**Art Class**

**Topic: Beauty or Appearance**

**Bible: 1 Samuel 16:7**

Supplies:

* Large roll of plastic sheeting
* White, full size bed sheets – one for every four students
* 5 different colors of paint
* Goggles

Directions:

1. Lay out your plastic sheeting.
2. Divide you students into teams of four.
3. Give each team a sheet.
4. Spread paint on the plastic sheeting, one color per round.
5. On go one member from each team will slide down the plastic through the paint while wearing goggles.
6. They want to get as much paint on themselves as they can. You can replenish paint in between sliders if necessary.
7. When they get to the end of the plastic, the other team members will be holding the sheet flat on the ground.
8. The slider will then lay on the sheet to make a painting.
9. Each team member will slide once and decorate their sheet.
10. Leaders will judge the final products for the most colorful and creative and will then determine a winner. Alternately, you can make everyone winners because they are all great works of art.
11. Save the painting to hang in the church if you are allowed to or in your ministry space. This is a great way for parents to see what their kids are doing.

Say: Those painting are as close to a Van Gogh as I have ever seen. But don’t take my word for that because I really don’t even know what a Van Gogh looks like. But it was really cool to see all the different and creative ideas coming together. Each of these paintings is different but each is a beautiful masterpiece.

Ask:

* Was this a fun game?
* As you were painting your sheet, did you look around to the other teams to see what they were doing?
* What did you think of the other teams’ artwork?
* Was there something on another painting you really wished you did?
* Have you felt like that in real life, you look around and want to look like someone else because you think they are more beautiful or better looking?
* Why do we put such a huge importance on appearances?
* Has anyone ever told you were ugly?
* How did that make you feel?
* How do you think God sees us?

Read: 1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Say: God tells Samuel that appearances are not how we are to be looking at people. We need to look at their heart to see the person they are. The world we live in has corrupted this whole process of seeing people. We are taught at a young age that the prettier or better looking you are, the better you are. People look you and judge you based on your hair or your house or your car. But God is telling us none of this matters; the real beauty comes from the heart.

Read: 1 Peter 3:3-4

Don’t be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

Say: Here again God is talking about stuff. Satan has corrupted the world so much that people are looked down upon if they don’t have the most expensive cloths or the newest I-phone. But again God tells us that all of this is meaningless, and when we walk with Him then the beauty we show is quiet and more precious than anything else.

Read: Song of Solomon 4:7

You are altogether beautiful, my darling, beautiful in every way.

Say: I want to end with this verse because no matter what anyone ever says to you, whatever this sinful world makes you think about yourself, you need to know this. God is the only one that knows what beauty is, and because He created you, you are beautiful in every way.

Close: Pray as group, give your students time to talk to God on their own. Make sure they ask Him to show them the real beauty from within and to give them strength to fight off the worldview of beauty.

Leaders should close the prayer time praying for all the students to be God’s followers and view everyone as beautiful.