

The Blamer

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Life App: Creativity—imagining what you could do because you’re made in God’s image.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

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

I Know You

- “Word Search” Activity Page; 1 for each kid
- Pencils

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)

- Kids’ prayer booklets from previous weeks (if they brought them back)
- Hole-punched “Prayer Cards Week 4” Activity Page and cut apart; 4 cards for each kid
- Completed Prayer Booklets containing Weeks 1-3 (*Note: You only need to provide these for kids who weren’t present in previous weeks.*)
- Pencils
- Yarn pieces (For children to string their Week 4 cards if they forgot to bring their booklets back)

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. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we may know Him and have a relationship with Him. Pray that for kids who haven’t yet accepted the gift of salvation, today would be a step in that direction for them. For kids who have accepted that gift, pray that today would push them to want to know God better and grow in their relationship with Him.

I Know You

What You Need: “Word Search” Activity Pages, pencils

What You Do:

- Pass out a word search puzzle to each kid to complete.
- After kids have all finished, use the following paragraph as a guide to talk about the word search.

What You Say:

“What do all of these words describe? Who is faithful, loving, and forgiving? Who is so trustworthy you can trust Him no matter what? (*God*) This month we learned God is creative. God made everything, He made you in His image, and He made you to imagine. **[Transition] Let’s head to Large Group to hear something else God made us to do.**”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- Storyteller
- PGL volunteer
- Tool box
- 2 handheld dry erase boards
- 2 dry erase markers
- 2 dry erase erasers

2. Bible Truth

What You Need:

- Historyteller
- 252 Story

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Power Praise Team

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- “Oh So Beautiful”
- “Know You Better”
- “Good, Good Father”

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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.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

CG: Gadgets and Gizmos Theme Slide

Host enters.

Opener

HOST: “Over the past few weeks, I feel like we’ve really gotten to know each other. You know I am a professor of gadgets, and I know that you are all gadgeteers. But I believe someone in the audience REALLY knows me and is unknowingly my best friend. I want to discover who my secret best friend is. To do so, I have created a toolbox with a series of tests that will determine who my best friend is.

Reveal the toolbox.

“Ta-da! Do not be deceived, my friends. This is not an ordinary toolbox; this toolbox contains everything we need to determine just how well we know each other and if we are to be best friends. To demonstrate, I will need a volunteer.

Choose a Prayer Group Leader from the audience and bring her to the stage.

“To determine if we are fit to be best friends, I will retrieve a question from the Best Friend Toolbox and I will read it out loud. I will then write down my answer on this gadget.

Remove whiteboards and dry erase markers from the toolbox. Keep one set and give the other to the PGL.

“On your gadget, you write down what you believe my answer will be. If our answers match, I’ll ask you another question. If our answers do not match, then we are not best friends and I will choose another volunteer. So, here’s question one.

Remove Question 1 from the toolbox and read it aloud.

“What is my favorite gadget?’ Wow, that’s a hard one. I have so many! My favorite gadget? How could I choose? Okay, I got one. *(To PGL)* Remember, you want to write down what you think MY answer is.

Write down “pencil.”

NOTE: The goal for the first three questions is for the answer not to match. If, by chance, the answers do match, react positively and move on to the next question with the same volunteer.

“I’m feeling good about this. Reveal your answer.

Read the PGL’s answer aloud.

(To audience) “What do you guys think? Think she’s right? While that is a great gadget, I wrote down ‘pencil.’ A simple gadget, to be sure, but it is my favorite, because with it I can record all my good—and not-so-good—gadget ideas. Let’s try again, though, and see if we can match on another question.

Remove Question 2 from the toolbox and read it aloud.

“What is my favorite movie?’ I’m going to write down my answer, and you write down what you think I’m going to say.

Write down “Star Wars.”

“Hmmm, I have no doubt we have found my best friend. I can tell you really know me. Reveal your answer.

Read the PGL’s answer aloud.

“Oh no, I wrote, ‘Star Wars.’ There are some crazy gadgets in those movies. *(Pretend to wield a light saber, making the noise as best you can.)* Let’s keep trying. I really want a best friend.

Remove Question 3 from the toolbox and read it aloud.

“What is my favorite mode of transportation?’ This is a great question! I already know my answer. Write down what you think is my favorite way to get around, like a car or a train. Here’s a hint: It’s neither of those.

Write down “unicycle.”

“I just know our answers are the same! Show everyone what you wrote.

Read the PGL’s answer aloud.

“Unfortunately, that’s not what I wrote down. I wrote ‘unicycle.’ A unicycle is a tricky little gadget. It took me years to master. Okay, there is only one question left in the toolbox. Maybe before we answer the question, we need to take a minute to concentrate. Look right here.

Motion for the PGL to look into your eyes. While looking intensely at the PGL, twitch your eyes and move your eyebrows all over the place. Keeping eye contact, circle your head around. Open your eyes as wide as you can.

“Open your eyes. Wider. Wider! Don’t laugh; this is serious business. I know I got this, but do you got this? You got this. We got this. I have full confidence in you. Okay, let’s go.

Remove Question 4 from the toolbox and read it aloud.

“‘Who is my favorite professor?’ Oh, this should be an easy one. I’m going to write down my answer and we’ll see if you write down the same thing.

Write down “Rube.”

“Do you think you got it? What did you write down?”

Read the PGL’s answer aloud. Hopefully your answers match. If they do, react with a lot of excitement and show the audience your answer. Introduce your new best friend to the audience.

If your answers do not match, respond with something like, “I can see that we have very similar interests, and while both excellent friends and gadgeteers, we are not fit to be the very most best of friends.”

Dismiss the PGL from the stage.

“We all want to have friends and have people who know us! It’s how God wired us. We’ll talk a lot more about that today. Welcome to the stage [Historyteller’s Name]!”

Historyteller enters as Host exits.

SETTING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH

HISTORYTELLER: “Over the past few weeks, we learned that God created everything from nothing including the first people, Adam and Eve. He set humans apart from the rest of creation by creating us in His image. This doesn’t mean we look like God physically, but we look like God in the way we love, forgive, and use our imaginations. Nothing else in the whole universe can do those things like we can.

“After God made the first man and woman, He invited them to work alongside Him to use their imaginations to solve problems and help others. And we’re still doing this today! God wants each of us to get to work using our gifts and talents to help others and make the world a better place.

“God could have stepped back and let us do the work all on our own, but God wanted a relationship with us. He wants us to know Him and experience His love. He wants to be your friend, to know your needs and wants, to talk with you on a regular basis, and to share His wisdom with you. He wants to be

involved in your life and ultimately spend forever with you.

“We all have a best friend that we know really, really well. Maybe you know their favorite sport and what they like to do for fun. And God is SO big and SO huge that we can always learn something more about Him. Our friendship with God will never get boring. God wants a relationship with all of us and that relationship started waaaay back at the beginning with Adam and Eve. I have a video that will tell us more.”

“On the count of three let’s ask [Tech’ Name] to role that film please. Ready? One. Two. Three. ‘Roll that film please!’”

CG: 252 Story

WRAPPING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH

HISTORYTELLER: “We still feel the effects of Adam and Eve’s sin today. Since we are descendants of Adam and Eve, we inherited their sin-stained hearts. We are born separated from God because He is pure and perfect, and we are not.

“We can’t walk with God like Adam and Eve did when they were first in the garden. We can’t talk to Him face to face. God loves us and wants us to be able to be close to Him, but because you and I inherited sin-stained hearts and we sin on our own, our relationship with Him is broken. But God still made us to know Him. It’s our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “God made you to know Him. Can you say that with me?”

HISTORYTELLER and KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** “God made you to know him.”

HISTORYTELLER: “That’s right! And because God wanted us to have a relationship with Him, He sent His only Son, Jesus. Jesus was a gift. God doesn’t force Jesus on us, but He allows us to choose to accept what Jesus did for us and to have a friendship with Him. When we accept Jesus as our Savior and accept that He died on the cross for our sins, Jesus gives us new, clean hearts and fixes our relationship with God. And because of Jesus, some day when we’re in heaven, we’ll be able to walk with God and talk with Him face to face just like Adam and Eve did in the garden. If you are ready to ask God to clean your heart and to promise to live your life like Jesus showed us, please raise your hand and one of our leaders will take you to the back of the room to talk. If you have more questions, come find me after Large Group and I will gladly answer your questions.”

Let’s pray and thank God for sending Jesus for us.”

Pray

HISTORYTELLER: “God, thank You for making a way for us to have a relationship with You. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus so that we can be forgiven and know You more. God, You are so good and kind and loving. We praise You for making us in Your image and for giving us a way back to You through Jesus’ sacrifice. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“If you have an offering with you this morning, please bring it on up to the offering bucket.”

“Now, up on your feet because it’s Praise and worship time!”

Power Praise enters.

POWER PRAISE: “Yeah, spending time with God is always a good thing. Raise your voices and sing with us!”

SFX: “*Oh So Beautiful*”

“I love that Jesus wants us to know Him. We know Him better by spending time in worship, prayer, and reading His Word—the Bible. This song is about knowing God better. Sing it loud.

SFX: “*Know You Better*”

“Romans 11:36 says: *All things come from him. All things are directed by him. All things are for his praise. May God be given the glory forever! Amen (NirV).* He is such a good, good father. Let’s lift up our song in praise.”

SFX: “*Good, Good Father*”

“Great job everyone. We’ll see you soon! Have a great week.”

Power Praise exits as Host enters.

Closer

HOST: “We can never be good enough to fix our relationship with God. But God is bigger than our sin!

“Kids, God loves us so much and He wants to be our friend so badly that He did something about our sin problem. God sent His Son Jesus to earth as a baby. Jesus grew up and He lived the perfect life. Jesus never talked back to His mom and He never lied to His teachers. Jesus never sinned; He was holy and pure. He had a clean heart. But then Jesus did something amazing. Even though He had never done anything wrong, He died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sin and my sin. And then, once He rose from the dead, He offers each of us a new, clean heart just like His. And once we have new, clean hearts, we can come close to God! Because of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God! Jesus made everything right! Before we go to our Prayer groups, let’s look at the Bottom Line one more time.

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

[Bottom Line] “**God made you to know Him.** God wants to have a relationship with you. That’s why He made you! Remember our memory verse?”

CG: *Memory Verse Slide*

“*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know this full well, Psalm 139:14.* God wants us to know Him and to be known by Him. He wants to be your friend and He made a way for us to have a relationship with Him through Jesus. Have a great time in Prayer Group! We’ll see you next week! Please remember, if you have questions about how to be Jesus’ friend

forever or if you want to ask Him to give you a clean heart, come and talk to me or [Historyteller's Name]."

Dismiss children to their Prayer Groups.

CG: Prayer Group Slide

Pray and Dismiss (10 minutes)

What You Need: "Prayer Cards Week 4" Activity Page, markers, pencils, yarn pieces for children who did not bring their booklets back, completed kids' prayer booklets from previous weeks **(Note: only for children that have not been present at either weeks 1-3).**

What You Do:

- Give kids four prayer cards each.
- Kids use the pages in the booklet to thank God for something specific they know about Him, such as: "I can trust You," "You are with me always," "You are kind," etc.
- Kids can either draw what they are thankful for or write a note to God thanking Him.
- Encourage kids to add these pages to their booklets and keep thinking all week about who God is. Tell them to add to their booklets throughout the week.

What You Say:

"There is a lot you know about God. You know He is creative. You know He made you in His image and you know **[Bottom Line] God made you to know Him.** God wants a relationship with each of you and He wants to be with you now and forever. He sent Jesus because He loves all of us, and when you know God and believe Jesus died for your sins, you can be with God now and forever. During the week, add to your prayer booklet different things about God that you are thankful for.

"Let's pray. Dear God, You are awesome! We are blessed You love us so much You want to be with us always! God, we want to know You. Guide us to find creative ways to know You better. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, explain today we learned God made us to know Him. Encourage kids to share their prayer booklets with their parents and challenge them to add to their prayer booklets during the week.