

Tefillin Workshop Two Day Peulah

Day 1:

Materials

- Markers
- Fabric markers
- Ribbons cut to tefillin sizes
- Foam crosses folded to boxes
- Colored paper
- Tape or hot glue

Start with unexpanded service (20 minutes)

Split into two groups (10 minute rotations, 20 minutes total)

Group 1

Explain: The Sh'ma is the most important prayer in Judaism. We put it in our tefillin so that it can be close to our hearts. What is something that is close to your heart? What is the most important thing to you?

Give colored paper and markers. Allow kids to draw/write about their most important thing. Warn them that they will not see this drawing once it is in the box. Have them choose color of tefillin box at the end. Collect the papers)

Group 2

Explain: The Sh'ma means to listen! "Hear oh Israel the lord our G-d is one" We wear the tefillin on our arms as a symbol of our Jewish faith.

Give ribbons and sharpies. Have a piece of paper ready to show to them how sh'ma is written in Hebrew (they should at least write the word sh'ma in Hebrew) and allow them to decorate the ribbons (warn them that the entire string will not be visible).

Day 2

Materials

- Completed tefillin
- Siddurim with brachot

Hand out tefillin to campers and teach how to wrap (counselors bein hachanichim). Say the brachot after each step.

Have a full service. Pause before adon olam to give instructions for taking off the tefillin and give them a box (?) to put them in.