



The Teacher's Aid



"Teacher-Friendly" Ideas and Helps for Your Children's Ministry.

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PRE-SCHOOL



Teach with a **GLOVE**

Use this creative visual to teach missions, songs, Bible lessons and more!



Supplies:

- * A plain cloth garden glove
- * Adhesive-back Velcro® strips or circles to fit glove tips
- * **One 1" pom-pom** of colours: brown, yellow, red, black, white
- * **Ten "5 mm" moving eyes**
- * Scissors, fabric glue
- * Map of the world or globe (optional)

Preparation:

Cut the hook and loop Velcro strips into 3/4 x 3/8" pieces or use ready-sized circles. For reinforcement, use fabric glue to stick loop pieces near the top of each finger and thumb on the inside of the glove hand. Then, glue and place a hook piece on one side of each pom-pom. Glue a pair of eyes on the opposite side of each pom-pom.

Procedure:

Put the glove on without the pom-poms. Explain about the different peoples around the world - use map/globe to find large continents - and how God has made each one with different color skin, languages, customs, etc., and yet we are all special to Him. Place the appropriate color pom-pom **on the glove as you speak. Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" and have children place the pom-poms on the glove as you sing about each colour.** Discuss where these people might live in the world and how they all need to know about Jesus.

Option 1: Each child can make their own glove, using a child-sized glove and smaller pom-poms.

Option 2: The glove can be used to make announcements, to make class control fun and to visualize Bible stories and songs. Ex: Place smiley face stickers on fingers for good behavior and participation. Turn them upside down when children are not cooperating. Use paper /felt faces for Bible characters, animals, etc. for Bible lesson; place each piece on glove as story is told.



BIBLE Finger Play

"Let's Open Our Bible."

Use this finger play activity to introduce a Bible verse you want to teach and/or practice using Bible verses already taught. Insert whatever verse or part of a verse you wish to use in place of the last line given below. Hold hands together as if holding the Bible or have each child hold their own Bible as you begin.

This activity can be used weekly as the signal for the start of the Bible Memory time in your class program. Be sure to have your Bible front and center as you present the Bible verse. It helps the children to make the connection with the **words and God's Word early on. After presenting the verse through the finger play, be sure to give a simple explanation of the verse and how the children can put it into practice in their lives.** For the verse below, they can thank God for loving them and then talk about ways they can act in loving ways towards others during the week. Follow up the next week to see how they did in putting it into practice.



**"Let's open our Bible wide,
and read God's words
inside,**

**'We love Him because
He first loved us.'** "



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Catch The Honey Bees!

Pre School Attendance Booster/Review Game
Use this colorful, hands-on activity to encourage attendance
or to review Bible teaching in a fun way.



Review Game

Supplies:

- * Beehive and bee patterns
- * 8 1/2"x11" white cardstock or white paper
- * For Option: 9"x12" tan and yellow construction—one piece of each per child.
- * Scissors, markers or crayons.



Preparation:

Make copies of a beehive and 4 bees for each child. Black and white patterns can be copied on white cardstock for durability or paper if mounting on construction paper or cardstock. Children can colour their own beehive and bees. If using coloured patterns, copy on white cardstock. Cut 4 slits in each beehive—spread them out randomly to give space for each bee to fit properly.

Option: Black and white patterns can be copied onto coloured construction paper—tan or brown for hive and yellow for bees. Cut out bees and hives. Hives can be mounted on a sturdy cardstock as an option.

Option: If children are able and time allows, they can cut out their own hives and bees.

Procedure:

Use this attendance booster for 4 weeks (*or as long you need*). As the children arrive the first week, give them each a beehive and a bee. Instruct children to print their name on the back of the hive and their initial on the back of each bee. Allow time for colouring, as needed.

Let children know that their beehive needs to be filled with bees so the bees can make their honey. This will happen if they come each week and receive a bee for their hive. Help them place their bee into one of the slits. Follow this procedure in the following weeks. Children can take their hives home at end of the time to remind them that God made the bees to give us honey.

Option - Object Lesson: As a Biblical teaching reinforcement, the bee can be used as an object lesson on creation. Use Google web and images search to find pictures of real bees, hives and information on the bee. Teach the greatness of God as Creator in the wonderful way He has made the honey bee.

Review Game

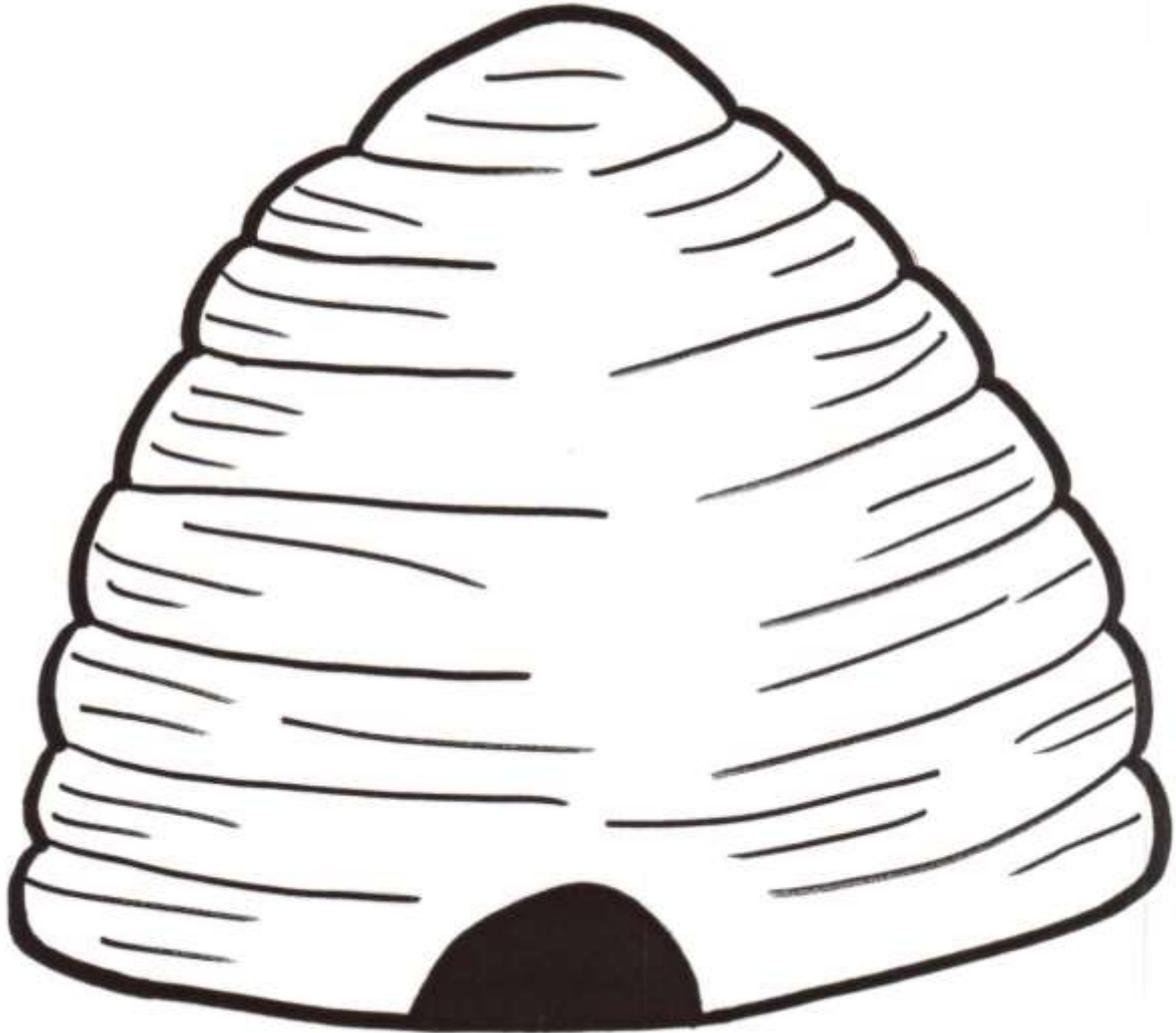
Make one enlarged class-size hive from cardstock or poster board. Make enough enlarged bees for each child to have at least one turn. Make more slits in the hive to accommodate the number of bees. Prepare some simple review questions from the Bible lessons and memory verses already taught.

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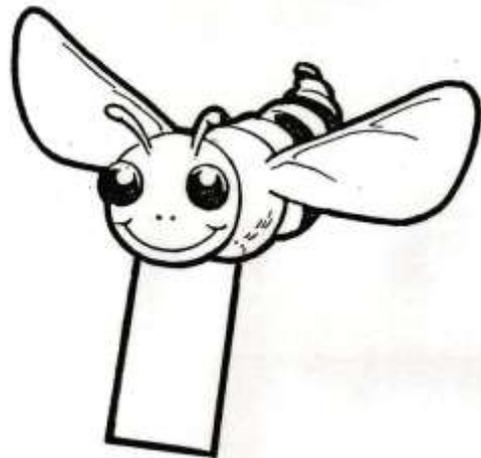
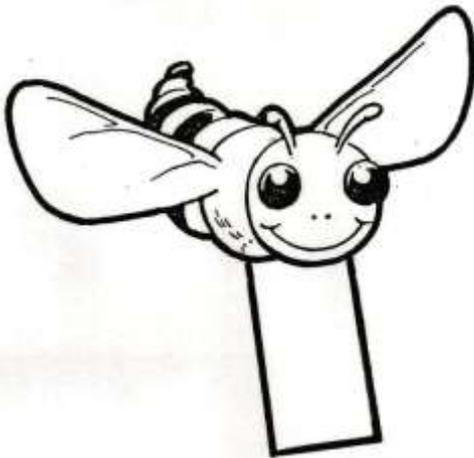
Display the beehive on a wall, bulletin or stori-board or in your lap. Scatter bees in front of class on a table. Tell the children the bees need to get to their hive and they can only do that with their help. Each time a question is answered correctly, have that child help a bee attach to the hive. Be sure to allow each child to have a turn, even if they need help answering a question. Snack option: Bring some honey and crackers for a snack and then have the children take turns thanking God for making the bees and the honey they make. Display the full hive somewhere in the room as a reminder. This game can be replayed at another time for another review.

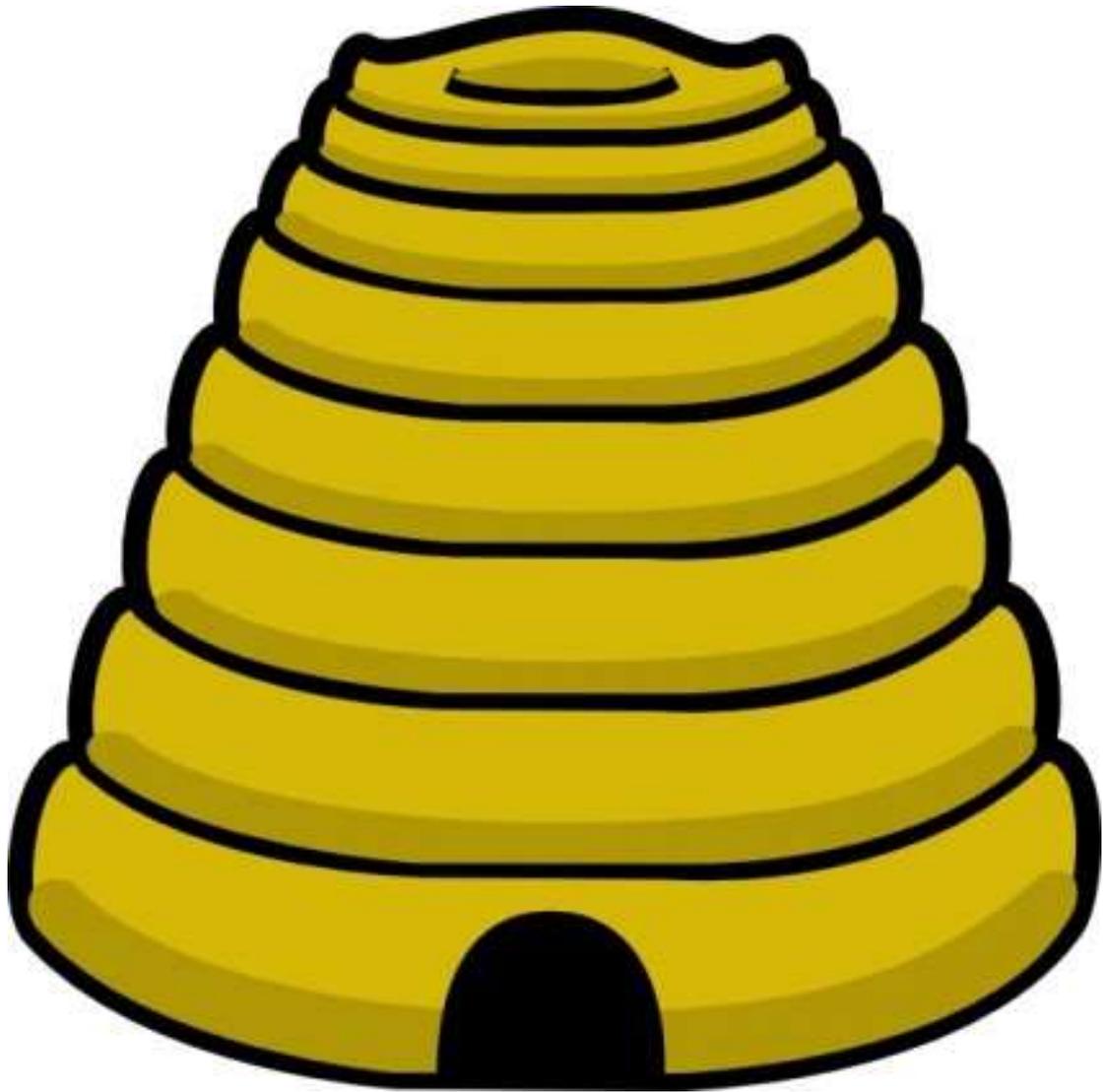


Variation: Place all the bees in the hive before the game. Tell children the bees need to leave their hive to gather the pollen from the flowers to make the honey. Follow the same procedure.



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