



Neighborhood Meeting

Day 1

Bible Point: God Loves Us!

Bible Verse: "God loves this world and everyone in it so much that God sent his son so that everyone would learn how much they are loved." John 3:16 SSB, 417

Story: "Change Sings" A Children's Anthem" by Amanda Gorman & Loren Long

Materials Needed:

- Book "Change Sings"
- Paper bags
- Markers
- An area to set up as a neighborhood

Read the Book

Encourage the children to sit in a knee to knee circle to read the book together and answer questions. Read the storybook "Change Sings," and once done ask;

The young girl sees change coming, what change do you think she is talking about?

Where does change start? In her heart? In your heart?

What do you see in the world that needs to change?

Say: Today we celebrate a national holiday called "Juneteenth." Do you know what Juneteenth is about? Juneteenth is celebrated each year on June 19th to mark the date when some of the last enslaved people in the south were notified of their freedom following the Civil War. When the African American slaves learned they were free, they celebrated their freedom in their neighborhoods, communities, and across the country. It was and still is a beautiful day. It's the change that sings in the hearts of many today!

Get to it!

Say: Today we are going to start making a neighborhood and add on to it each day. Let's get started with our own houses.

What to do: Decorate your paper bag using markers, crayons or colored pencils to look like a house.

Pray it out!

Dear God, thank you for our world, and help us to be good neighbors. Amen.

