

JUNE DEVOTIONAL IDEAS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

“God’s Hands”

Materials needed: A large Bible and a large, stand-up hand print to display on a front table, song books or song sheets with the words to the song, “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands” and, “Victory In Jesus.” If possible, enlist an accompanist on a piano or guitar. But, be aware that, even without an accompanist, seniors can sing well with a leader.

Ahead of time: As the seniors arrive at the devotional area, happily greet each senior, if possible, with a handshake. Mention that God is good to give us our hands.

Devotional Time

“God’s Hands”

- Begin by saying that you are delighted to see those who have come today. And you were glad to greet them with a handshake. Today, we are going to talk about hands, God’s hands.

God’s Hands Are Creating Hands.

- With His creating hands, God made our beautiful world, with its blue skies and white clouds, green trees and lovely flowers of all colors, and God created people to inhabit the earth he created..
- Psalm 95:4-5: “In God’s hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.
- The sea is God’s, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.”
- Psalm 19:1 “The heavens tell the story of God, and their expanse is declaring the work of God’s hands.”
- Genesis 1:1: “God created the heaven and the earth.”
- God created people. He made you and me. Isaiah 64:8b “(God) all of us are the work of Your hands.”
- Psalm 139:14: “I will praise God; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Your works.”

God’s Hands Are Protecting Hands.

- A story: It was a dark night and owls were hooting. Wide eyed, a little boy was uneasy and frightened as he walked down the sidewalk. His big brother was walking with him and saw that his little brother was afraid. Big brother reached down and took his little brother’s hand as they walked. With big brother holding his hand, the little brother felt safe and was no longer afraid.
- Like the hands of that big brother protecting his little brother, God’s hands are protecting hands!

- God promised his protection in Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
- That reminds me of a song, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands!" And the second part of that song is "He's got you and me in his hands!" He promises he will take care of and protect you and me!
- Psalm 92:4: "I will sing for joy at the work of God's hand."
- Let's stop right here and sing the song, "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands."
- Let's sing loud and clear the second verse: "He's got YOU and ME in HIS HANDS."

God's Hands Are Loving Hands

- God proved His love for us when he gave His Son to die for us.
- Let's say John 3:16 together: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
- God loves you! God loves me! Pastor Bob Scales said, "I am so thankful that God loves ME. I am thankful that in John 3 :16, God said 'whosoever' believes should not perish but have everlasting life. I am glad God said "whosoever" because there is another Bob Scales in our town. Our mail gets mixed up sometimes. So, if God had said that if Bob Scales believes, I wouldn't be sure which one of us God is talking about. But the "whosoever" means that God includes ALL of us in His love.

God's Hands Are Strong and Mighty Hands

- Psalm 87:13: "(God) You have a strong arm. Your hand is mighty. Your right hand is exalted."
- God's strong, loving hand helped God's people who were slaves in Egypt. With God's help, they were able to escape. Exodus 13:8 says, "With His powerful hand, The Lord brought you out of Egypt"
- You and I can depend on God's strong arm and mighty hand. Whatever our circumstance, God stands ready, with his strong arm and mighty hand, to give us strength and to lead us and meet our needs.
- Psalm 139:10: "Your hand will lead me, and your right hand will hold me."

God's Hands Are Victorious

- 1 Chronicles 29:11-12: "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the VICTORY...You reign over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength unto all."
- Psalm 88:5 "O sing to The Lord a new song. For God has done wonderful things. His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory!

CONCLUSION

- Let's pray: Thank You, God,, for your CREATING HANDS, for your PROTECTING HANDS, for your LOVING HANDS, for your STRONG AND MIGHTY HAND.

- Let's pray: Thank You, God,, for your CREATING HANDS, for your PROTECTING HANDS, for your LOVING HANDS, for your STRONG AND MIGHTY HAND.
- And, Thank You, for your VICTORIOUS HANDS, and that you sent your Son, Jesus, to die for our sins...THANK YOU THAT BECAUSE YOU HAVE WON THE VICTORY OVER EVIL, WE CAN BE VICTORIOUS!
- Let's conclude by singing that wonderful song, "Victory In Jesus." Amen!

CRAFT IDEA: HAND PRINT WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF GOD'S HANDS

- *Materials needed: 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper (colored or white), pens or pencils, colored pencils and a list of this devotionals five descriptions of God's hands: Creating, Protecting, Loving, Strong, Victorious*
- Give each senior a sheet of paper and ask them to, at the center of their sheet, lay their left hand with the fingers apart, and then, with a pen or pencil, draw around their hand and fingers to make a hand-print. In the middle of the hand-print, print the words, "GOD'S HANDS." Then, on each of the five fingers, write a description of God's hands.