<u>Lesson Idea – Water Games!</u>

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¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Tim 4:12

"Practice these things, immerse yourself in them so that all may see your progress". 1 Tim 4:15

Choose a leader to demonstrate.

(As you lift each small bucket say)

God wants us to be an example to others in the way we act, the words we say, the way we love others, the faith we have in God and the pureness of our hearts. Why? Because we are His and when we follow His example people will notice that we are different.

The Bible says for people to notice the difference we need to practice these things. That means practice these things **(gesture to small buckets)** all the time and not only when you want.

For example: (pick up "love" small water bucket to demonstrate) My friend is kind to me so I will show her some love (sprinkle some water at the leader) but then she doesn't invite me to her party (hide "love" bucket away) Oh no! No more love for you friend.

Or ... (pick up "words" small bucket) My brother lets me use his bike and I say "you're the best brother ever, I love you soooo much" (sprinkle some water at the leader) until he loses my favourite cap and then unmentionable words come flying out of your mouth (hide "words" bucket away).

So when we only do these things when it suits us people can't notice that we are different (show the children that the sprinkled water has dried up), but our verse today says we should always practice these things - love, actions, words, faith and a pure heart. That is pleasing to God (pour each little bucket into the big bucket) and when we do all these things (pour the big bucket over the leader) everyone will clearly see the difference.

Does he look different?

So remember children - as you walk away soaked from these games let it remind you to get soaked in what God has for you.

Items needed:

- 5 small buckets filled with water, each labelled with a word (love, actions, words, faith, purity)
- Half filled bucket set out on a table.