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BIG IDEA

An Etch-A-Sketch is a fun toy because you can erase mistakes by shaking. But in life, there is only one way to erase mistakes and wrong choices. Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

I John 1:9

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

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

Props: Etch-A-Sketch (if available), small chalkboard, chalk, eraser (or small whiteboard, pens and eraser), paper, pencil, eraser

GAME

- Tennis balls

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)

CRAFT (OPTION 1): TOTE BAGS

- Chalkboard Contact Paper pre-cut 9x12", one per child (A roll can be purchased on Amazon for under \$8 and will make 12 chalkboards. If cost is an issue consider making smaller 6"x9" boards).
- Cardboard pre-cut 8"x11", one per child
- Colored chalk, two per child
- Small piece of felt to use as an eraser, one per child
- Tape



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BIBLE LESSON

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Ask for a volunteer who wants to have their portrait drawn. Bring them up on stage.

Ask for volunteers who want to draw the portrait on the Etch-A-Sketch, chalkboard and paper. Instruct the drawers to draw a portrait of the other volunteer in two minutes. Hand them the Etch-A-Sketch, chalkboard and chalk or paper and pencil, but keep the erasers. Tell them that if they make a mistake they need to ask you you can come and erase it for them, but they may not erase on their own.

After two minutes have fun looking at the drawings and thank the volunteers. Repeat if time allows.

Discuss how drawing a portrait is kind of like living life. We have an idea of how life should go and we try to make it that way. But sometimes we make mistakes, sometimes we make wrong choices, sometimes we sin on purpose and our life gets messy. We might try to fix our problems, like a child might scribble over his mistake, but we can't go back in time and undo our choices.

There is only one way to erase our mistakes and sins. Only God can forgive us completely and erase the eternal consequences of our sins. And he will do it freely if we ask him to. God is also able to make bad turn into good. Often he will take something that seems impossible to fix and will fix it in wonderful ways that we could not have imagined doing on our own. And in the process he changes our hearts so that we learn to trust him more, make fewer mistakes and sins, and our life sketches change from messy to beautiful.

Note: If someone on your team has a personal example of a wrong choice that God helped you fix, or an impossible situation that God made possible, please consider sharing. Make sure it is appropriate for the ages of the kids.

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CRAFTS

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• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: CHALK BOARDS

Kids will make their own chalkboards out of chalkboard contact paper and cardboard.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

EXAMPLE



MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

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DIRECTIONS

- Lay Chalkboard Contact Paper black side down
- Carefully pull off the backing
- Lay the cardboard in the center of the sticky Contact Paper
- Fold the four corners of Contact Paper over the cardboard
- Fold the four sides of Contact Paper over the cardboard
- Tape edges down to cardboard if needed
- Flip chalkboard over and smooth the Contact Paper pushing bubbles out toward the edges
- Pass out chalk and felt and have fun creating and erasing

SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Attach Chalkboard contact paper to cardboard prior to club
- Tape an envelope to the back of the chalkboard for a chalk and eraser holder

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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: BEAT THE BALL

Players try to out run the ball as it is passed in a circle.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Tennis balls

INSTRUCTIONS

Students sit in a circle in the middle of the playing area.

Give the ball to one student. Student tosses the ball to any other student in the group. As soon as the student tosses the ball, he gets up and runs around the circle.

Student who caught the ball passes it to the person on his right. Students quickly pass the ball around the circle, trying to get it back to the student who caught it before the runner returns to his seat.

If you have a large group, form smaller groups of 12-15 kids.



SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- Use a larger ball or bean bag instead of a tennis ball
- Play "Duck, Duck, Goose"

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