

The Blamer

Bible Truth: The Blamer (The Fall) • *Genesis 3*

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Memory Verse: “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made your works are wonderful, I know that full well .” *Psalm 139:14, NIV*

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)

Snake in the Grass

- A long jump rope

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)

- No supplies needed

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

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Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small 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.

Snake in the Grass

What You Need: Long jump rope

What You Do:

- Guide kids to line up. Lay the jump rope flat on the ground several feet from the kids.
- Vigorously wiggle the jump rope so it looks like a snake. Let the kids take turns jumping over it.
- Variations:
 - Choose a volunteer to hold and wiggle the other end of the rope.
 - If the “snake” touches a child’s foot, that foot is out of play and the child must hop over the snake on one foot on subsequent turns.

What You Say:

“You guys did a great job avoiding the snake! *[Transition]* In our Bible Truth today we’ll hear about two people who should have avoided a snake but didn’t. Let’s go to Large Group to learn more.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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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):

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

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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: “Hi there everyone! I don’t want to waste any time getting things off right this morning. Everyone up on your feet and help me get the Power Praise team in here.”

Host exits as 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.

CG: *252 Intro Video*

Historyteller enters.

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."

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 small 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: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.

What You Say:

“This month you’re learning all about imagination. But did you know that it’s IMPOSSIBLE for you to imagine how much God loves you? His love for you is bigger than the earth, bigger than the sky, even bigger than heaven! He loves you SO much that He sent His Son, Jesus. When God sent Jesus to die on a cross for our sins, the price for all of our broken rules was paid. Now when you ask God to forgive you for the wrong things you do, He will. Because of what Jesus did, you can have the relationship with God that He made you for. So remember: God loves you MORE than you can ever imagine, and **[Bottom Line] God made you to know Him!**” *(Lead kids in prayer, thanking God for His unimaginably big love and for the truth that God made us to know Him.)*

Give each child a GodTime card. Pass out Parent Cue cards as adults arrive to pick up. Remind kids of the Bottom Line and encourage them to tell their parent one thing that’s impossible for them to imagine: how much God loves them.