



Mud Pit Devotion

Verse:

Psalm 40:2 - "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."

Devotion:

Discuss the fun in the mud pit today.

Remind everyone how much dirt was on them after playing in the mud.

This is how our life is -- we are covered with dirt just by being in the world. The dirt of the world is sin. We can't see this dirt (sin) as clearly as we could see the mud on each person. But the dirt is still on us in the form of sin in our hearts.

When you got out of the mud pit today, you had to wash off before going into any of the buildings. Even after all of the visible clumps of mud were washed off, you could still see the mud stains on your clothes.

Some of you tried to wash off by yourself, but you couldn't reach the hard spots like your back. It is easier to have others help us wash off the mud and the dirt. With a water hose, you were able to wash off most of the mud yourself.

With the dirt of sin, you cannot wash it off. Some people try to wash the dirt of sin off by being a good person, helping others, being nice but this does not remove the dirt of sin from anyone's life. Jesus is the only one who can take away the dirt of sin from your life.

Instead of just washing us off and leaving mud stains on our clothes, we are cleaner than before. Jesus stands beside us and every particle of the dirt of sin jumps from our body to the body of Christ. The stains left behind are the consequences of our sins.

This happens only if we ask for help! In order for sin to leave our body, we must ask for Jesus to help us. Ask him to forgive us for the sin in our lives. Ask him to clean our heart of the dirt of sin and replace the sin in our heart with his spirit of love. You have to acknowledge and believe in him as the one and only Son of God who died for your sins.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins and wash away the dirt in your life?
- Why is this important to do?
- How did you feel after the dirt was washed off of you and God's Spirit came into your life?