

Snowflakes: “Don’t be Afraid!”

Material: snowflake picture

Have you ever looked at a snowflake really close? They are really amazing aren't they? (**Show a Snowflake Picture**). Scientists tell us that no two snowflakes are exactly alike. They have discovered that the shape of a snowflake is determined by the journey it takes through the sky, the temperature, and how wet or dry it is. Every snowflake starts forming around a speck of dust that is floating in the air. A tiny water droplet attaches itself to the dust and forms into a six sided ice crystal. The crystal grows in to a snowflake as it travels through the sky on its way to earth. Since no two snowflakes take exactly the same journey through the sky and experience the exact same conditions, no two are exactly alike.

Let's pretend we are little water droplets that have just attached ourselves to a dust particle. Tell the kids to pretend to be a snowflake by grabbing onto a dust particle and forming into a six sided crystal.

Have them stand and start to move around, show them what it would look like; really act it out. (Remind them that snowflakes are very quiet, so they can't make a sound).

Tell kids to pretend that they are being blown around in a cloud and they are gently bumping into other small snowflakes within the cloud.

Now they have broken free of the cloud and a strong wind is blowing them around and around and over and over like they were on a roller coaster ride.

Now they start to fall down to the ground.

Slowly falling because they are so light.

They finally land softly and quietly on top of other snowflakes that have already fallen to the ground, **THEY SHOULD NOT LAND ON EACH OTHER, JUST THE GROUND 😊**. Have the kids all sit back down in their places and remind them that snowflakes are very quiet.

Raise your hand if you ever feel like a snowflake that is being blown all over the place, out of control, with no way to stop what is happening to you? We all feel this way sometimes. Sometimes it seems like everything is out of control or everything is changing and we can't do anything about it. People get sick, our friends leave us, and we can't stop it. Sometimes people we love die and it seems like it just isn't fair.

There are times where we feel like we are all alone or that we have nothing to hold onto to keep us from being blown away. We feel like things are happening that we have no control over.

BUT you don't have to feel this way. God wants you to know that He is in control of everything. He made you and loves you. No matter what happens to you or your family or friends, He is with you. He is right there beside you. He will never leave you.

You may feel that God has forgotten you about you or doesn't care about you because bad things have happened in your life. But God does care. The Bible tells us that God causes everything to work together for the good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them...Bad things do happen, but if you are following God, He promises to make good things come from those bad things.

God had a plan when he created you. And they are good plans. He wants you to follow Him. When you follow Him you are never alone... You won't be like the snowflakes blowing around wildly not knowing where you are going or where you will land. You will know exactly where you are headed. You will be heading in the direction God wants you to go.