



Grade 4

New in 2011

# Purity

1. Explain the word purity.
2. Read Philippians 4:8-9 and make the following out of play dough/clay while giving examples of purity.
  - a. an eye
  - b. an ear
  - c. a mouth
  - d. clothes
3. Name one woman in the Bible who chose to follow God no matter what happened to her.
4. Name one man in the Bible who chose to follow God no matter what happened to him.
5. Write out 3 Bible verses that show God's strength can help you be pure.
6. Play the character cracker stack game using the following poem.
 

*When you sow a thought, you reap a feeling.  
 When you sow a feeling, you reap an action.  
 When you sow an action, you reap a habit.  
 When you sow a habit, you reap a character.  
 When you sow a character, you reap a destiny.*
7. Read Colossians 3:12-14. Illustrate the most important pieces of clothing: LOVE. (Galatians 5:22-23).
8. Read I Timothy 4:12, Job 17:9 and Daniel chapters 1-3. Make a poster to illustrate the fact that you are never too young to make a big difference. Explain that you will grow stronger and stronger as you choose purity.
9. Read Mark 2:1-12. Make a poster to illustrate how four friends put their sick friend on a bed and lowered him on ropes from the roof so Jesus could heal him. Friends can help friends stay pure.

**Purpose:**

To learn to set an example for others in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

**Curriculum Connection:**

My Self

**Resources:**

Prayer  
 Bible

**Purity Circle** by Dora Isaac Weithers  
<http://www.puritycircle.com/p/about-purity-circle.html>

**Helps**

1. Have the children write the following sentences: Purity is avoiding things that take you away from God. Purity is spiritual and grows from inside out. It is not a costume but a way of living. Purity includes modesty. The music you listen to, the books you read, the videos you watch, the clothes you wear should be pure/modest. When you live a life of purity, the rewards last forever.
2. Try edible play dough, if available. Check the Internet for the recipe.
3. Mary remained pure, despite the ridicule she received from those around her. She trusted the words of God.
4. Daniel helped give an entire kingdom the opportunity to pray to the living God. He was smart and that helped him successfully work for the king, but it was his character and loyalty to God that saved his life.
5. Explain to the children that because the Bible and its promises are so powerful, it can be used to keep you pure. A nice way to explain it simply to the Adventurers is that when you carry the Bible Satan gets nervous, when you open the Bible, Satan gets a headache, and when he sees you reading the Bible he faints, and when he sees you are living what you read, he flees. God's word is armor for daily living.
6. Encourage the children to grow godly thoughts. Have the children stack crackers in the shape of a pyramid. Each cracker is a word. Use the words in the poem. The bottom of the pyramid would have the words/crackers: **thought, feeling, action**. The second level would have the words/crackers: **habit, character**. The top/3rd level would have the word/cracker: **destiny**.
7. Write out with big open letters the word **LOVE**. Put the following words inside the word love: mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Add any other virtuous words the children come up with. Decorate with vivid colors. Turn into a poster or t-shirt. If doing a t-shirt, then draw on t-shirt transfer form, or cut out a body from paper. Write the word "**mercy**" on one arm. Write the word "**kindness**" on the other arm. Write the word "**humility**" on the chest. Write the word "**gentleness**" on one leg. Write the word "**patience**" on the other leg. Make a sleeveless vest out of paper and write the word "**love**" on it and then place it on the cut-out body.
8. Make a fiery furnace poster. Write at the bottom of the poster Job 17:9. Use cotton balls for framing of the oven. Use strips of red tissue paper for fire. Put three smiling faces of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fire.
9. Make a friend poster with the names of the people you will pray for to stay pure. Place a heart on the poster and put all the names of the people you care for inside the heart. Put rope/yarn around the heart. Encourage and pray for everyone in the heart.