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## **Social: Setting the Tone for the Experience (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)**

### **Early Arriver**

- No supplies needed

## **Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways (9:15, 10:30, 11:45)**

- Bible Presentation in Large Group

## **Prayer (9:50, 11:05, 12:20)**

- “Scroll” Activity Page
- Pencils
- Bibles

## **Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**

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## **Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Prayer Groups, 15 minutes)**

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today’s Bible Truth.

*Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Ask God to bring the big concept of heaven down into your kids’ world. Ask Him to guide today’s conversation with your few, focusing on how He knows the end of the story and He’s prepared an awesome place for all believers. Pray that your few would be encouraged to keep going because God knows the end of their story.*

### **Early Arriver Idea**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Instruct kids to take turns briefly summarizing a popular book or movie and then stopping just before the end. Then they choose someone else to finish the story. (If the person they choose doesn’t know the end already, that’s even better!)
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After you’ve done a couple of these, let kids try to “stump you” by summarizing a kids’ show or movie you haven’t seen. They stop telling the story just before the ending and let you try to fill in the rest!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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## Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

### GETTING READY

#### 1. Opener/Closer

**What You Need:**

- Host
- 252 Intro Video

#### 2. Bible Truth

**What You Need:**

- Historyteller
- 252 Story

#### 3. Worship

**What You Need:**

- Power Praise Team

*Music and Sound Effects (SFX):*

- “We Shine”
- “Walk By Faith”
- “Oceans”

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## **Bible: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)**

Engage kids’ hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Truth, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

**CG: Welcome Slide**

**SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.**

**CG: The Amazing Maze Theme Slide**

*Host welcomes kids as they enter.*

**HOST:** “Hey, friends! It’s me, [Host’s name]! On three, I want everyone to shout out their name. One, two, three! (*Hold hand to ear.*) Awesome! I’m so glad you decided to hang out with us today in The Fort. In fact, I’m so glad, I think we should all give ourselves a pat on the back for being here. Look at your neighbor and say, ‘Thanks for coming.’”

**HOST and KIDS:** (*Pat your own back.*) “Thanks for coming!”

**HOST:** “Today is not just any other day, you know. This is the last Sunday that we will have our second graders here in The Fort . Next week all of you second graders will be in the Hideout as Third Graders!!! Today is also our LAST day this month to talk about determination together. That’s been our Life App for the last few weeks, and it’s been amaaaazing. Let’s read the definition of determination together. Ready?”

**CG: Determination Slide**

**HOST and KIDS:** “Determination is deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.”

**HOST:** “That’s right. Now let’s see what our video has to say about determination.

*Host joins the audience.*

**CG: 252 Intro Video**

*Historyteller enters.*

**SETTING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Hey, everybody! It’s me, [Historyteller’s name], and today we’ve got an incredible, cool, almost-unbelievable Bible Truth to talk about. And the best part is it’s all true because it’s from the Bible. In fact, today’s Bible Truth is from the very last book in the Bible. Does anyone know what the last book in the Bible is? (*Pause for response.*) Revelation. That’s right.

“Does anyone know what the word *revelation* means? A revelation is something that is revealed to us to explain something we didn’t already know. The book of Revelation in the Bible is God’s way of revealing to us what’s going to happen in the future. And the person He used to write that book is a man named John.

**CG: 252 Story**

**WRAPPING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “You know, John wasn’t exactly sure what to make of everything he saw in his vision. And to be honest, no one knows exactly what heaven is going to be like. But John knew one thing for sure: God was going to make everything right and good in the end. And for those of us who put our trust in Him, we will get to live in heaven, and it will be breathtaking, perfect, and whole.

“Since we are God’s friends forever, when life gets hard, we can remember how all of our stories are going to end. We are going to live forever with God in a place where there is no more sadness or pain, where everything that is broken is fixed, where we are with God and feel His love all of the time.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

“So when life gets hard, we can **[Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story.** That’s our Bottom Line for today! Can you read it with me?”

**HISTORYTELLER and KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Keep going because God knows the end of the story.”**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “John’s vision was filled with many wonderful and strange and beautiful and confusing things, but one thing is certain: God was there with His people and everything was good.

“So whenever you’re worried about what’s going to happen—maybe with your parents, with a friend, or with your grades—just know that you can show determination, you can keep going, because God is with you, God loves you, and God knows the end of EVERY story.”

**Pray**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “God, You are a good God with good plans for our lives. Thank You that You have written the end of our stories, and it is a great ending. Help us to remember how You are going to make all things right and good forever. When life gets hard, help us to remember that it won’t always be hard, because one day You are going to make all things right. Help us to be encouraged by the end of our stories that You’ve written and help us to have determination to press on no matter what. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen!”

“If you have an offering with you today, you can bring that on up.”

**HOST:** “Not look at your neighbor and say ‘Up on your feet It’s time to sing!’ Go!”

“It is time to sing, so help me get the power praise team in here.”

### **Worship**

**POWER PRAISE:** “Yeah, we love singing and praising our amazing God with all of you. This song is about shining the light of God as we live our lives following Jesus. He is the way. Let’s sing!”

**SFX:** “*We Shine*”

“We give all we are to go your way Jesus. Psalm 90:2 says: *Before you created the whole world and the mountains were made, from the beginning to the end you are God (NirV)*. Our God is forever. From beginning to end we can believe in Him and every word He says is true. Let’s lift up this song of worship to sing what we believe and because we believe, we have faith.”

**SFX:** “*Walk By Faith*”

“This last song is an opportunity for us to just slow down and pray to the Lord. Just clear your mind of whatever is causing it to feel like an ocean and just focus in on God and His great love for us.”

**SFX:** “*Oceans*”

“Awesome job everyone! Have a fun last week of school and we will see some of you in the Hideout next week!”

*Power Praise Team exits.*

### **Closer**

**HOST:** “Wow! That’s amazing, right?! All year, we’ve been looking at stories from God’s One Big Story—the one He’s been writing since the very beginning of time. And in the beginning—I mean the very beginning—God created a man and woman named Adam and Eve. They had it made! They lived in a perfect garden and had everything they needed. But then they broke God’s rule and it went downhill from there. The ground was cursed. People were cursed. People could get sick. People could get hurt. People could die. Because of Adam and Eve’s one mistake, life became a maze of confusion and pain.

“And that continues even today. Our hearts get broken, parents get divorced, and people we care about pass away. Sometimes it can feel like the hard times will never end. But today we discovered there WILL be an end to all of that!

“God gave John a peek into what it’s going to be like at the end of the story. And it’s going to be better than you or I can imagine.

“That’s why we can keep going. Our memory verse reminds us of that.

**CG:** *Memory Verse*

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up.” Galatians 6:9, NIV

“Because whenever we get sick, or whenever we get hurt, or whenever we’re sad or angry or jealous or ashamed, we know that it’s all just temporary. It’s not going to last forever. Someday God is going to bring an end to all of it. That’s the one thing to remember today.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “Keep going because God knows the end of the story.** So this week, let’s all keep going and doing the right things. I can’t wait to see all of the amazing things that are going to come from you guys when you show determination! Have a great time in Prayer Group, and we’ll see you next week for a brand new Life App!”

“Make sure you give your leaders a hug and a high five, especially you second graders. Second graders, next week you will be moving on up to the third grade room, the Hideout. First graders, you will now be second graders and we’ll get the new first graders in here. I’m counting on you to show them the ropes and to make them feel comfortable in here.”

*Dismiss children to their Prayer Groups.*

**CG: Prayer Group Slide**

## **Pray and Dismiss (10 minutes)**

**What You Need:** “Scroll” Activity Pages, pencils, Bibles

### **What You Do:**

- Tell kids you’re going to read the Bible passage from Large Group. As you read, they should listen carefully and make mental notes about the parts they think are the best things about what heaven will be like.
- Read Revelation 21:1-7, 23-27; 22:1-5 aloud.
- Hand out Bibles, Activity Pages, and writing utensils.
- Tell kids to look up the Scripture passage in the Bible and write down the sentence/verse that speaks to them the most. (If you have some who prefer to draw, let them write a short paraphrase of their verse and then draw their own visual interpretation of the verse.)
- If you have time, allow some kids to share which verse they wrote and why they chose it.
- Ask kids to pray aloud, thanking God for that aspect of heaven.
- Make it a popcorn prayer, where kids just say their prayers whenever they wish. Don’t put anyone on the spot to pray aloud if they aren’t comfortable doing so.
- End with your own prayer.

### **What You Say:**

“Those are some great things to look forward to in heaven. ***[Make It Personal] (Tell kids what you’re most looking forward to in heaven and why.)*** God doesn’t want us to worry, because He knows how things will end, and He has even told us about it in the book of Revelation at the end of the Bible. I’m so thankful we can know that in the end, all will be well for those who know and love Jesus. ***[Bottom Line] Keep going because God knows the end of the story.***”

“God, thank You for [aspect of heaven you’re looking forward to the most]. Help us all to have determination and decide it’s worth it to finish what we started. Help us to remember to trust You to lead us and give us strength to keep going, even when it’s hard. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Pass out Parent CUE cards as adults arrive for pick-up.