

Be Careful Who You Follow

Theme

Jesus warns us to watch out for false leaders who will deceive us.

Object

None

Scripture

Mark 13:1-8

How many of you know how to play the game "Hana, Hana, Hana, Kuchi?" (Pause for responses.) It's a Japanese game that is a little bit like a combination of "Simon Says" and "Follow the Leader."

Hana is the Japanese word for nose, and *kuchi* is the word for mouth. I will touch my nose three times as I say, "nose, nose, nose," but when I say "mouth," I will touch some other part of my body such as my ear, eye, or chin. You have to touch the part that I say -- not the part I touch. If you touch what I touch instead of what I say, you are out of the game. Let's try it once just for practice.

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"Nose, nose, nose, mouth." (Demonstrate by touching your nose when you say "nose" and touching your ear when you say "mouth.")

Uh-oh! I caught a few of you. Well, that was just for practice, so nobody is out of the game. Let's try it again.

"Nose, nose, nose, ear." (Demonstrate by touching your nose when you say "nose" and touching your mouth when you say "ear.")

I caught a few of you again, didn't I?

(Continue to play the game as time permits; then continue with the lesson.)

When we were playing that game, I was trying to trick some of you into doing the wrong thing. It was only a game, and we were just having some fun, but there are times when people try to trick us into doing the wrong thing. Jesus warned about people like that.

One day, Jesus told his disciples to be careful not to let anyone deceive them. He warned that there would be many false teachers who would come teaching in His name and claiming to be Him. Jesus said that many would be fooled.

It was fun trying to trick you in the game of "Hana, Hana, Hana, Kuchi," but it isn't any fun to see people tricked into following false teachers instead of following Jesus. It is important to know what Jesus really teaches in the Bible so we won't be tricked.

Dear God, help us to read our Bibles each day and follow Jesus' teachings. Guard us from those pretending to be Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

Sermon Title: "Be Careful Whom You Follow"

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:1-8

FOLLOW THE LEADER:

The children will follow a leader around an obstacle course. If the lead child goes UNDER an obstacle, the other children must do the same. If a child goes around an obstacle, then all the children will do the same. If there is an item on the ground or floor, the child could pick it up and put it down, or walk in a circle around the item, or whatever the leader would like and all the children must do the same. Choose different children to be the leader through all the obstacles. Encourage the children to use their imagination so that the followers will have to pay close attention and not get tricked.

HANA HANA KUCHI OR SIMON SAYS:

Let the children play a game of HANA, HANA, KUCHI or SIMON SAYS with the game starting out slowly but picking up speed as the game progresses. Let as many children as possible be SIMON as time allows.

FOLLOW FEET:

The children trace around their shoe on a sheet of paper. Cut out several tracings and decorate their "feet" and then the teacher can have the children place their "FEET" along a designated path. All the children will then take turns to FOLLOW the FEET as quickly as possible around the room.

BIBLE VERSE FEET:

Each child traces and cuts out a foot print and writes today's Bible verse or words from today's lesson on the footprint. Let children tape their footprint to a classroom door in the form of a path.

BIBLE PUZZLE:

The teacher will have one very large picture of the Bible cut into pieces for the children to take turns putting a piece together until the Bible puzzle is complete -- OR the teacher can give a Bible puzzle that has been cut out and placed in an envelope for each child to piece together and then glue or tape onto a piece of construction paper.

BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT:

Let children have a scavenger hunt with items on a list that the teacher will provide for each team. The BONUS points will be for the team/s that find a BIBLE and brings it back to the teacher in the least time! To make the game a little more meaningful, the teacher can have a certain Bible verse for the team to find and read to the class.

BIBLE SWORD DRILL:

For older children, the teacher could have some Bible verses for a sword drill to see who can find the verses in the quickest time. Teacher should look for verses that have to do with today's lesson and with today's

theme. For younger children, the teacher might have a story book Bible available for the children to find a certain Bible story and tell a little bit about that story.

THE B-I-B-L-E DECOUPAGE:

The teacher can print off copies of words to the song "THE B-I-B-L-E" and glue them to a thin piece of wood. The children can then use decoupage material or spread white glue over the top which will dry shiny and then put an inexpensive hager on the back to hang the BIBLE project.

CONNECT THE DOTS:

Divide The class into teams and give each team a different colored marker. The teacher will create a simple dot to dot puzzle in the shape of a Bible. The teacher will then ask questions from today's Bible lesson or other Bible stories. The team that can answer the question, will use their colored marker to connect two dots of the puzzle. Continue asking questions until the puzzle is complete resulting in a colorful BIBLE for the children to hang on a classroom wall.

SING A SONG:

The B-I-B-L-E; O Be Careful Little Eyes what you see.

SHARE A SNACK:

If the teacher wants to have fun with this snack time, the teacher could have 3 solid colored glasses upside down. With a child's eyes closed, the teacher could hide a snack under one of the glasses and move the glasses around and have child try to find the glass with the snack. This could be done for each child if time allowed. It would be fun for all the children to watch as each child find their snack!

Song: "The B-I-B-L-E"

Words and Music

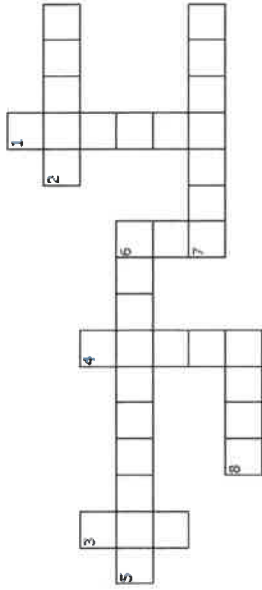
Accompaniment

Song: "O Be Careful Little Eyes"

Words and Music

Accompaniment

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- To stay alert; observe carefully
- A sudden shaking and moving of the Earth's surface
- To mislead; to cause to believe what is not true
- To receive sound with your ears

DOWN

- A wide-spread shortage of food
- Armed fighting between countries
- A piece of news spread from person to person
- To be finished

END	EARTHQUAKE	FAMINE	WATCH
RUMOR	HEAR	DECEIVE	WAR



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Mark 13:1-8

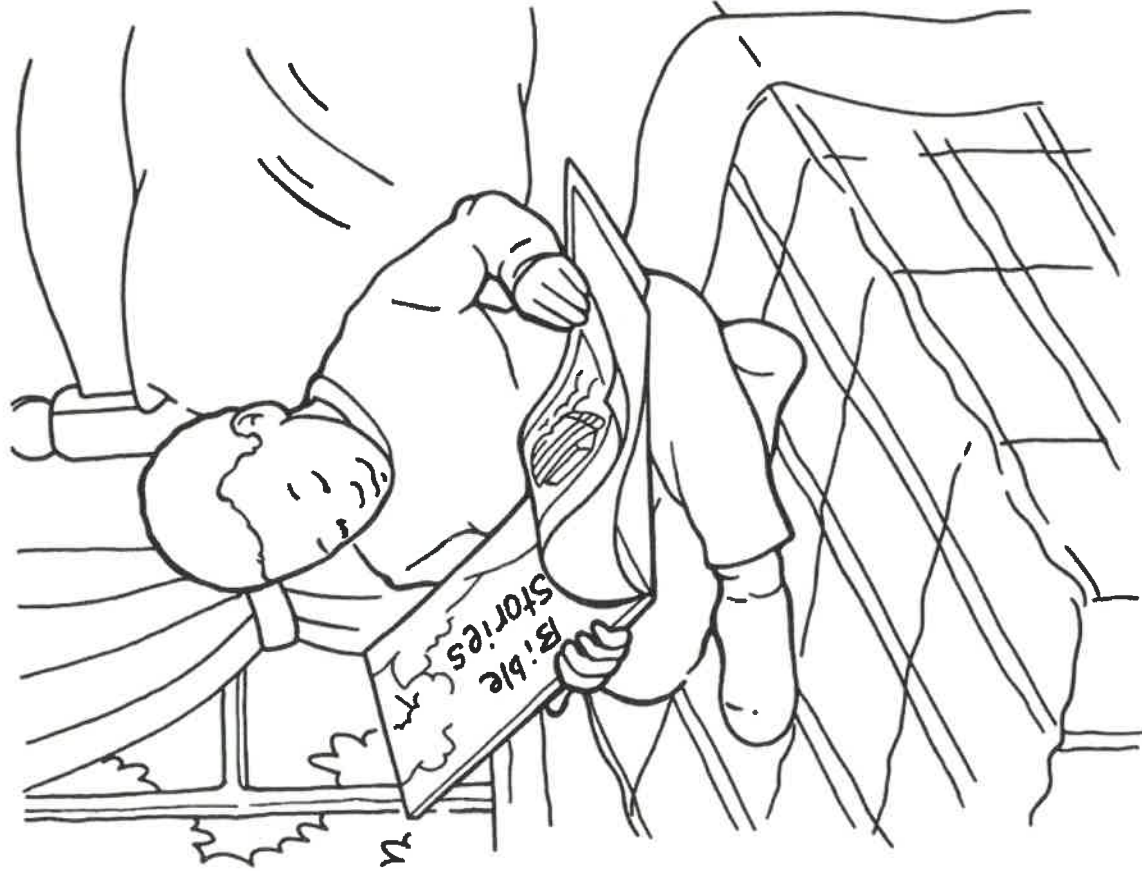
Word Search Puzzle

E A R T H Q U A K E S A G U H
S C V U P P B J N D T F T I R
V K A Q B E H T M F O A J F T
R W L F V U N R G O N M K S E
L Q A N O U I N I R E I X R A
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BUILDINGS	EARTHQUAKE	WARS	DECEIVE	SITTING
TEMPLE	HEAR	ALARMED	OLIVES	RISE
DISCIPLES	NATION	KINGDOM	RUMORS	END
STONES	FAMINE	WATCH	TEACHER	MOUNT

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Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
J	D	S	L	H	V	Q	Z	N	R	P	E	B	I	O	C	Y	A	X	U	F	G	K	T	M	W

- 12-9-2 _____
- 26-18-24-15-5 _____
- 9-18-24-14-15-9 _____
- 2-12-16-12-14-6-12 _____
- 21-18-25-14-9-12-3 _____
- 12-18-10-24-5-7-20-18-23-12-3 _____
- 26-18-10-3 _____
- 23-14-9-22-2-15-25 _____

WARS	DECEIVE	EARTHQUAKES	WATCH
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