Messy: Devotional – Week 4 Kool-Aid-Wars Plan of Salvation

Devotion – 5-10 Minutes

Today, we are going to have a Kool-Aid War...but before we begin, I want to teach you something important...using Kool-Aid

As you can see, I have several buckets of Kool-Aid, an old white sheet (hang it up where the kids can see it well) and several Kool-Aid Shooters.

Let's see....we have... (Point to each bucket)...

Black Kool- Aid (Use the Clear Kool-Aid and add some black food coloring to it.)
Invisible Kool Aid – Which is "Clear"...but it smells soooo sweet. (Use the Clear
Kool-Aid)

I have some Strawberry Kool-Aid which is red. (Add some red food coloring to make it show up better)

I have some Blue Raspberry Lemonade which is blue. (Add some blue food coloring to make it show up better)

I have some Green Apple Kool-Aid which is <u>Green (Add some green food</u> coloring to make it show up better)

And I have some Lemonade Kool-Aid (Add some yellow food coloring to make it show up better)

Time for some fun:

You will suck up the different colors of Kool-Aid into each water shooter as you explain the different colors and shoot it onto the white sheet.

(BLACK KOOL-AID)

First of all, I am going to suck up some of this black Kool-Aid into my shooter

Wow! Look at that...Do you know what this black color reminds me of?

It reminds me of SIN...all the bad things that we do.

Things like lying...and disobeying...and taking things that don't belong to us.

(Squirt the black onto the sheet as you are talking about sin)

In Romans 3:23

The Bible tells us "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

That means that because of our sin, we are separated from God.

Therefore, WE...YOU or I...cannot go to heaven when we die...because we have sin in our life.

God does not allow sin into heaven.

(Squirt some more black onto the sheet)

Wow! Look at all that mess.

(RED KOOL-AID)

Wouldn't it be sad if we were separated from God forever?

It's a good thing that God loves us so much...or He wouldn't have made a way for us to be with Him in heaven when we die.

(Start sucking up the Red Kool-Aid into your shooter)

The Bible tells us this in John 3:16

"For God so LOVED the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

(Squirt the Red Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

God loves us so much...that He gave His one and only son...as a sacrifice for us.

In Romans 5:8 the Bible tells us that "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

(Squirt more Red Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

Jesus shed His own blood as a sacrifice for our sins...Your sins...and my sins!

(CLEAR KOOL AID)

Next, I'm going to try this Clear Kool Aid
(Start sucking the clear Kool-Air up into your shooter)

That's cool...Look, you can't see any color...but it sure smells sweet...doesn't it?

Do you know what this clear Kool-Aid reminds me of?

It reminds me of the sweet scent of forgiveness.

(Squirt the clean Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

I can't see anything...can you?

Do you remember when we learned about asking God for forgiveness?

If we pray...and ask God to forgive us of our sins...He will forgive us...and our sins will be wiped away!

In 1 John 1:9 the Bible tells us this:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

This scripture tells us that God will forgive us of our sins...and He will wash them away...they will be gone...invisible...just like this Kool-Aid.

(Squirt more clear Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

That is AMAZING!

BLUE KOOL-AID

Now, let's see....let's try the Blue Raspberry Lemonade Kool-Aid next.

(Start sucking the blue Kool-Aid up in your shooter)

Ooooohhhhh I like the color blue...and it smells so heavenly!

Do you know what I think of when I look at this blue Kool-Aid?

I think about water

(Squirt some of the blue Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

We haven't learned about Baptism this summer...but we will be learning a lot about it in a couple of weeks...during our Water Olympics event.

A Baptism is a celebration. It's when we get to stand in front of our family, our friends and our church and tell them that we have asked Jesus to come into our hearts.

After the Pastor tells everyone the good news...he will submerge us...dunk us... into the water and then he will raise us back up again.

And all of our family and friends will rejoice with us.

(Squirt the blue Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

The Bible tells us this in Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

We will learn more about Baptism in a couple of weeks.

GREEN KOOL-AID

Whose favorite color is GREEN? (Start sucking up the green Kool-Aid)

When I see the color green, I think of grass...and trees...and flowers...things that grow.

(Squirt the green Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

Once you have asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins...and He is living inside your heart...you too will start to grow.

(Squirt more of the green Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

Not like a flower...or a tree...or even the grass.

You will start to grow in knowledge...and wisdom.

As you begin to read your Bible...and come to church on a regular basis...you will begin to grow in both knowledge...and wisdom.

YELLOW KOOL AID

Oh Wow! We are down to one last color...the Yellow!

(Start sucking up the yellow Kool-Aid into the squirter)

Once we have asked Jesus to forgive us of our sins...when we have asked Him to come live inside our hearts...when our journey on this earth is done.

We will enter into heaven...where God is sitting on His throne.

Would anyone like to take a guess as to what the yellow represents?

(Squirt the yellow Kool-Aid onto the sheet)

The yellow represents Heaven...and the streets of Gold!

Our final destination!

The Bible tells us this in Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"

THAT...will be a beautiful day!

Supply List

2 Pkg's Grape Kool-Aid (use this for the black color...add some black food coloring to it to make it black)

2 Pkgs – Red Kool-Aid (add red food coloring to it to make it darker)

2 Pkgs – Clear Kool-Aid – You can use water and some sweet smelling (clear) flavoring if you can't find the Clear Kool-Aid

2 Pkg's Blue Kool-Aid (add blue food coloring to it to make it darker)

2 Pkg's Green Kool-Aid – (add green food coloring to it to make it darker)

2 Pkg's Lemonade (add yellow food coloring to it to make it darker)

6 Buckets

6 Water Shooters

Old White Sheet, White Cloth, etc.

Someway to hang your sheet up...(you can spread it onto the ground if you do not have any other way of displaying it!