

THE PERSON AND LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Character Lesson Two

OPEN

Definition:

An open person is able to receive something new. He listens to what others say and is willing to receive help. He also knows how not to be open to receive something that will hurt himself or others.

Examples and/or Questions to Ask the Children:

1. The shepherds were open for when they heard the angels announcing the good news, they received it gladly and went to find the baby Jesus.
2. We need to be open so we can find the Lord Jesus also.
3. An open person goes to others for help and he receives the most help by opening and asking.
4. An open and empty container can be filled with many things. For example, use a see-through jar and fill it with different sorts of things. (e.g. rocks, grass, toys, etc.) Then take a small pocket Bible and explain that it can not be added since the jar has already been filled with other things.

Verses:

"... Lydia, ... whose heart the Lord opened to give heed..." Acts 16:14
"I am the Lord thy God, who bought thee out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." Psalms 81:10

(See second page for songs and craft ideas)

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Songs:

Hymn #1132, vv. 3 and 5

D A D
Lord Jesus, open us;
D A D
You know the source from which we came.
G D
By calling on Your name,
G A D
Lord, let no earth unturned nor rocks remain -
G A D
Lord Jesus, open us.

Lord Jesus, we love you;
Lord, take whate'er we think we know.
We'll open to life's flow,
And thus take in the life that makes us grow-
Lord Jesus, open us.

Hymns Jr. #89

Lord, today, keep my heart, keep it all the day-
While I'm young, keep my heart
Soft, dear Lord, I pray;
Lord, I would keep my heart through every day
Soft and open unto You.

Craft Ideas:

1. Have the children color a picture (animals, flowers, etc.) on the paper in crayon, pressing hard.
2. Paint with the water color paint over the paper. The paint will only stick to the paper where the crayon is not colored on.

* [Materials needed - crayons, water color paint (in cup), paint brush, sheets of paper]

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