Life's Day

A lesson on the shortness of life and the importance of salvation.

Often a bible class teacher needs to stress the urgency of salvation. In light of eternity, nothing else matters. If a person dies without Christ, he or she is lost for eternity.

This simple timeline lesson will help your students capture the idea of the shortness of life and the immensity of eternity by showing our lifespan as just one day.

Assembly Instructions

1. Print out all the pages and cut off the white edges on the right side of each paper.
2. Align the pages carefully and fasten with tape.
3. Fold the seams accordion-style so the banner can be revealed one page at a time.
4. Cut out the inside of the hour glass.
5. Place the hour glass over top of the Bible verse page and insert a colored piece of paper between the hour glass and the verse.

When showing the verse during your lesson, slowly pull the colored page out of the hour glass as if the sand of the hour glass is slipping away.

Teaching Suggestions

Prepare your own speech about the stages of life. As you talk, reveal one page of the banner at a time. Ask for a volunteer to hold the first page of the banner while you unveil the pages.

As you talk about the stages of life, you may want to...

- Talk about people's perceptions of time in each stage. Do days seem to go faster when you are older?
- Talk about how people collect memories over time. Do children remember more details than adults?
- Talk about what people are busy with at each stage in life. Which stage is the busiest?
- Talk about how different people view eternity. Children think it is far away. Adults might want to deny it is near. Perhaps older people can think of nothing else. The fact remains that it is ahead of every one of us.
- Talk about how people view the future. Young people think about graduation. Children think as far ahead as summer vacation. Adults think about money. All of us should plan for eternity.
- Talk about what worries us at each stage. Do older people worry about being left alone more than children? Do adults worry about other people such as their children or their parents? Does anyone worry about their soul?

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