

Youth Minister Shares Excitement Over God and Church Program



Brian Washington, Youth Minister at The Crossing Baptist Church in Mesquite, Texas, taught God and Church to a group of Scouts from Troop 138. When asked about the program, here's what he had to say:

We started the program in the fall of 2019 prior to COVID-19 ... but had to finish virtually. The class was fun, and exciting. As a youth minister, and having older boys, I used an "explanation, and an application" approach to the class. This is easy to do when you have older boys, as they actually understand what I am asking, and quite often have already experienced some of the lessons.

For example, Unit 3, Lessons 6 and 7 Learning and exploring how Christ witnessed and ministered to others/how our congregation does it. Many boys knew that Christ witnessed to people, however they really "DIDN'T KNOW" that he did, and He did it the same way we do. They all thought that because He was Christ it was easier, and that was His job! They didn't realize that Christ started with those closest to him and eventually branched His way out. They thought that because he was Christ, God made it easy for him to witness to people. They didn't realize that Christ faced the same obstacles as we do, rejection, retaliation, and being made fun of. They didn't realize that Christ had to pray to the father before He went out to share the Gospel. After hearing this, and ultimately having to go out and "APPLY WHAT THEY LEARNED" they learned how important it was to consult the Father, before we make not only that move, but any move in our lives!

I can't wait for the spring when the next class session starts. I'm excited.

*Blessings,
B. Washington*



Brian Washington with a majority of the boys that attended the God and Church class pictured volunteering at the annual "Wreaths Across America" December 2019 at the Veterans Cemetery west of Dallas, TX.

