out, on top of raising money during Partners in Mission, is to buy products from companies that do pay their workers enough money to look after their families.

One more thing that we can do is look for products like we saw in the today's video and buy those things. Those products are made by companies paying their workers a fair wage. We have a program in The Salvation Army where we can buy things made in other countries called OTHERS. The people who make these items receive fair pay for their work.

Let's read together Isaiah 1:17,

"Learn to do what is right! Treat people fairly. Help those who are treated badly. Stand up in court for children whose fathers have died. And do the same thing for widows." (NIRV)

We have a responsibility to care for each other and that means that when people are being mistreated, we need to speak up and do something. An easy but meaningful thing we can do is buy items that are produced fairly. Let's protect all of God's children.



FAIR OPPORTUNITY



PRAYER: God, thank you for everything you have given to us. Thank you for the food we eat and the homes that we live in. Help us to remember that there are others around the world that doesn't have these things. Help us to look at the things that we do that can help people on the other side of the world, like simply buying food. Help us to defend those who are oppressed and mistreated. You have given us this responsibility and let us not take it for granted. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



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