

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT EVENT RESOURCE



ENCOURAGING OUR CORE VALUE OF COOPERATION

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ECCLESIASTES 4:9, 12



PRE-EVENT:

- Set up a variety of movie snacks in the lobby of your meeting area. Colour code the snacks using the colours of the various emotions in the movie "Inside Out". Serve these from tables covered in cloths matching the item, served by volunteers in coordinating coloured T-shirts. The following is a suggestion of how this might look, although there are lots of other possibilities:

YELLOW

- Popcorn served in yellow paper bags OR
- Lays regular chips in individual bags

RED

- Individual skittles packages OR Kit Kat bars

PURPLE

- Kool-Aid Jammers (also have bottles of water)

BLUE

- Fun-sized Smarties

GREEN

- Grapes (healthy option!)

- At registration, give each child a "coloured dot sticker" (http://www.amazon.ca/Teacher-Created-Resources-Colorful-Stickers/dp/B002EJ6P40/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1445958357&sr=8-1&keywords=dot+stickers) and a small box or tray. Children can only pick-up a snack that matches the colour dot they are wearing. This means they will have to cooperatively work together in order to get a complete snack-pack!

- Plan to give away a few door prizes after the movie. Have families fill out an entry form that also includes their contact information - then you can invite them back again!

- Set up a "core memories" (aka. gum balls) guessing station as kids arrive for the event. The child who guesses closest to the number of gum balls in the jar takes them home at the end of the event!

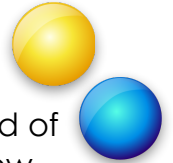
- Provide glow necklaces for each child - once the lights go out for the movie, the whole room will look like "core memories" vault!



THE EVENT:

Play Disney/Pixar's movie *"Inside Out"*.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:



Object Lesson Game - "Core Memories Challenge"

Inflate 3 each of yellow and blue balloons. Set up 2 laundry baskets at one end of the room, one containing the blue balloons and the other containing the yellow balloons. Set 2 empty laundry baskets at the other end of the room. Call on 4 volunteers to participate in the "Core Memories Challenge". Teams must work together in pairs to move all three balloons into a laundry basket on the opposite end of the room, *one at a time, using only their backs*. This means they will have to stand back to back with the balloon between them, and coordinate their efforts to get the balloons across the room and into the basket. Award a small prize to the winning team.

Say something like: "Wow, great job everyone! That took a lot of working together didn't it? They really had to cooperate with each other in order to complete that challenge! Cooperation is really important in our lives, isn't it? We need to learn to work together, live together, get along with each other, and help each other out."

Cooperating means we are willing to add other people's ideas to our own. Sometimes it means we give up our own plans in order to work with someone else to help them succeed towards something even greater in the end. It means setting aside differences and moving forward together. It means seeing the good things people bring to the group and pooling all those strengths together to accomplish a goal. It means "having each other's backs". It means we work as a team - as a body - the way God intended for us to be.

Did you notice some examples of cooperation in the movie? All the emotions had to work together to make up Riley's personality and help her deal with all the challenges of her family's move. This meant listening and working together with others who were different from them and who had different ideas about what the best thing to do might be. Bing Bong gave up his own dreams in order to help Joy get back to headquarters so that great things could happen for Riley. Joy had to learn to recognize and appreciate the important things that Sadness brought to the group and work together with her in helping Riley realize that joy can be found even in moments of sadness." (Ask the group for their own ideas of where they saw examples of cooperation in the movie. Also feel free to add your own observations here.)

Scripture Verse: God has something special to say about cooperation in the Bible, in the book of Ecclesiasties 4: 9&12:

*"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed....
A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.
Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."*

Say something like: "Let's try to get this verse into our core-memory bank this week! And let's remember to live the way God designed us to be - in cooperation with each other."

Prayer



POST-EVENT:

Thank everyone for coming to your event.

Give families a memory verse reminder card. If desired, this card can be attached to a small package of multicoloured gum balls, sixlets, m&m's etc. to further emphasize the 'core memory' idea. On the back, be sure to include weekly programs and upcoming events for children and families at your church.

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