

Cups

SPiRiT



God and me



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision level



10 minutes

Aim: To teach that God looks at the heart; all have sinned;
God is there to help us; God is generous

Equipment:

- Picture of World Cup Football Trophy
- Plastic cup with hole in bottom
- Dirty cup
- Broken cup
- Baby's cup
- Prize cup
- Big cup
- Cups with letters J, O, and Y on them
- Water

Bible Text: Psalm 23v 5: Romans 3 v 23

Song/Hymn: My cup is full and running over

Outline:

Do you like riddles? Here is a riddle. "When is a cup not a cup?"
When it's the World Cup, the World Cup football trophy is not a cup!

Picture of World Cup

A cup should hold liquid. You should be able to drink out of a cup. There are all sorts of cups.
Let's look at some.

Cup with Holes

This cup looks useful. *Fill with water.* It doesn't hold any water. The water goes in the top and out the bottom. Many Junior Section boys are a bit like this cup. They hear about God's love and what Jesus has done for them but it goes in one ear and out the other just like the water in the cup. I hope that won't apply to any of you because the things you hear about God and His Gospel are the most important things you'll ever hear.

Dirty Cup

Would you like to drink out of this cup? *Show inside.* Maybe not – it's been used for things cups shouldn't be used for (scooping soil) and it's not fit for use as a cup any more. This reminds us of sin – the wrong things we do that dirty our lives and make us unfit for God's purpose – unfit for heaven. This cup looks all right on the outside but inside it's dirty and bad. The Bible says that man looks on the outside but God looks at the heart – at what we are really like.

Broken Cup

Cup 1 might say to this cup "I'm better than you. I look like a good cup" and Cup 2 might say the same. Which is right? Some people think their sin is not as bad as other people's sin but if we have broken God's law in one part we have broken it in all. The Bible says all of us have sinned and fall short of God's standard.

Baby's Cup

Who would use a cup like this? – someone who needs help to drink. We all need help from time to time. Help to understand what God wants us to do with our lives. God is there to help us – Bible and prayer. BB Officers and Sunday School teachers are there to help. We just have to ask.

Prize Cup

Once we have given our lives to God and become His children the Bible says we begin to run in a race for a prize. And we are to leave aside everything that would prevent us running as fast as we can. That prize is eternal life. God will reward us for all we do – telling others about His love and living to please and obey Him.

Big Cup

This is my favourite cup because it holds a lot. I hate it when someone offers a cup of tea and then pours out half a cup. God isn't like that. In Psalm 23 we're told God is generous and he fills a cup until it is overflowing. God is generous and kind. When we are Christians we know we are forgiven and can depend on God whatever we are doing, wherever we are.

Cups with letters J, O, Y on them. He will give you Joy overflowing when you put **J**esus first, **O**thers next, **Y**ourself last.

