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| **SELF-LEADERSHIP** | |
| **I Am Proactive – HEROES 7-8** | |
| **DATE** | **1ST SEPTEMBER 2024** |
| **TOPIC/TEXT** | **I Am Proactive – Proverbs 6:6-8; Matthew 25:1-13** |
| **LESSON OVERVIEW** | On your journey of leading yourself to achieve your big picture or vision you need to be proactive. Meaning, do not wait to be told what to do in any situation. |
| **TAKE AWAY** | I will BE PROACTIVE. |
| **PREPARATION** | Make antennas and dress up like an ant  Read **Proverbs 6:6-8; Matthew 25:1-13** |
| **GAME** | **Bandage Tag**  In Bandage Tag, the first time you’re tagged, cover the spot where you’re touched with one hand, and continue trying to tag other people with your free hand. The second time you’re touched, put your other hand on the new spot. Try to avoid getting touched a third time, or else you have to go out of the game. |
| **WORSHIP** | 1. Alive Again – Planet Shakers 2. Tusiimye – Watoto Children’s Choir 3. I Speak Jesus – Charity Gayle |
| **BIG WORD TIME** | **Lesson Recap and Introduction**  Hello Children,  We are still on our journey of learning self-leadership.  Remember, it starts with:   1. A big picture that you must write down. 2. Identify the small tasks that you must do every day to achieve the big picture. 3. Last week we said that all those small tasks are important, so you must prioritize, by putting first things first.   Today, we would like to emphasize proactiveness. You must be proactive.  What does **Proactiveness** mean?  Do not wait to be told what to do in any situation. This is an important quality of self-leadership. As a leader, do not wait to be told to lay your bed or do your homework or do your chores or even be told to go outside and play. Lead yourself, be proactive.  There’s an insect called an ant that the Bible talks about. Ants are proactive creatures.  Let’s read **Proverbs 6:6-8**  *“Go watch the ants, you lazy person. Watch what they do and be wise. Ants have no commander. They have no leader or ruler. But they store up food in the summer. They gather their supplies at harvest.”*  The ants have no leader, no ruler, no commander. They are proactive. They know their big picture- saving food for the winter. And they know the small tasks they have to do every day in the summer to make sure they have food. They prioritize the season of summer to gather food.  Maybe your saying, “But, those are just ants, they are not people.”  Let me remind you of another story in the Bible in the book of **Matthew 25:1-13**- The Parable of the 10 virgins.  Let’s get into our crews, read it together and learn more about **PROACTIVENESS.** |
| **CREW TIME:**  ***Read Matthew 25:1-13*** | ***BEFORE CREW TIME, LITTER THE AREA WHERE YOU SIT AND DISCOVER WHETHER THE CHILDREN WILL BE PROACTIVE ENOUGH TO PICK UP THE LITTER AND THROW IT IN THE TRASH BIN.***  Welcome to our crew (say the name of the crew).  Today we are learning about **“Proactiveness.”**  I am so proud of everyone who was proactive enough to pick up the litter in our crew and placed it in the trash bin. Well done! Give each other a hi5.  What does proactiveness mean?  Do not wait to be told what to do in any situation.  **Let’s read, Matthew 25:1-13** says,  *“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten girls who went to wait for the bridegroom. They took their lamps with them. 2 Five of the girls were foolish and five were wise. 3 The five foolish girls took their lamps, but they did not take more oil for the lamps to burn. 4 The wise girls took their lamps and more oil in jars. 5 The bridegroom was very late. All the girls became sleepy and went to sleep. 6 “At midnight someone cried out, ‘The bridegroom is coming! Come and meet him!’ 7 Then all the girls woke up and got their lamps ready. 8 But the foolish girls said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil. Our lamps are going out.’ 9 The wise girls answered, ‘No! The oil we have might not be enough for all of us. Go to the people who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’*  *10 “So the five foolish girls went to buy oil. While they were gone, the bridegroom came. The girls who were ready went in with the bridegroom to the wedding feast. Then the door was closed and locked.*  *11 “Later the others came back. They called, ‘Sir, sir, open the door to let us in.’ 12 But the bridegroom answered, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’*  *13 “So always be ready. You don’t know the day or the time the Son of Man will come.”*  **Let’s Discuss:**   1. How were the 5 wise girls proactive?   The 5 wise girls, carried extra oil. According to the story, no one told them to carry extra oil but they did, they were proactive. It was their personal initiative.   1. Why is it important to be proactive?   When you are proactive everything will be easy for you, and your confidence will grow as you gain control of your responsibilities.  For example, when you are proactive in school you will hand in homework on time, you will be at school on time, your grades will be excellent and you will always be smart in your uniform because you took time to prepare well, you prioritized your tasks.   1. How are you going to be proactive as a leader?   **Altar Call** |
| **CONCLUSION:**  **TAKE AWAY** | You have your big picture, you know what you have to do every day to achieve the big picture, and you must prioritize.  Today, do not wait to be told what to do. Take on the responsibilities that have been entrusted to you completely and do them well.  Ask the Holy Spirit to help you remember. Jesus sent Him to us to be our Helper, to remind us of the things we have learnt.  Let’s Pray. |
| **CHALLENGE** | **Be Proactive this week. Do not wait to be told what to do, just do it.** |
| **MEMORY VERSE** | **Proverbs 6:7-8a**  *“Ants have no commander. They have no leader or ruler. But they store up food in the summer.”* |