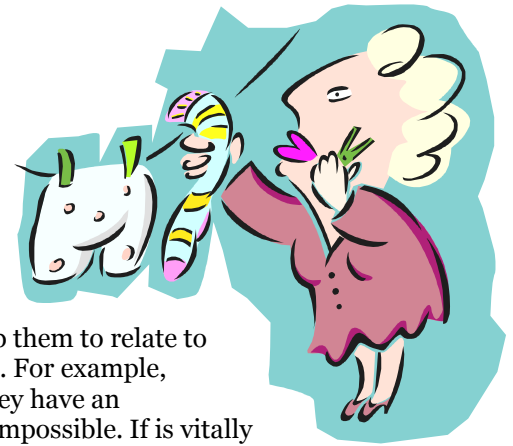


## Clothesline Charts:



Today many of our younger children may not have ever seen laundry hanging on a clothesline. Maybe you have pictures or would just like to explain that this is the way clothes use to be dried before the automatic dryer. You may want to take a minute and tell some experience you have had using a clothesline. It is important for our children to learn that there were things even in our life times that they may not use today. This will help them to relate to the reality of things in scriptures that may seem strange and unreal to them. For example, sacrifices. To young children this could be a hard concept to grasp. But if they have an understanding of how things change as time progresses it will not seem so impossible. It is vitally important that scriptures come alive and are presented as actual events rather than just a story. When possible you might want to use the term “Bible event” instead of Bible story so the idea gets planted in their minds that these things really happened. Many in the world today would have our children believe that the things in the Word of GOD are just fairy tales. They would even have them believe scripture is not actually the Word of GOD because there is no GOD. We must work while our children are small to plant the seeds of GOD’s word in their hearts so they are armed with the necessary tools to fight this battle.

The word of GOD is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

A clothesline chart is simply a line that is stretched across your room – up against a wall or at the bottom of a bulletin board. It needs to be tight enough not to sag but not so tight that the children cannot place their clothing items on the line with clothespins. Be sure to keep it low enough for each child to reach. You should be able to still purchase clothespins at most dollar stores if you no longer have any. You can sometimes find colored clothespins in teacher’s stores or craft stores. This chart can be used to keep track of any one or all the activities of which you may want to keep track, such as attendance, memory work, bringing Bibles, etc. When the task is successfully completed that child hangs an item of clothing on the line. Each child may have their own color or you may want to simply put their names on the item. If your room is large enough you may want to have shorter lines with one line per child. The children then simply fill their own clothesline.

In this folder you will also find several pages of clothing that can copied and used as the items your students hang from the clotheslines. You may have access to others that you prefer to use. These pictures of clothing are simply clip art that were found and enlarged for this activity. Please be aware of any clothes hangers that may appear with the item of clothing and just trim them off as you cut out the picture. Also when more than one item is part of an outfit you can cut those out and use as separate items.

The clothesline stretched across the room can also be used to hang artwork or activity sheets you may want to display in class. This is a great way to display things in class (even visuals) if you have a room where the walls are not as suited for attaching things to them. It can also help preserve the paint on the walls from tape. Try to avoid having to use the same lines for display items that the children are using as a chart when possible.

This activity is to help spark your creativity to come up with many other ideas that can be used in your class that are inexpensive and can be made up of items you already have at home. It is not necessary for things to be expensive to be encouraging and helpful in our Bible classes. This idea is also one that may effectively be used when home-schooling our children.

Enjoy as you help your children grow in the LORD!

