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"DEPENDABILITY"**
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BIBLE CONNECTION

(KBC Study Bible)

CHARACTER WORD

Dependability – Trustworthy to do what I say I will do

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can depend on God's word to lead me through life.

MEMORY LINK

Deuteronomy 5:33a

"You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you."

(KBC Study Bible, page 193)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED
THIS WEEK**

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards,
Hang 10 pages, index cards,
pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: No supplies needed
Option 2: Strips of paper, marker

BIBLE CONNECTION

Resource item (script),
10-12 dominoes, colorful robe,
name tags or signs

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards,
Hang 10 pages, index cards,
pens, highlighters

**MAKE-IT-STICK
REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Styrofoam cups
Option 2: Index cards

Welcome to KiDs Beach Club®!

Optional Introductory Lesson

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Welcome to Beach Club®! This is your opportunity to build relationships with boys and girls who may not know Jesus as their Forever Friend. Each week, we will share God's love through character words, Bible verses, and stories that will calm their fears and anxieties and grow their minds with the love and strength of God's Word. They will learn to depend on God in their daily life.

You are the eyes and feet of Jesus. Pray for your club, the leaders at your school, and the students and their families. You are not here by accident. This is God's plan for you! Be ready for a great time of sharing Bible truths with eager minds every week!

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Building relationships in small group is a critical and important part of every Beach Club®. Spend this time getting to know your students in your surf team. Ask them about their day, fun things they like to do, etc.

Introduce yourself as your students join your surf team. Get to know your students by playing a game. As students are sitting in a circle, begin by saying your own name and describe yourself with one word that begins with the same letter as your first name. Example: *My name is Susan and I am silly!* Go around the circle until all of the students have repeated the sentence with their own name and descriptive word.

- Today's character word is dependability. How would you describe a person who is dependable?
- How can you be dependable at school? At home?



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WELCOME TO BEACH CLUB®

As students move into large group, welcome them to the very first Beach Club® of the year. Introduce yourself. If you are a returning Beach Club® ask students if this is their first time to be in Beach Club®.

Go over club rules with group. If your club has a Treasure Chest, talk to students about your reward system.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God



Introduce simple, easy-to-learn songs on this very first day of club like Books of the Bible by Worship for Kids. Choose songs weekly that engage students with lots of movement and create enthusiasm and fun. Use a projector with the words, posters, or a video so that students can sing along. Usually two songs fit into the schedule but for today, just select one. During the year, if you have students who already know some of the songs, invite them to come to the front and assist you in leading the Worship Time. Remember – HAVE FUN!

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Prior to **Great Treasure Day**, ask students to bring their Bibles to Beach Club® if they have one. During **Get Connected**, have Surf Team Leaders assist students in locating the **Memory Link** and **Bible Connection** verses in their own Bibles.

We are so excited that you are here at our very first Beach Club® this year! Beach Club® is a fun time every week when you get to hang out with your friends just like you do when you go to a beach and search for some great treasures – and who doesn't like a great treasure!

Every week, we are going to find a new verse in our Bibles and learn it together.

If you have a Bible, we would love for you to bring it to club. If you don't have a Bible, don't worry. There is going to be a special day very soon, called Great Treasure Day, when everyone will get their own KiDs Beach Club® Study Bible – the greatest treasure on earth!

The Bible contains God's truths and life lessons for us. Can you believe that this book was written for you and me? God inspired some very special people to write every word in the Bible to give us help to live a good life every day. I know that I can depend on God's Word to lead me in everything I do.

The Bible is divided into two parts – the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament tells us about God's promise to send a Savior. The New Testament tells us about that Savior, Jesus Christ, His life on earth and how to live as a Christian.

Focus on Today's Memory Link

Today our Memory Link verse is found in the Old Testament in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 3, verse 33a. When we have the letter "a" at the end of our verse, it means just the first half. When there is a "b" at the end of the verse, it means the last half.

Our verse today says "You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you." Isn't that cool? This verse means that we (you and I) can depend on God to tell us how to live our lives. Let's play a game to help us remember this verse!

Option 1 - SAY IT LOUD!

No supplies needed

Ask students to repeat the verse, including the scripture reference, in various voices: a grandma voice, a baby voice, a growling voice, etc.

Repeat at least three times.

Option 2 - CARD SCRAMBLE

Index cards for each surf team, markers, brown paper bag or baggie

Prepare: Write words of the verse on index cards.

When the Memory Link Leader says "go", the Surf Team Leader drops the cards out of the bag into the middle of the surf team circle. Students put the words in order including the scripture reference at the end. Repeat if time allows.

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Deuteronomy 5:33a

"You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you."

(KBC Study Bible, page 193)

Teaching Tip

Prepare a list of club rules to review each week at the start of club. Make them fun and engaging. Use instructions that fit your situation and address them in fun ways throughout the year. Consider using the same rules that the school uses to be consistent and reinforce what they're being instructed at school. The Beach Club® Essentials Leadership Manual, Volume 2 suggests these rules on page 31:

Sit Up!

Look Up!

Listen Up!

Hands Up! (or to yourself)

...AND HAVE FUN!

Teaching Tip

Try to link visuals with the memory verse. Make a plan and be prepared. Practice beforehand so that you will know that your activities will fit within the time frame for Memory Link. Use things you may have at home or that you can borrow from your church. Be creative and have fun!

BIBLE CONNECTION

Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story



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No supplies needed

Set the Stage

When I go to the beach, I like to pick up shells – little shells, big shells, sometimes clean shells and sometimes some dirty shells. These are all treasures that I seek or look for on the beach. But do you know that I've learned in my life that the beach isn't the only place to find great treasures? Today, I'm going to tell about the best place to find great treasure!

Tell the Story

This year in Beach Club®, we are going to find the greatest treasures in the Bible, God's Word. Some people like to refer to the Bible as our roadmap for life because it is full of instructions about how to live our lives. Others like to call the Bible God's love letter to us because He loves us so much that He gave us these words of love to live by. No matter what, I know this – that every word written in the Bible is true. It is not fiction, a fairytale, a folktale, or fantasy. You see, God loves us so much that He gave us His Word, the Bible. I can depend on the words written in my Bible because God inspired the men who wrote them. I know them to be true.

Every week in Beach Club® we are going to learn about some amazing people like Abram with whom God made a covenant, or serious vow, a man who was healed of leprosy, and a widow who stepped out in faith and depended on God to provide for her and her son. We will also read about a woman who risked her life to stop a battle from occurring. We will hear a cool story of a young man who stood up to a big bully! We can't wait to share these true stories from the Bible with you this year. We want to invite you to come every week and invite your friends to join us!

Application

You see, God wants you and your friends to learn to depend on Him because He is the one who can help you have the very best life ever. Sometimes people let us down, but He will never let you down. God promises to be with you and never leave you. You can always depend on Him.

Gospel Connection

We will learn this year that God gave us the most precious gift of all – His Son, Jesus. The Bible tells us in the book of Romans, chapter 3, verse 23 that we are all sinners, meaning we choose to do things that we shouldn't do, and that we deserve to be punished for our sin just like you would by your parents or teachers when you disobey or make wrong choices. But the Bible also tells us in the same book of Romans, in chapter 6, verse 23, that God wants to give us a FREE gift! That gift is the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life with Him in Heaven one day. You can depend on Him to forgive you and give you this eternal life that He's promised! We want you to know that all you have to do is ADMIT that you have sinned and ASK God to forgive you. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son and He died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sin. Then Jesus was buried, but He didn't stay dead! He rose from the dead and is now in Heaven with God the Father and wants you and me to be there with Him someday! Then all you have to do next is CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by making Him your Forever Friend. That's what we call someone who prays and asks Jesus to forgive them and come into their life and then makes the decision to CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus every day at home and at school.

Teaching Tip

If you would like more story content for this lesson, turn back to Deuteronomy 5:1 and introduce Moses. Tell them we will learn more about Moses this year, but for now you want to explain more about our Memory Link. Tell students Moses was reminding the nation of Israel of God's Commandments. Instruct students to turn to the Ten Commandments found before page 243. Let students take turns reading a commandment. Tell them these are the commands our Memory Link tells us we are commanded to do. They help us know right from wrong and when we disobey these commands we sin. Then lead them in the ABCs of salvation.

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*I want to show you something in my KBC Study Bible. If you have one, you can look at these pages, too, by turning to the colorful page that immediately follows page 626 that reads *God Loves You and Has a Plan for Your Life*. Use the tip-in pages in the KBC Study Bible (between pages 626-627) as a guide to this discussion. When you get your very own KBC Study Bible, you can read this any time and freely share with your friends and family.*

Now I'm going to close my time right now by praying. But if you have questions about what I've talked about today, please let your Surf Team Leader know or come talk with me after I pray.

Close in prayer for this Beach Club® year and that students will depend on God in all that they do.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all of the decision supplies available.

Teaching Tip

Repetition is key with students. Repetition is how they learn best and how retention is achieved. Don't be afraid to repeat ideas and truths each and every week. In fact, make a list of 5 truths you hope your students will leave with by the end of the year. Find a way to incorporate your "top 5" every week. An example might be coming up with a rhyme and motions expressing "what God's Word is" such as "true, good, and never-changing". Repeat these truths with the students at the same time each week.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about Beach Club®?*
- *What does dependability mean?*
- *How can you show that you are dependable?*

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their Bibles, if they brought one, and highlight today's Memory Link verse.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading their Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Show and explain the Hang 10 page. Every week we will give you a Hang 10 Page. This is to help you hang out with God 10 minutes each day for 5 days. We want you to bring it back with you each week so we can talk about what you learned or answer any questions you may have. If you don't have a KBC Study Bible yet, we will give you one on Great Treasure Day! If you have a Bible at home, you can use it for now.

Pray

Encourage students to write prayer requests on index cards. Lead them in prayer. Take the cards home and pray over their requests during the week.

Thank You, God, for always being with us and for being dependable in every way. Help us to be dependable at home and at school, with our family and with our friends. Thank you for Beach Club® where I can learn more about You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

When calling on students to answer questions, don't always call on the first person who raises his hand. Students need time to think about the answer. Wait a few seconds for several students to raise a hand before choosing a someone to share.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Option 1 - SMASH THE CUP

Styrofoam cups

Prepare: Place two cups opposite each other on a counter or table for each set of teams. Form at least two teams to compete against each other unless you have 10 in your surf team. Then you can divide into two smaller teams keeping your surf team together.

One student from each team stands at the table with one hand above a cup and the other behind their back. A Surf Team Leader or Review Game Leader asks a review question. The first player to smash their cup gets to answer the question. If the player answers incorrectly, the other player has a chance to answer. If neither can answer, two more players come to the table and try again. Continue until all of the review questions have been answered or as time allows. The team with the most correct answers wins the game.

Option 2 - THE AMAZING RACE

Index cards for each team

Prepare: Write the Review Questions on index cards.

Each team lines up single file. Surf Team Leaders stand about 10-15 feet from the team holding the cards. On the signal from the Review Game Leader, the first player on each team races to their Surf Team Leader, draws a card, and answers the question. If they answer correctly, they keep the card and race back to their team. The second player goes next and the game continues until all of the review questions have been answered or as time allows. The team that finishes first is the winner.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is today's character word? (dependability)*
2. *What does dependability mean? (trustworthy to do what I say I will do)*
3. *Recite today's Memory Link. ("You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:33a)*
4. *The Bible is divided into how many parts? (2)*
5. *What are the parts of the Bible called? (Old Testament and New Testament)*
6. *What is the Old Testament about? (God's promise to send a Savior)*
7. *What is the New Testament about? (Jesus Christ, His life on earth and how to live as a Christian)*
8. *Who is one of the amazing people you want to learn more about in God's Word this year? (Answers will vary.)*
9. *Share a way you can depend on God at home. (Answers will vary.)*
10. *Share a way you can depend on God at school. (Answers will vary.)*

Teaching Tip

Your goal as the Review Game Leader is more than simply playing a crazy game. It's to play with the purpose of reinforcing the lesson and reviewing the story. Be sure to listen carefully to the Bible Connection Leader to make sure you know what questions to ask. Sometimes God takes the story in a different direction and not all the questions on the page are covered. Try to avoid asking questions that were not included in the story.

Teaching Tip

Many clubs offer a reward system to encourage students to memorize their Bible verse, bring their Bible to club, show kindness or help another, answer Review Questions correctly, completing Hang 10 pages, etc. Students at this age love to be rewarded for their accomplishments! See page 38 in the Beach Club® Essentials Leadership Manual, Volume 2.

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