

Activity: Tassels



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Teaching Goal: Remember what God teaches us.

Scripture: Numbers 15:37-40 The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘Throughout the generations to come, you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the Lord...Then you will remember to obey all my commands.’”

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 The 10 Commandments: 1. No other gods than the one true God. 2. No idols. 3. Don't misuse God's name. 4. Keep the Sabbath holy. 5. Honor father and mother. 6. Do not murder. 7. Do not commit adultery. 8. Do not steal. 9. Do not lie. 10. Do not covet.

Materials: 3 skeins of colored yarn (one should be blue)
OPTIONAL: beads or charms like fish, crosses, etc.
Safety pin or masking tape and scissors

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and Discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. Christians follow a set of beliefs, which include character qualities and values. For example, we are called to serve, give, and love one another. How can we know and remember what God teaches us? Listen to answers. *Read the Bible. Listen to the Spirit. Reminders from Christian friends. Go to church. Singing. Creation.* **Not only does the Bible teach us what God requires, it also gives us ways to remember God's teachings.** Invite a volunteer to read Numbers 15:37-41. **Why do you think God teaches us to use reminders like tassels?** Listen to answers. *Busyness. Distractions. Forgetfulness.* **What kind of symbols do Christians use today to help them remember God?** Listen to answers. *Crosses. WWJD bracelets.*

Today we're going to make tassels, which will remind us of God and His teachings. We can put these tassels on coats, backpacks, luggage and just about anything that uses a zipper. The point of the tassel is to remember. While we make the tassels, let's tell family stories of times when we obeyed God's commands. *Giving money to someone in need. Providing a place to stay. Telling a friend about Jesus. Praying for healing. Moving from one town to another. Taking a new job. Trusting God to bring you a new friend.*

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B. ACTIVITY: Pass out the materials and demonstrate how to make a tassel. If you are going to attach the tassel to a zipper that has a large hole then you will be able to loop the tassel back over itself through the hole. If the zipper has a small hole, you may need to braid the tassel directly onto the zipper.

Directions for making a tassel (feel free to use your own method): Take three pieces of yarn, each cut to 8" lengths, and tie them together at one end. You may want to add a charm here before you start braiding. Begin braiding like you would long hair. When you have three inches of yarn left, tie another knot as before. Loop the unbraided yarn in half and tie it so you have a large loop on the end using a slipknot. Attach it to the zipper by looping it through on itself.

C. OPTIONAL: Talk about God's commandments while making the tassels. **There are more than 600 commandments from God included in the first 5 books of the Bible. How many of the first 5 books of the Bible can we remember?** Listen to answers. *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.* **The most famous of the 600 commandments are the 10 commandments. How many of the 10 commandments can we remember?** Listen to answers. List included in Deuteronomy 5:6-21 scripture on page 1.

D. **What does it say to God when we take the time to remember his teachings?** Listen to answers. *It shows that He is important. It gives Him honor. It is a way to show Him love. Maybe someone will ask us about our tassels. It will give us an opportunity to tell them that we love and honor God.*

V. Memorize

**The tassel reminds me,
Who God wants me to be.**

VI. Close in Prayer

VII. Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.