GREAT TREASURE DAY "RESPECT" (page 1)

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BIBLE CONNECTION

2 Kings 22:1-30 (KBC Study Bible, pages 412-413)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Respect</u> – To show a high or special importance to someone or something; honor one another

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

Because I know God's word is truth, I show <u>respect</u> in how I take care of it.

MEMORY LINK

Psalm 119:162

"I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure."

(KBC Study Bible, page 648)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: Coin, KBC Study Bible Option 2: Beach ball

BIBLE CONNECTION Resource item, smart phone

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: KBC Study Bibles Option 2: KBC Study Bibles, music

Josiah Finds a Great Treasure

WHAT'S THE POINT?

This lesson emphasizes the value of God's word as a great treasure. Many students may never have had their own Bible, and some may not have ever seen a Bible! This lesson is intended to introduce students to the One True God and the Bible, His word or HIStory. They need to know that God's word contains absolute truth and is God's message to all people, which includes each of them. It is a valuable treasure that students will now have in their hands.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- How excited are you to receive your new KBC Study Bible?
- What makes a Bible so special? (Remind students that everything in the Bible is true.)
- Today's Character Word is <u>respect</u>. Let's find the page in the front of your new KBC Study Bible that tells us the definition of our Character Words.
- How can you take care of your Bible and treat it with respect?
- *Name a place you can read your Bible.* (Be sure "school" is one of the places mentioned. Encourage students to follow school rules and read their Bibles at appropriate times.)

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.

GREAT TREASURE DAY

PREPARE: Set KBC Study Bibles out for distribution.

I am so excited that this day is finally here! It is Great Treasure Day! Each of you will receive your very own Bible today! Many people have prayed for you to receive this Bible today. As your name is called, please come to the front to get your Bible. (Present Bibles to students as your group has planned.)

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Choose songs you sing in your church so when your students come to church they'll hear familiar worship music. If you're looking for songs today, try these: "Ancient Words" by Michael W. Smith (1BelovedSon has a very good video), "How Firm a Foundation" by Hilsong Kids and/or "The B-I-B-L-E, That's The Book for Me" by Listener Kids.

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MEMORY LINK



Psalm 119:162

Focus on the Bible 📖

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

Explain that each week in Memory Link, we will count who remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage students to hold up their new KBC Study Bibles high in the air while you count.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

2 Minutes - Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

Have you ever seen anyone with a metal detector on a beach? What are they looking for? Yes, treasure. In Beach Club®, we will be looking for treasure, not on a beach, but in God's word, the Holy Bible. God's word is the greatest treasure on earth!

Instruct students to turn to the tip-in page "About the Bible" (right after page 242) and briefly explain how the Bible is organized and written. Help them understand that the Old Testament points to the need for all people to have a Savior, someone who forgives and saves us from sin. The New Testament is about Jesus, who is the Savior that God had promised in the Old Testament. Tell them how many books there are and who wrote the Bible.

Now instruct students to turn to the tip-in pages "How to use This Bible" (behind the front cover) and explain that each verse has an address and can be located using the book, chapter and verse. Show them the Table of Contents (page vi) and lead students to find Psalm 119:162 (page 648).

Instruct students to read the verse aloud several times. Challenge them to close their Bibles and say the verse without looking.

This verse tells us that God's word is a great treasure. What would you do if you found a hidden treasure? God's Word is a great treasure because it is God's message to us. I like to say it's God's love letter to us! It's not a hidden treasure. God wants people to read His word and know more about Him.

Option 1 – FLIP FOR TREASURE

KBC Study Bible, coin

Instruct students to sit in a circle. Place one KBC Study Bible in the middle of the group. Open it to Psalm 119:162. Students will take turns gently flipping the coin so it lands on the Bible. If the coin lands "heads up," the person who tosses it will say the verse. If the coin lands "tails up," the person who tosses it will select another person to say the verse.

Option 2 - BEACH BALL VOLLEY

Beach ball

Give each Surf Team Leader a beach ball. Instruct surf teams to work together to keep the beach ball from touching the ground, gently tapping it up as each word of the verse is recited. For an extra challenge, give surf teams more than one beach ball! "I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 648)

Bible 101 📖

Draw students' attention back to the KBC Study Bible tip-in section "God Loves You and Has a Plan for You" (between pages 626-627). Encourage them to share these pages with a friend or family member to help them understand the significance of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

Teaching Tip

Every leader will need to help assist students in finding verses as directed. They can also help each other. To keep good order, once students find a verse or page, train them to place their finger on the page and look at you. That way, you'll know when all your students have found the verse and are ready to listen.

BIBLE CONNECTION



GREAT TREASURE DAY "RESPECT" (page 3)

Resource item "HIStory," paper map, smart phone

Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Set the Stage

If you want to drive all the way across the country, what would you use to know how to get there? That's right, the map app on your smart phone or the navigation system in your car. Would you look at it just one time or leave it on and listen to the instructions until you arrived there safely? The Bible is a book that is like a road map. God wants to give us direction for each part of our lives. But just like this smart phone, if we don't ever look at it, if we don't listen to it, it can't help us. The Bible is a book that teaches us the truth about God and what is right. It tells us what God has done for us and what we should do in response to Him.

Tell the Story

All the stories we teach in Beach Club[®] are part of the Bible's one big story. Read this word for me. (Show them Resource Item) "HIStory." God's word is authentic history and it is HIS story! The Bible was written a very long time ago, but everything it says is just as true today as it was when it was written.

Today's story is about a king who found a great treasure. Lead the students to find 2 Kings 22 (KBC Study Bible, pg. 412). Challenge them to find the name of the king in today's story (Josiah). Guide them to read 2 Kings 2:1 to discover how old Josiah was when he became king. (8 years old).

Josiah was 8 years old when he became king of Israel. He did what was right and tried to lead the people to do things God's way.

When Josiah was a little older, workers were repairing the temple, and one of the priests found a special book. It was the Book of the Law – part of the Holy Scripture from God. The priest knew it was an important, special treasure so they took the Book of the Law to the king. When King Josiah heard the words of the book read, he was so upset that he tore his clothes. He realized their country had not <u>respected</u> God's word and had not been living God's way. They had been worshipping false idols and had turned away from God. The Book of the Law said that God would punish King Josiah and his people for not listening to and obeying God's word.

Now there was a prophetess named Huldah, who God used to speak to the people. King Josiah asked her what he should do since the people had broken God's law. Huldah said, "God sees that you have humbled yourself, listened to His word, and wanted to change and do things God's way. God will not punish you because you have chosen to follow Him."

King Josiah brought together all the elders of Israel, and they made a promise to God to follow everything in the Book of the Law. They tore down the false idols and worshipped the One True God. There was no other king like Josiah who turned away from sin and turned to God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might.

King Josiah realized that God's word was a treasure and that they needed to <u>respect</u> it; he believed it was true and they needed to obey God wholeheartedly. King Josiah led His nation to repent, or turn away, from the sin of worshipping false idols and led them back to worship the One True God.

As You Prepare

Show the students your personal Bible. Let them know how important it is to you. Then use your KBC Study Bible to teach the lesson. You may want to read 2 Kings 21-23 prior to Beach Club® for the full context of this story. God's word still speaks to people today. When you read the Bible, God's Holy Spirit will reveal how your sin separates you from God. The Bible says each of us deserve to be punished for our sin, just like the people of Israel deserved to be punished for their sin. And just like God offered forgiveness when King Josiah led the people to repent, God also offers you forgiveness for your sin when you repent, turn away from your sin and turn toward God.

Application

Remember how I showed you the map app on my smart phone? God's word is like this app. Just like the voice on our map app will continue to guide us until we reach our destination, as we read God's word every day, God will give us direction for how to live and make right choices. The Bible is full of knowledge and truth that can help us. It is a book that teaches us the truth about God and what is right. It tells us what God has done for us and what we should do in response to Him. Because of this we need to <u>respect</u> what God says in His word.

Gospel Connection

Lead the students to find the tip-in section "God Loves You and Has a Plan for Your Life" (between pages 626-627). Encourage them to follow along as you use these pages as an outline to explain God's plan of salvation.

God wants to be your Forever Friend. All you need to do is three simple things: ADMIT, BELIEVE and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. Simply ADMIT you're a sinner and ASK God to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sin. Then, CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from your sin and choosing to live God's way. If you want to talk to your Surf Team Leader or me about how you can ASK Jesus to be your Forever Friend, then come and see me right after I pray.

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 the decision supplies available.

Gospel Tip

Always be prepared to talk with a student about how to become a Christian. Make sure you have your church's decision supplies in your tub or readily accessible. Every Beach Club® leader should regularly review the "Leading a Child to Christ" section on pages 27-30 of the Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club[®] Essentials and check out the additional resources on the Club Leader Tools page.

Connection Tip

Remember to share with your students and their parents about any special events planned by your church. This is a perfect time to extend an invitation to students' families. Don't forget to reach out to your school faculty throughout the year, too!

SURF TEAM TIME

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



GREAT TREASURE DAY "RESPECT" (page 5)

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.
- You received a KBC Study Bible today as a free gift! Is this your first Bible? Does anyone else in your family have a Bible?
- Use most of your Surf Team Time to talk with the students about their Bibles. Allow them to explore, point things out and ask questions.
- What new fact about the Bible did you learn today?
- When and where will you read your Bible when you get home?
- The last tip-in page in the KBC Study Bible (just in front of the back cover) contains more ideas on how students can make Jesus cool at their school.

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 KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

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 students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Find the page "How To Use This Bible" in your KBC Study Bible. HINT: It's the second tip-in page at the very front of your Bible between pages 242-243. Follow the directions and practice finding each one.

Pray

Encourage students to share prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask someone to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Dear God, thank You for Your written word, the Bible. Help me to show <u>respect</u> for my new KBC Study Bible by taking care of it and reading it every day to learn more about Your great love for me. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

The purpose of Surf Team Time is to build relationships with students. Use the Bible as a focus for connection and conversation. You may adjust your schedule to allow for extra time in surf teams today so students can dig in and explore their new KBC Study Bibles.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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



Option 1 - FIND IT

KBC Study Bibles

This option does not use review questions; it gets students hands on with their Bibles.

Students will remain seated in their surf teams. The Make-It-Stick Review Game Leader will call out a page in the KBC Study Bible (tip-in pages, Bible books, special features). When students find that page, they will put their finger on the page and stand. If they have trouble finding a particular page, you can use the page numbers as a hint. The first team where every student finds the page and stands earns a point for their team. The team with the most points wins. After each point, take a moment to share a nugget of truth about that page. (For example, John 3:16 is the most highly recognized verse of the Bible.)

Use the following or choose your own:

- Find John 3:16 (page 1151)
- Find the tip-in page "Jesus: The Perfect Example" (between pages 1010-1011)
- Find the first page of the New Testament (page 1021, this page is not numbered)
- Find the dictionary-concordance (pages 1389-1420)
- Find the first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1 (page 1, this page is not numbered)
- Find the last verse of the Bible, Revelation 22:21 (page 1385)
- Find the tip-in page "The 10 Commandments" (between pages 242-243)

Option 2 - MUSICAL BIBLES

KBC Study Bibles, music

Instruct each surf team to sit in a circle. Use one KBC Study Bible and play the music. Students will pass the Bible around the circle. When the music stops, the Surf Team Leader will ask the person holding the Bible a review question. Continue until all questions have been asked.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Great Treasure? (God's word, the Bible)
- 2. What is today's Character Word? (respect)
- 3. What are the two parts of the Bible called? (Old Testament and New Testament)
- 4. How many books are there in the Bible? (66)
- 5. Who wrote the Bible? (God inspired men to write down His words.)
- 6. Recite today's Memory Link ("I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure." Psalm 119:162)
- 7. Who was the king in today's story? (Josiah)
- 8. What was the treasure Josiah discovered? (Holy Scriptures, Book of the Law)
- 9. What did Josiah lead the people to do? (repent, turn away from their sin and turn to God)

"I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure." Psalm 119:162



Great Treasure Day

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EASTER "HUMILITY" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

John 19:17-20:18 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1177-1180)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Humility</u> – opposite of prideful, arrogant, and conceited. Thinking of others more than yourself

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can know that Jesus <u>humbled</u> Himself to pay for my sin.

MEMORY LINK

Philippians 2:8b

"He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

(KBC Study Bible, page 1295)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED Plastic eggs, bag

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Painter's tape, beach ball, timer Option 1: Plastic eggs, Memory Link poster Option 2: None

> BIBLE CONNECTION Resource Item

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Plastic egg, cups Option 2: Plastic egg, spoon plastic cone

Jesus is Crucified

WHAT'S THE POINT?

This Easter, we will consider Jesus' ultimate example of <u>humility</u>. He willingly left his home in heaven, to come to a fallen sinful world that would hate Him. In His death on the cross, He <u>humbly</u> obeyed the Father and submitted Himself to ridicule, pain and ultimate separation from God. He took the punishment we deserved.

As you prepare to teach the students the true Easter story, take time to thank Jesus for <u>humbling</u> Himself and becoming the way for us to have a relationship with God through His <u>humble</u> sacrifice. Ask the Father to prepare your heart for Beach Club[®] this week in order to help students who may have never heard the real story of Easter to understand Jesus' death, burial and resurrection and what it means for them personally.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

Plastic eggs, bag

Place a few plastic eggs in a bag. Make sure they are all the same color except one. Guide students to reach into the bag without looking and select an egg. If they select the egg that is the different color, they will share something they know about Easter or tell a way their family celebrates Easter.

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Our Character Word is *humility*. What does *humility* mean to you?
- The opposite of <u>humility</u> is pride. Can you share examples that contrast a prideful person and a <u>humble</u> person?
- How does your family celebrate Easter?
- *Why do people celebrate Easter*? Be sure to mention Jesus' death and resurrection if the students do not.

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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Choose songs that reflect your church so when your students and their families come to church they'll hear familiar worship music. If you're looking for songs today, try these: "Jesus is Alive" by City Alight and "Praise the King" by Corey Voss.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

Painter's tape, beach ball, timer

Focus on the Bible

Who brought a Bible? Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage students to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Bringing your personal Bible every week as well will display to them your love of God's word. Seeing your love of the Bible will reinforce the importance of scripture.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Explain that today's Memory Link is part of a letter Paul wrote to the people who lived in Philippi. *In the letter, Paul used Jesus' <u>humility</u> in His death on the cross to show us how much Jesus loves us. The King of the Universe would <u>humble</u> <i>himself to die on a cross.*

Guide students to follow along as you read Philippians 2:8b from the KBC Study Bible (page 1295). Remind them that the key to <u>humility</u> is putting the needs of others before your own without expecting anything in return. Ask them to share ways they can be like Jesus and <u>humbly</u> put the needs of others before their own. (Let others go first, share with those in need, etc.)

Option 1 – SCRAMBLED EGGS RELAY

Plastic eggs, Memory Link poster cut into small strips

Prepare

Print the verse poster on page 7 of this lesson. Cut the verse into 10 separate strips (most strips will have more than one word.) Stuff each strip into a plastic egg. Make one set of filled eggs for each surf team.

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Place a pile of 10 prepared eggs several feet away from each team. When you say "Go," the first player from each team will race to the pile of eggs, open an egg, remove the word and return to tag the next player. After all words and scripture reference are revealed, teams will work to place the strips in the correct order. When the verse is complete, teams will recite the verse aloud together. The first team to recite the verse correctly wins.

You may also do this sitting down in surf teams. The team that opens all the eggs and places the verse in correct order wins.

Option 2 - PRIDEFUL/HUMBLE SWITCHEROO

No supplies needed

Instruct the students to show how a prideful person might stand and what facial expressions they might have. (chest puffed, chin up) Direct them to contrast by showing the same for a <u>humble</u> person. (hands folded, head bowed)

Assign each surf team (or four groups) one of the following verse phrases: He <u>humbled</u> Himself/and became obedient/to the point of death/even the death of the cross. Guide them to stand in a "prideful" body position and facial expression. When each surf team recites their portion of the verse, they should switch to a <u>humble</u> body position and facial expression. At the end of the verse, all surf teams should be in a <u>humble</u> position. Repeat three times, reassigning verse portions to different surf teams, or groups.



Philippians 2:8b

"He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 1295)

Bible 101 📖

Draw students' attention back to the KBC Study Bible tip-in section "God Loves You and Has a Plan for You" (between pages 626-627). Encourage students to share these pages with a friend or family member this Easter to help them understand the significance of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Colored markers, large sheet of paper

Tell the Story

Invite the students to call out words that describe Easter. With one color marker, write each word on a large sheet of paper, posted where the students can see. Words will probably include Easter Bunny, candy, Jesus, church, new clothes, egg hunt and others. After a few minutes, suggest that the word "<u>humility</u>" represents Easter. Write "<u>humility</u>" with the other words. Explain that <u>humility</u> means the opposite of prideful, arrogant and conceited. It also means putting the needs of others before your own without expecting anything in return. Tell the them to listen carefully to understand why <u>humility</u> is an important Easter word.

Our story today is in the gospel of John. Let's turn to John 19:17 in your KBC Study Bibles on page 1177.

Jesus was arrested, severely beaten, put on trial through the night and finally sentenced to death by the governor, Pilate, at the insistence of the Jewish leaders. The leaders thought Jesus deserved to die because he claimed to be equal with God. But we know the truth; Jesus IS God. Pilate couldn't find any fault in Jesus, but he finally gave in to the Jewish leaders' demands. Pilate sentenced Jesus to death by crucifixion.

In those days, crucifixion was a common way Romans would kill criminals. They would make a cross out of two big wooden beams. The criminals would be nailed to the cross by their hands and feet. The crosses with criminals hanging from them stood in a place where people would see them when they passed by. People watching would insult the criminals and mock them. Criminals would hang on crosses for several hours, often naked, in the sun or rain without food or water. Eventually, the weight of their bodies would cause them to stop breathing, and they would die.

Crucifixion was a humiliating and painful way to die. Jesus, though He did nothing wrong, was treated like a common criminal. Several things happened when Jesus was hanging on the cross.

Pilate made a sign that was placed on Jesus' cross. Who would like to read John 19:19 to find what the sign said? (Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews) The message was written in three different languages so everyone walking by would know who it was on that cross. The soldiers who nailed Jesus to the cross gambled to see which one of them would keep Jesus' clothes. An Old Testament prophet said this would happen. The prophecy came true.

Standing at the cross was Jesus' mother, Mary, along with some other women and the disciple, John. Who would like to read verses 26-27 to find what Jesus said to them? (Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!) Does Jesus sound prideful, arrogant or conceited? No. Even in the agony of the cross, Jesus put the needs of others above His own. He told John to take care of His mother Mary. John kept his promise and from that day on, Mary lived with John at his home.

As You Prepare

God's word is what does the work, which frees us up to simply proclaim it. Pray that God's word would work in this upcoming time. Now let's read verse 28 to find what Jesus said next. (I thirst!) Jesus was thirsty, but instead of water, Jesus was given sour wine to drink. Let's read verse 30 to find what Jesus said after He drank. (It is finished!) At that moment, Jesus died.

Jesus was crucified on a Friday, the day before the Jewish Sabbath. It was important that the criminals died early enough in the day so there was enough time for the people to do the work of burial before sundown. To speed up the crucifixion process, the soldiers started breaking the legs of the people on the crosses. When they got to Jesus, they saw He was already dead. They didn't break His legs, but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear. Blood and water came out of Jesus' side.

After receiving permission from Pilate, Joseph of Arimathea, a follower of Jesus, took Jesus' body and placed it in his own tomb. A few of Jesus' followers quickly prepared the body and placed a rock over the tomb entrance. As soon as the Sabbath was over early Sunday morning, some women went to finish preparing Jesus' body. When the women arrived at the tomb, the stone had been rolled away. Jesus wasn't there! He appeared to Mary Magdalene and she told the others. Jesus had died, but now He was alive!

Application

Let's take a look at the list of words you made. Tell me what words you listed earlier that relate to today's story. Circle or highlight those words using the new color marker. Are there any words you want to add after hearing today's story? Using a different color marker, write any new words. Although lots of fun things happen at Easter, the most important is the remembrance of Jesus' <u>humble</u> sacrifice on the cross for our sins and His victorious resurrection over sin and death.

Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate example of <u>humility</u>. At any point in this story did Jesus sound prideful, arrogant or conceited? No. With <u>humility</u>, you can share the good news about Jesus with others. That's doing something for someone else without expecting anything in return. Challenge the students to share with their surf teams the name of someone they can tell about Jesus.

Gospel Connection

Turn with me in your KBC Study Bibles to the tip-in section "God Loves You and Has a Plan for Your Life" found between pages 626-627. Use the section to explain why Jesus' death and resurrection are so important. These pages explain what sin is, who has sin and that our sin separates us from God. God wants us to ADMIT we have sin and ASK Jesus to forgive us of our sin. We must BELIEVE Jesus is the Son of God, who died for our sin, and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from our sin and choosing God's way rather than our own way.

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 the decision supplies available.

EASTER "HUMILITY" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

Don't assume students have heard the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Keep in mind that many of your students do not attend church. In fact, statistically, 62 percent of students in Beach Clubs® do not indicate any church connection on their registration forms. So, try to avoid "churchy" words. Take time to explain the meaning of unfamiliar words and concepts.

Connection Tip

Remember to share with your students and their parents about any special Easter events planned by your church. Easter is a perfect time to extend an invitation to students and families. Don't forget to reach out to your school faculty during the Easter season, too!

SURF TEAM TIME

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



EASTER "HUMILITY" (page 5)

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

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 today's story?
- Share something you learned about the crucifixion.
- Connect the Memory Link to the story. Discuss how Jesus showed humility.
- How can you live out <u>humility</u> this week?
- Who will you tell the good news about Jesus? When will you tell them? What will you say? Encourage students to use their KBC Study Bibles to share about Jesus with others?

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to 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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Take a look at Day 3 of your Hang 10. Jesus did what no one else could do. He wasn't prideful, arrogant or conceited. In dying on the cross, He put your needs above His own. He also did what no one else could do when He was raised from the dead. Jesus is alive in heaven today! Who are you going to share this good news with?

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Jesus, thank You for being the ultimate sacrifice, and dying for my sins. Help me to be <u>humble</u>, like You, and tell others of what You have done. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Remember to facilitate conversation with your students, resist the urge to speak the whole time. Ask helpful questions like "What do you mean by that?" or "Where do you see <u>humility</u> here?" in order to foster more student interaction.

Celebrate Easter

Easter is a celebration! Consider bringing party supplies and decorations to present an atmosphere of celebration.

Make it a point to introduce those who Ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend in Beach Club[®] and rejoice with them. Celebrate! It's a big deal! Remember to complete a decision card on each student and give to your Record Keeper to enter each profession of faith (POF) in the KiDs **Online Management** System[™] so proper follow up can be made. Review "Professions of Faith" on pages 15-18 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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



Option 1 - EGG ROLLS

Plastic egg, three small cups

Instruct each surf team to line up single file several feet away from the paper cups. Place paper cups upright in a triangle. For each review question answered correctly, students get a turn to roll the egg and try to knock over the paper cups. They earn two points for each cup knocked over. They earn 10 points if all three cups are knocked over on one roll. At the end of play, calculate points and declare a winning surf team.

Option 2 - EGG REPLAY

Plastic egg, spoon, plastic cone

Instruct each surf team to line up single file several feet away from a plastic cone. Ask the first player in each line a review question. If the first student who raises their hand answers correctly, he will walk to the cone and back while balancing a plastic egg on a spoon. He will tag the next player who will answer a different review question and continue the relay. The first team moving all players through the relay wins.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (humility)
- 2. What does <u>humility</u> mean? (Opposite of prideful, arrogant and conceited. Thinking of others more than yourself.)
- 3. How did Jesus show <u>humility</u>? (by dying on a cross)
- 4. What did Jesus say right before He died? (It is finished!)
- 5. Why was there a hurry to place Jesus in the tomb? (it was almost sundown before Sabbath)
- 6. Who saw Jesus in the garden? (Mary Magdalene)
- 7. Why was Jesus crucified? (to pay for sins; He claimed to be God)
- 8. Who can you tell about Jesus? (Answers will vary.)
- 9. How does a person become a Christian? (A-B-C Admit, Believe and Choose to follow)
- 10. How can you show humility to others? (Answers will vary.)
- 11. Name something that happened while Jesus was on the cross.

"He humbled **Himself and** became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.' Philippians 2:8b



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BIBLE CONNECTION

(KBC Study Bible)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Dependability</u> – Trustworthy to do what I say I will do

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can <u>depend</u> 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 <u>depend</u> 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 <u>Susan</u> and I am <u>silly!</u> 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 <u>dependability</u>. How would you describe a person who is <u>dependable</u>?

• 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

10 MINUTES

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



WELCOME "DEPENDABILITY" (page 2)

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!

No supplies needed

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 <u>depend</u> 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 <u>depend</u> 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.

BIBLE CONNECTION

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

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 <u>depend</u> 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 <u>depended</u> 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 occuring. 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 <u>depend</u> 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 <u>depend</u> 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.



WELCOME "DEPENDABILITY" (page 3)

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.

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 <u>depend</u> 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.

WELCOME "DEPENDABILITY" (page 4)

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 neverchanging". 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



WELCOME "DEPENDABILITY" (page 5)

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 <u>dependable</u> in every way. Help us to be <u>dependable</u> 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

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 <u>dependability</u> 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 <u>depend</u> on God at home. (Answers will vary.)
- 10. Share a way you can <u>depend</u> on God at school. (Answers will vary.)



WELCOME "DEPENDABILITY" (page 6)

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.

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

Deuteronomy 5:33a



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LESSON 1 "CONFIDENCE" (page 1)

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BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7-3:24 (KBC Study Bible, pages 2-6)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Confidence</u> – Trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have <u>confidence</u> in God knowing that He created me and that He cares for me.

MEMORY LINK

Genesis 1:27

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

(KBC Study Bible, page 2)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED Memory Link cards, Hang

10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Water bottle or 2-liter bottle Option 2: Beach ball

BIBLE CONNECTION

Play dough, cookie sheet

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Music Option 2: Notecards, fly swatter

God Creates Adam and Eve

WHAT'S THE POINT?

The story of creation answers some big questions that every person asks: How did I get here? Why am I here? Genesis chapter 1 reveals the one true God who spoke the world into being. Today's session lays a foundation for students that each of them is uniquely created in God's image. They will understand that God wants to have a relationship with them. Through the creation story, students will discover they can have **confidence** that God is real, and they can know He created them and cares for them.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Today you will lead your surf team in an icebreaker to get to know them and help them get to know each other. Instruct your surf team to sit in a circle. Take turns saying this sentence. "My name is ______ and I saw a ______." The first blank is their name, the second their favorite color, and the last something they would see at the beach that starts with the same letter as their first name.

Example: My name is <u>Susan</u>, and I saw a <u>purple</u> <u>shark</u>.

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's Character Word is confidence. What does confidence mean to you?
- Do you think God wants us to put <u>confidence</u> in Him or ourselves?
- When have you compared yourself to someone else? For example, "I wish I were more like _____?
- Tell me one thing that makes you unique.



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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Singing songs to God is one way to worship Him. Singing songs that declare His truth is also very encouraging to those who worship Him. "Made in Your Image" by Hillsong Kids reminds us that God made us in His image and that He is working in our lives to mold us and strengthen us. "My God is So Big and So Strong and So Mighty" by Mannahouse Kids reminds us there is nothing God cannot do. Another song is Unstoppable God, by Elevation Worship.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse 10 MINUTES

LESSON 1 "CONFIDENCE" (page 2)

Genesis 1:27

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 2)

Teaching Tip

For a great first day, take a look at "Tips for a Great First Day" on the Club Leader Tools Page which includes suggestions and ideas for organization, administration, relating to kids, behavior management and reaching out to your school.

Bible 101 📖

Read Digging In, "God Created Man," on page 2 of your KBC Study Bible to learn how God did something different when He made man. God created man with the ability to love Him and take care of all other created things. Do you love God? How do you take care of His world?

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

Focus on the Bible

Who brought a Bible? Explain that each week in Memory Link you will count who remembered to bring their Bible. Hold up your Bible and say: *The Bible is God's word and it is a great treasure. Everything in it is true and can be trusted. The Bible helps you learn about God and tells how you can have a relationship with God. Each week in Beach Club® we will discover the truth from the Bible. Remember to bring your Bible to Beach Club® every week so you can see for yourselves the truth about God. We will count your Bibles each week and see how many kids remembered. If you don't have a Bible, we will give you a KBC Study Bible in a few weeks on Great Treasure Day!*

Read aloud Genesis 1:27 (page 2) in your KBC Study Bible.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Genesis is the first book of the Bible and tells about the beginning of the earth. God created everything from nothing. He spoke things into being. God is powerful and amazing. Genesis 1:27 explains that God made people in His image. Nothing else in creation was made in God's image. Not plants, animals, stars or water. God made people able like Him – able to think, able to love and able to communicate. God did this so that all people could be in relationship with Him. People who choose to reject God and live without Him miss out on God's purpose for them.

Option 1 – BOTTLE SPIN

One water bottle or 2-liter bottle per surf team

Instruct each surf team to sit in a circle. Place a water bottle in the center of each circle. When the leader says "Go," a student will spin the bottle. When the bottle stops spinning, the one toward whom the bottle points will say the verse, spin the bottle and scoot out of the circle. The process continues until only one student remains in the circle. That student will stand, say the verse, and then that team will say the verse together. The first team to complete the process wins.

Option 2 - GIANT TRIANGLE

Beach ball

Form three groups. Instruct each group to stand in a line with each group forming one side of a triangle. Assign each group one phrase from the Memory Link. Give the beach ball to the first student in the first line. Students will pass the ball down their line while their group recites their portion of the verse. The ball should have traveled all the way around the triangle by the time the whole verse is recited. Play as many times as time allows, starting the beach ball in a different place each time.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Play dough, cookie sheet

Set the Stage

Ask for two volunteers. Indicate the cookie sheet with Play Dough on it. Tell the first volunteer that he has one minute to create something with the Play Dough. After a minute, direct him to show his creation and ask the group if they can guess what it is. Thank the volunteer for helping. Turn to the second volunteer, remove the Play Dough, and tell her she has one minute to create something. Of course, she won't be able to make something out of nothing. Then ask, *"What's the problem?"* Let her explain that she must start with something in order to make something. Thank her for helping you make your point. Explain that ONLY GOD can create something from nothing.

Tell the Story

Ask everyone to open his or her KBC Study Bible, if they have one, to Genesis 1 (page 1). Restate that Genesis is the very first book in the Bible.

Read aloud Genesis 1:1 and ask the students to tell you who was in the beginning. (God) Boys and girls, before there was anything, God existed. He has always been and always will be. You can be <u>confident</u> in God because He is the creator of all things, and He holds all things together. Without God, there would be nothing.

In six days, God created the world and everything in it. Darkness and light; sky and water; land and plants; sun, moon and stars; birds and fish; all types of animals; even people! God created everything from nothing. He simply spoke and, one by one, things came to be.

The people God made were the most special of all. In fact, the Bible says that all people were made in God's image. Let's all say our Memory Link together. Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Because people are made in God's image, people are much more important to God than plants, birds and animals. He loves people more than anything else He made. Read Genesis 1:31 and ask students what God thought about all the things He created. (It was very good.) You can have <u>confidence</u> in God because everything He created is very good, and that includes you! You are not a mistake. God made you exactly the way He wanted you to be. He loves you and He has a plan for you!

God created you and knows everything about you. For example, He knows how many teeth you've lost and how many hairs are on your head. He knows what makes you angry and what makes you laugh. He knows the thoughts in your head and even the words you speak before one of them comes out of our mouth. God knows your past, your present, and He knows your future. You can have <u>confidence</u> in God knowing He made you, He loves you, and He knows all about you.

God not only made Adam, but he gave him a wife, and Adam named her Eve. God put Adam and Eve in a special place called the Garden of Eden. It was a beautiful and perfect place. Everything Adam and Eve needed was provided for them. The Bible says that God walked with them and talked with them in the garden. This means he had a relationship with them. They hung out!

LESSON 1 "CONFIDENCE" (page 3)

Teaching Tip

Using Bibles: Keep in mind that some students don't have any experience using a Bible and may not even own a Bible. Using your KBC Study Bible, take time to explain books, chapters, and verses to show them how to locate verses using Bible references. Allow plenty of time for all to locate verses before moving forward in your teaching time. Give students as many opportunities as possible to be hands on with Bibles in Beach Club®. Read "Using the Bible in Beach Club®" at kidsbeachclub. ora/atd-resources. Let them know they will receive their very own KBC Study Bible on Great Treasure Day!

God made us to walk and talk with Him just like Adam and Eve did. He wants us to hang out with Him, too. But there is something that gets in the way of our relationship with God. The Bible makes it very clear. It started in the garden with Adam and Eve.

Some of you may remember, the garden was a perfect place and God made Adam and Eve perfect, too. But something happened. Sin entered the world. While God provided all the food Adam and Eve needed, there was one thing that He told them they could not eat. It was the fruit from a certain tree in the garden. Adam and Eve knew it was not allowed, but it looked so delicious. There was a serpent in the garden that lied to Eve and tricked her into eating the fruit from the forbidden tree. She listened to the serpent and ate the fruit. She offered some to Adam and he ate it, too. Immediately, they knew that they had disobeyed God. They hid themselves from God because they were ashamed of their sin.

God came to the garden and called out for Adam and Eve. Adam admitted his sin but blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent for tricking her. Adam and Eve knew they had sinned against God because of the choices they made. God is Holy and cannot tolerate sin. Sin must be punished. So, God punished Adam, Eve, and the serpent. They could no longer live in the garden. They could no longer walk and talk with God like they used to. Their fellowship was broken.

Application

Place a chair in the front of the group and invite a student to stand by you. *Ask, "How <u>confident</u> are you that this chair will hold you up if you sit on it?"* (They should respond very <u>confident</u>) *How can you show your <u>confidence</u> in the chair*? (By sitting on it) Ask the student to show his <u>confidence</u> and trust in the chair by sitting down. *Trusting God is like trusting in this chair. The way you show you are <u>confident</u> in <i>God's ability to save you from sin is by trusting in Jesus to pay for your sin.*

You can put your <u>confidence</u> in God because He knows you and loves you. You can trust Him to know what is best for you. He knows the future and sees what we can't see. Who better to trust <u>confidently</u> with your life?

Gospel Connection

Because of this very first sin, all people were born separated from God. That includes you and me. The Bible says that everyone sins. (Romans 3:23) But from the very beginning, God had a plan to save all people from our sin.

Remember, you can be <u>confident</u> in God's love and care for you because He's the one who made you. In fact, God loves you so much He sent his son Jesus to pay the penalty for your sin. What does that mean? Jesus took your punishment. He came to earth and lived a perfect life. He gave up his life for you by dying on the cross for your sins. Then three days later, He came back to life – overcoming sin and death.

The Bible tells us that you can <u>confidently</u> become a follower of Jesus when you ADMIT your sin and ASK God to forgive you; when you BELIEVE that Jesus is the Son of God and He died for your sins and rose from the dead; and when you turn away from your sin and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus with your whole heart for the rest of your life.

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 the decision supplies available.

LESSON 1 "CONFIDENCE" (page 4)

Bibles for Beach Club®

Continue to build excitement about the KBC Study Bible. Show your copy and use it as much as possible during Beach Club[®]. Remind your Beach Club[®] often that every new student will receive their own copy. Make plans for your Great Treasure Day and make it special, exciting and fun!

SURF TEAM TIME

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



LESSON 1 "CONFIDENCE" (page 5)

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 today's story?
- How does knowing God loves you and cares for you give you confidence?
- *Fill in the blank: I can be <u>confident</u> in God because* ______. Get as many students as possible to give a response. Guide them by going first if you see it's needed.

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to 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 the Bible using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Look at Day 3 of the Hang 10. If you have a Bible at home, read Genesis 1:31. It says, "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good." It's amazing to think how special God made people including you. He loves you and wants you to love Him, too.

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Dear God, I'm so thankful I can be <u>confident</u> in Your love and care for me because You're the one who made me. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

It's all about relationships! Pray for the students in your surf team each week. Pray for their prayer requests. Most of all... pray for each of them to respond to what they are learning and that they would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For more ideas for Surf Team leaders, see page 14 of the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.

Teaching Tip for Record Keepers!

Now is the time to build good habits in record keeping. Make sure every student is registered online or that you have a signed paper parent permission form for EVERY student who attends your Beach Club[®]. Be aware of students with allergies or other special situations. Note how each student gets home after club. If you have a large club, enlist people who can help with your data entry. Also, call any parent who has checked they would like to volunteer. Let your church staff vet them to see if they are willing to serve on your team!! 11 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

LESSON 1 "CONFIDENCE" (page 6)

Teaching Tip

Have fun! Cheer the kids on during game time and encourage them to cheer for each other. Feel free to join in and play along. Having fun with your students is part of building relationships.

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

Option 1 - GROUP IT!

Music

Everyone walks around the room while music is playing. The Make-It-Stick Review Game Leader stops the music and calls out a number. Everyone quickly gets into groups of that size and sits down. The leader calls on a group and asks them a review question. Continue playing by calling out different numbers. If you have students left out of groups, ask them a review question instead!

Option 2 - SWAT IT!

One fly swatter per surf team

Prepare

Write answers to review questions on notecards. Make one set for every 2 surf teams.

Explain that two surf teams will play against each other. Place the Answer Cards you prepared face up in the middle of each play area. One student from each surf team will hold a fly swatter and turn their backs to the answer cards. The leader reads a question and says "Go." When students hear the word "Go," they will turn around, look over the answer cards and touch the correct answer card with the fly swatter. The player to touch the correct answer first gets a point for their team.

Remember some safety rules:

- 1. You may not hit anyone with the fly swatter.
- 2. You may not throw the fly swatter at anyone.

3. You may not "block" another player with your arm or your body to prevent them from getting at an answer.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. In what book of the Bible is today's story located? (Genesis)
- 2. What is today's Character Word? (confidence)
- 3. What does <u>confidence</u> mean? (Trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty)
- 4. How did God create things? (He spoke them into being.)
- 5. Who created God? (No one He has always been)
- 6. How can you tell people are the most special to God? (He made people in His image.)
- 7. What did God tell Adam and Eve not to do? (not to eat fruit from a certain tree)
- 8. What separates us from God? (sin)
- 9. Who did God send to save us from sin? (Jesus)
- 10. Name one reason you can be confident in God. (Answers will vary.)
- 11. What must people do to have eternal life? (ABCs: Admit Believe Choose to Follow)

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 1:27



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LESSON 2 "SELF-CONTROL" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 4:1-15 (pages 6-7)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Self-Control</u> – Doing something even when I do not feel like it

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have <u>self-control</u> over my emotions and actions.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 7:12a

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 1033)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Large craft sticks, dice Option 2: Note cards, pen/marker

BIBLE CONNECTION Craft sticks, painter's tape

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Bean bag or other objects to toss Option 2: Resource item, masking tape

Cain Gets Angry

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Just watch the news today and you'll see how little people <u>have self-control</u>. Jesus clearly taught <u>self-control</u>, both for Himself and for others. He set the example for us to follow. He promised to give us the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us to make wise choices and have <u>self-control</u>, one of the fruits of the Spirit.

In our story today, we will learn that Cain lacked <u>self-control</u>. Instead, he allowed his anger to take control, even to the point of killing his own brother. Some students struggle with anger and the ability to maintain <u>self-control</u> in certain situations. Let's help students learn how they can show <u>self-control</u> toward others by praying and asking God to help them.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's Character Word is self-control. What does that mean to you?
- What does showing self-control look like?
- How can you show self-control at home?
- How can you show self-control even when you are feeling hurt or angry?

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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Ever wonder if God really hears your prayers? Knowing that God hears us every time we pray builds our faith in Him. Realizing that He knows all about us and that He sees everything can bring great comfort and security. The song "God is Listening" by Group Publishing, is a great reminder of how God always knows, sees and hears. He always loves us, too. We know He loves us because He sent His Son, Jesus. The song "Jesus Loves Me Remix" by KidSpring, helps us remember God's love for us.

MEMORY LINK



LESSON 2 "SELF-CONTROL" (page 2)

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

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

Focus on the Bible 🛺

Who brought a Bible? Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bible. Encourage students to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. You might even consider a little competition between grade levels or boys vs. girls.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Today's Memory Link is taken from valuable words spoken by Jesus about how we should treat others. In this passage, Jesus is calling us to make a commitment to consider others as important as ourselves. Our character word today is <u>self-control</u>. When we have <u>self-control</u> we will do something even when we do not feel like it. We will be nice, even though we may not feel like it. We will be able to treat others as we would want to be treated rather than lash out at them. Even when they may do us wrong, or hurt our feelings, we can ask God to help us have <u>self-control</u> and treat them nicely even when we don't feel like it.

Option 1 – STACK THE DICE

Large craft stick for every student, 5 dice per surf team

This activity is to be played with students pairing up facing each other. One student will hold a tongue depressor in his mouth between his teeth. The student across fom him will stack the 5 dice on the tongue depressor without them falling. While stacking the dice the student must recite the Memory Link. If the dice fall, he starts over. Once completed, the students trade places. Continue playing until all have learned the Memory Link or time is called.

Option 2 - TALK LIKE THIS

Note cards, pen/marker

Prepare

Write the following ways of speaking, one per note card: With an English accent, very timidly, like an infomercial salesperson, as slowly as possible, like your P.E. teacher, in the sweetest tone possible, like you have a mouth full of peanut butter, like you just woke up, like you have a cold, like you are bored.

Choose students in your surf team to draw a card and say the Memory Link as indicated on the card until everyone has had at least one opportunity. Encourage them to have fun and be creative! Matthew 7:12a

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1033)

Teaching Tip

In two minutes or less, explain the verse so students understand the meaning. Keep it simple by avoiding "churchy" words and explaining any words in the verse that might be unfamiliar to them. And remember Memory Link Time is not designed to be another Bible Connection Time. Your job is to offer opportunities for students to hide God's Word in their hearts. When you spend less time talking, they can spend more time playing and learning.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Craft sticks, painter's tape

Set the Stage

Hold a few craft sticks in your hand, but reserve one in your pocket for the end of the story. What are some things you might do when you feel jealous or angry? As students describe hurtful actions, break a craft stick. We've been talking about <u>self-control</u>. When you do not exercise <u>self-control</u> and do hurtful things to others, it is much like breaking the stick. Our relationship with others can be broken when we do not show <u>self-control</u>. How can relationships be mended? Take some tape and attempt to fix the broken sticks. Relationships can be repaired, just like I repaired these sticks, but often our sins leave scars that can only be repaired through God's forgiveness.

Tell the Story

If you were here last week, you learned about the first people God created, Adam and Eve, and how they sinned against God. Then God punished them for their sin by banishing them from the Garden of Eden. Today's story shows how sin continued in Adam and Eve's family.

I'm going to read Genesis 4:1-15 on pages 6-7 in my KBC Study Bible. If you have a Bible you may follow along as I read. Read the story through as they follow along, then go back and talk about each section in more detail.

Cain and Abel were brothers and they each had a specific job. What were they? (Cain was a farmer; Abel kept sheep)

According to the Bible, the brothers both brought a sacrifice to God. How was Cain's sacrifice described? (He brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord.) How was Abel's sacrifice described? (It was the firstborn of his flock. It was an animal sacrifice.)

The Bible doesn't tell us that Cain brought the very best of the fruit from the ground. That showed Cain did not have respect for God because he didn't offer God his very best and the Bible says God did not accept Cain's offering.

Abel obeyed God when he sacrificed the firstborn of his flock. That showed Abel had respect for God and he offered God his very best. Therefore, God accepted Abel's sacrifice.

Why do you think the Lord respected Abel's sacrifice but not Cain's? (Discuss.) The Bible doesn't say specifically, but maybe Cain was supposed to bring an animal sacrifice to God like his brother did. All we know is that Cain got very angry and his countenance fell, he was very sad, when God told him He was not pleased with his sacrifice.

God asked Cain why he was angry and sad. God already knew the answer. God knew Cain was jealous of Abel. God even offered Cain another chance to make the right sacrifice and God would accept it. God also warned Cain. What do you think God meant when he said, "sin lies at the door"? (Cain needed to have <u>self-control</u> over his anger and watch out so that he didn't sin.) God told Cain he needed to have <u>self-control</u> over his emotions and not let his anger cause him to do something he would regret.

Teaching Tip

LESSON 2 "SELF-CONTROL"

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Every NEW Beach Club® student will receive a copy of the KBC Study Bible. Bibles may be ordered through the KBC website after your third week of club. Use these first few weeks of Beach Club® to build excitement for students who will receive a new Bible. Encourage returning students to get in the habit of bringing their Bibles every week. Show your sample copy and use it as much as possible during Beach Club®.

The Bible says Cain and Abel were talking in the field and Cain got so jealous and angry that he killed his brother Abel. Did he exercise <u>self-control</u>? Did he instead allow his anger to have control?

God came to Cain and asked him where his brother was. Do you think God knew what Cain had done to his brother? Of course, God knows everything! Cain acted like he didn't know what was going on. In a way, Cain was saying to God, "Wait a minute! How would I know where he is. I don't have to take care of my brother. He's not my responsibility." God asked him what he had done because Abel's blood was crying out to God from the ground.

Well, because of Cain's sin, God punished him. Cain's punishment was that the land would no longer produce anything for him, which was devastating because Cain was a farmer. Also, Cain would be left to be a vagabond, or a wanderer on the earth, for the rest of his life.

Even though Cain sinned by killing his brother, God gave Cain a promise and showed mercy toward him by sparing his life. God promised that if anyone killed Cain, they would pay seven times. God even put a mark on Cain to warn others of God's promise.

Show the craft stick that you broke and repaired earlier. Also show the unbroken craft stick that was in your pocket. When Cain made the wrong choice to not practice <u>self-control</u>, it obviously permanently broke his relationship with his brother, but it also broke his relationship with God. We can attempt to mend relationships, but there are always consequences and some consequences leave scars. God is the only one who can heal those scars and restore our relationships. Show the new craft stick. God has the power to do what we cannot, no matter how hard we try. He can take our broken relationships and restore them to where they are brand new!

Application

Think about the times you have not had <u>self-control</u> in a situation and you chose to be angry with others and treat them badly. Next time you get angry, you can tell your family how when you ask God to help you have <u>self-control</u>, He will help you make the right choice. You just need to stop and ask God to help you. You can choose to follow God's way or choose to follow your way. Consider the outcome of each choice. Let's choose to have <u>self-control</u> and treat one another the way we would want to be treated.

Gospel Connection

We have all committed sins that hurt our relationship with God. Each time we do something that God does not like, it is called sin and it separates us from God. But just like God gave Cain an opportunity to make a better decision, God gives us the opportunity to ADMIT that we have sinned and ASK God to forgive us. Then we must BELIEVE that Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for our sin. He took the punishment for sin that we deserve. He offers us a life with Him and a promise of eternal life in heaven when we CHOOSE to follow God. God offered Cain a way out from the wrong he had done. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is our way out if we ADMIT, BELIEVE, and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW.

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 the decision supplies available.

LESSON 2 "SELF-CONTROL" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

This is the most important part of every lesson. Be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Take time to clearly communicate God's plan of salvation. Use scripture. Always give students an opportunity to respond with clear instructions on how to receive Jesus and where to go for counseling. More helps on Leading a Child to Christ are available on pages 27-29 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club[®] Essentials.



Draw students' attention to the KBC Study Bible tip-in page, "The 10 Commandments" (before page 243). Explain that the 10 Commandments can help them know how to treat others as we would want to be treated.

SURF TEAM TIME



LESSON 2 "SELF-CONTROL" (page 5)

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

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 today's story?
- Knowing what Matthew 7:12a says, how could you show <u>self-control</u> the next time you are angry with someone?
- What's something new you learned today?

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

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 the Bible using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Let's look at Day 5 of your Hang 10. Take a look at "The 10 Commandments" in your KBC Study Bible (before page 243). If you don't have a KBC Study Bible you may use what you have at home or check one out at your local library or go online. The Ten Commandments are listed in the Old Testament Book of Exodus, chapter 20, verses 1-17. These important rules from God can help you know how important it is to have <u>self-control</u> and do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Which commandment will you work on today?

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

God, please help me have <u>self-control</u> and treat others how I would want to be treated. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Rewards are an effective way to motivate students. Reward systems vary and several options are listed on page 23 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club[®] Essentials. Some reasons to reward students include:

Brought their Bible

Brought a friend

Said their memory verse from the week before

Returned their completed Hang 10 Page

Wore their KBC t-shirt

Positive behavior and participation

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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



LESSON 2 "SELF-CONTROL" (page 6)

Option 1 - CRAZY POINTS

Bean bag or other object to toss around

Instruct each surf team to stand in a circle. Ask a review question then randomly toss the bean bag to a student. If they answer correctly, award them 10,000 crazy points. If they need help, allow them to toss it to another student for help. Ask the next question and allow the student to toss the bean bag to someone else to answer the question, awarding them 10,000 crazy points if they answer correctly. Award the student or surf team with the highest points.

TIP: Be sure to ask the question first before tossing the bean bag so others won't "check out" since they know you're not going to call on them.

Option 2 - THIS OR THAT

Masking tape; resource item "This or That Questions"

Prepare

Put masking tape on the floor in a straight line long enough for everyone in your surf team to stand on the line.

The Surf Team Leader should stand at the end of the line facing their surf team. Begin with everyone standing on the line facing you. After you ask a "This or That?" question, instruct them to jump to the left side of the line if they would do the first option. Jump to the right side of the line if they would choose the second option. As you hear their answers, ask why they chose what they did. If it's not a wise choice, ask them how they think their choice is going to end up. Point out that for some situations, both – or neither – of the choices may be show <u>self-control</u>.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (self-control)
- 2. In your own words, what does "<u>self-control</u>" mean? (doing something even when I do not feel like it)
- 3. Recite Today's Memory Link. ("Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." Matthew 7:12a)
- 4. Who were the two brothers in today's Bible story? (Cain and Abel)
- 5. After God preferred Abel's sacrifice, how did Cain respond? (became angry)
- 6. What was Cain's profession? (tilled the ground, farmer)
- 7. What was Abel's sacrifice? (firstborn of his flock)
- 8. Why did Cain kill his brother Abel? (he got very angry and didn't use <u>self-control</u>)
- 9. How could Cain have responded differently when he was angry with his brother? (Answers will vary.)
- 10. What was Cain's punishment? (he will be a wanderer; the ground will no longer be fruitful)

Teaching Tip

You've got this! Read the instructions to the activities several times so you are familiar with the steps. Then give your Beach Club[®] instructions in your own words and only reference the written instructions as notes.

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you,do also to them."

Matthew 7:12a



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LESSON 4 "KINDNESS" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 13:1-11 (KBC Study Bible, page 16)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Kindness</u> – A friendly, goodnatured attitude toward others

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

With God's help, I can be <u>kind</u> and get along with others.

MEMORY LINK

Genesis 13:8a

"Let there be no strife between you and me." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 16)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Jump rope Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION None

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

> MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Paper plates, cotton balls, painters' tape Option 2: Small foam cups

Abram Gets Along with Lot

WHAT'S THE POINT?

<u>Kindness</u> is simple to understand, but hard to really live out. Our selfishness and personal agendas get in the way of putting first the needs of others and choosing to get along with others. God showed us the ultimate act of <u>kindness</u> by looking beyond our sin and providing a Savior, Jesus. Our simple actions of <u>kindness</u> today reflect the tremendous act of <u>kindness</u> God showed us.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Our character word today is kindness. What does kindness mean to you?
- Is it easy or hard to show kindness to strangers? Family members?
- What kinds of things do you argue about with family or friends?
- How does it feel when someone is kind to you?



Guide clubbers 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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

When considering song selections, it doesn't hurt to repeat last week's song and then add a new song you can teach them this week. Make sure to provide visuals so students can see the words. If you don't have access to a projector or TV, consider printing the words on posters and laminate them so you can continue to use them. If you need ideas, consider these song choices:

"One Way" by Hillsong Kids "Lean on Me" by DC Talk

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

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

Focus on the Bible 🛄

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. Also tell them that if they have never received a KBC Study Bible before they will receive on on Great Treasure Day!

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

The Bible helps us know how to get along with others. Our Memory Link today is Genesis 13:8a, found on page 16 in your KBC Study Bible. If you don't have a KBC Study Bible you will get on on Great Treasure Day!

Genesis is the first book in the Bible and is in the Old Testament. The words are spoken by Abram. Abram faced a situation with his nephew, Lot, which could have ended up in strife. Strife means to have conflict with someone, usually an angry or bitter disagreement. Abram didn't want to fight with Lot. So, he chose to show <u>kindness</u> to him instead.

Next time you are in a situation where you are about to enter into an angry or bitter disagreement with someone, think instead about how can you show <u>kindness</u> and choose to get along. Showing <u>kindness</u> will often prevent conflict.

Option 1 – VERSE JUMP

Jump rope

Invite two students to hold the jump rope. Instruct surf teams to line up, single file, at one end of the rope. Let the students take turns jumping rope while saying the memory verse and scripture reference. On each jump, students will say a word of the verse. After each student completes the verse, they will stop and take their turn holding one end of the rope so that another student can have a turn.

Option 2 - SHAKE ON IT

No supplies needed

Instruct surf teams to stand in a circle then instruct the students to say the verse with a partner as they shake hands. Allow students to switch partners and repeat. Challenge them to say the verse with as many different partners as time allows. More advanced groups may try saying every other word with their partners as they shake hands.

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LESSON 4 "KINDNESS" (page 2)

Genesis 13:8a

"Let there be no strife between you and me." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 16)

Bible 101 📺

Use your KBC Study Bible to show the students they will get their very own copy soon. Be sure to use it all throughout Beach Club[®]. This shows them that everything they will learn in Beach Club[®] comes from God's word.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Our Bible story today is in the Old Testament and is found in Genesis 13, page 16 in your KBC Study Bible. It's about a man named Abram. Abram and his nephew Lot had been living in the same area with their families and livestock such as sheep, goats and cows. Abram had become very wealthy and had a lot of livestock. Lot also had livestock. Abram and Lot had so many animals that the land did not have enough grass to support all the animals.

Tell the Story

It all began one day when God told Abram to leave his home and go to a place God would show him. Abram obeyed God and left his home just like God told him to do. His nephew, Lot, went with him. They both gathered their families and all their possessions and herds of animals and went to the place God told Abram. When Abram reached the place God told him to go, he worshipped God.

Abram and Lot set up their tents close to each other. As time passed, their families got larger and so did the herds of animals. When the number of animals grew so big that the land could not support them all, the herdsmen began to quarrel. Abram did not want them to fight and quarrel.

Let's look in our Bibles at our memory verse again and see what Abram said. "Please, let there be no strife between you and me and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren." They were family. Abram didn't want the herdsmen to argue with each other. Abram wanted to show them <u>kindness</u> so he came up with a plan.

Abram told Lot they must separate their families and live in different places. Abram let Lot choose first and told him if he went to the left, then he would go to the right; or, if he went to the right, Abram would go to the left. Lot looked all around and saw the land of Jordan. It was beautiful. Many things grew there and it had plenty of water for his family and animals. So, Lot chose to move east with his family.

After Lot left, God said to Abram, "Look north, south, east and west. I will give you and your children all the land you can see. I will give you so many descendants that there will be too many to count."

Abram moved his family and his possessions to the land that God showed him, and when Abram got to Hebron, he worshipped God. God was pleased with Abram and how he handled the conflict between his herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen. God showed <u>kindness</u> to Abram by blessing him.

LESSON 4 "KINDNESS" (page 3)

As You Prepare

People love a personal story that connects to the lesson. Incorporate your own life experience into this time to show the relevance of the Bible. Remember to keep your personal story brief, ageappropriate and to the point so you can tie it back into the lesson.

As You Prepare

Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide you. Take care to weave the gospel into every story, always pointing lessons back to the cross.

Application

Abram had a personal relationship with God. God helped him show <u>kindness</u> to Lot, and then blessed Abram for his obedience. Think about someone you have trouble getting along with. Just like God helped Abram show <u>kindness</u> to Lot, God can also help you show <u>kindness</u>.

Gospel Connection

Do you know that God shows <u>kindness</u> to us? He shows <u>kindness</u> when He provides food and shelter. He shows <u>kindness</u> through the beautiful world He created for us to enjoy.

But the Bible says that people have strife, or conflict, with God because of our sin. Sin is when we say and do things that go against His word and make Him sad. But God showed <u>kindness</u> to us by providing a solution for our sin problem. Jesus Christ, God's only son, came to earth and died for our sin, then defeated death and came back to life again. Jesus did all that so He could be your Forever Friend!

Let's review the ABCs of inviting Jesus to come into our life. Simply ADMIT (or tell Jesus) you're a sinner, ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is the Son of God and He died for your sin. Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus. If you have never done this before and you want to know more about inviting Jesus to be your Forever Friend, then please come talk with me after I pray.

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 decision supplies available.

LESSON 4 "KINDNESS" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

Leading a child to Christ is the most important part of every lesson. Be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Take time to clearly communicate God's plan of salvation. Use scripture. Always give them an opportunity to respond with clear instructions on how to receive Jesus and where to go for decision counseling.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



LESSON 4 "KINDNESS" (page 5)

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 today's story?

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and highlight today's Memory Link.

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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 4 of the Hang 10 page. Read Ruth 2:20 (KBC Study Bible, page 283). I want to encourage you to talk to someone in your family about what you learned this week about <u>kindness</u>. If your family has been <u>kind</u>, remind your family member about that time and talk about how you can be <u>kind</u> to others.

Pray

Encourage students to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Jesus, thank You for Your <u>kindness</u> in dying for our sin and coming back to life. Please remind us to be <u>kind</u> this week to the people we come in contact with. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

If you haven't already, begin now to plan your Great Treasure Day. Make it special. Secure someone to video and take pictures. Please share with us at **photos@kbcmail.org** or **video@kbcmail.org**. For more Great Treasure Day helpful tips and resources go to the Club Leader Tools page at **KiDsBeachClub. org/great-treasure-day**.

Record Keeping Tip

Check the KOMS[™] weekly. Look for students that are awaiting approval that need to be activated. Enter attendance and professions of faith within 24-48 hours. For instructions refer to your KBC Leadership Manual - Record Keeping Made Easy or contact KiDs Beach Club[®].

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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

Option 1 - HERD THE SHEEP

Paper plates, cotton balls, painters' tape

Prepare

For every two surf teams, put one long strip of tape (about 6 feet) on the floor. The tape strips should be in different areas to allow room to play. Put about 10 cotton balls near each line of tape.

Pair up surf teams. Instruct each surf team to stand on opposite sides of the tape line. Students (herdsmen and women) use paper plates to fan and move the cotton balls (sheep) to the other team's side of the tape. Tell the teams to freeze when you say, "Let there be no strife between you and me." When they freeze, count the "sheep" on each side of the tape line. The team with the least amount of sheep will answer a review question. Repeat until you have asked all of the questions or until time runs out.

Option 2 - CUP SMASH

Small styrofoam cups

Instruct each surf team to form two teams or invite two surf teams to play against each other. Invite one volunteer from each team to play. Instruct players to stand facing each other at a table or sit facing each other on the floor. Players keep their hands behind their backs. Place a cup upside down in front of each student. Ask a review question. The first player to reach out and crush their cup gets to answer the question and earn a point for their team. If the player does not give the correct answer, his opponent has an opportunity to "steal." Continue until all questions are answered or time runs out.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (kindness)
- 2. What does kindness mean? (a friendly, good natured attitude toward others)
- 3. Who were the two people in our story? (Abram, Lot)
- 4. What caused strife or conflict between the herdsmen? (fighting over water and land)
- 5. What kinds of animals did Abram and Lot have? (cattle, sheep, goats)
- 6. What did Abram say when the herdsmen were quarreling? HINT: it's our Memory Link. ("Let there be no strife between you and me.")
- 7. How did Abram show kindness to Lot? (Abram let Lot choose first)
- 8. How did God show kindness to all people? (sent Jesus to die in our place)
- 9. What separates us from a relationship with God? (sin)
- 10. How can we start a relationship with God? HINT: ABC. (Ask, Believe, Choose to follow)

Teaching Tip

Students love to play games. The Make-it-Stick Review Game Time is designed to have fun by playing a game with the purpose of reviewing all that's been taught in Beach Club[®] that day.

"Let there be no strife between you and me."



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LESSON 5 "CONTENTMENT" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

1 Samuel 13:1-14 (KBC Study Bible, pages 298-299)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Contentment</u> – Being happy with what I have

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can learn to be <u>content</u> with all I have.

MEMORY LINK

1 Timothy 6:6

"Now godliness with <u>contentment</u> is great gain." (KBC Study Bible, page 1315)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: Card stock Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION Game controller

SURF TEAM LEADER Memory Link cards, Hang

10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

> MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Corn hole or ring toss Option 2: None

Saul Doesn't Wait

WHAT'S THE POINT?

In this world that we live in today – instant everything – it is important to realize what the Bible teaches us about <u>contentment</u>. "But godliness with <u>contentment</u> is great gain" from 1 Timothy 6:6 tell us that our reward will be great when we are <u>content</u>. "For the sake of Christ, then, I am <u>content</u> with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10) promises the people of today that life may be hard at times, but we can be strong with God by our side.

We as adults learned to practice <u>contentment</u> in our daily lives during Covid times. That vacation to the beach, eating at favorite restaurants, shopping the malls were not so important anymore. We learned to be <u>content</u> in our daily lives. Did you work in your yard more?, play games with your family more?, call family/friends more often?, read your Bible more?, catch up on favorite movies/ TV series you always wished you had? While those times are over, how have you continued to practice <u>contentment</u> today?

While there are many examples of strong men and women in Biblical times that practiced <u>contentment</u> even in the harshest of circumstances, our story today will focus on a king named Saul. As you prepare for today's lesson, pray God's guidance for giving students the desire to be <u>content</u> in today's world.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is contentment. What does that word mean to you?
- Tell about a time when you wanted something so bad, you couldn't wait another minute for it. How did you feel angry, mad? Did your attitude change when you got what you wanted?
- What happens when you have to wait for something that you want?

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.



WORSHIP TIME

When you transition to worship time, consider making a transitional statement to help the kids gain the proper perspective. Communicate the importance of worship and encourage the kids to focus on God.

Consider "One Thing Remains" by Passion and "Every Move I Make" by Shout Praises Kids.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



LESSON 5 "CONTENTMENT" (page 2)

1 Timothy 6:6

"Now godliness with <u>contentment</u> is great gain." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 1315)

Focus on the Bible 🛄

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. (Take a count, More girls? More boys?)

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

How many parts are there in our Bibles? (Old Testament, New Testament) Help me to remember what the Old Testament tells us. (The coming of Christ) Now, what does the New Testament tell us? (Jesus' life on earth and how His life impacted others, even us today!) Our verse today comes from the New Testament, 1 Timothy 6:6, page 1315 in your KBC Bible.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Guide students to find 1 Timothy 6:6 on page 1315 in their KBC Study Bibles. *I heard you talking about our character word, <u>contentment</u>, in your surf teams. (Have a volunteer read the definition of <u>contentment</u> from the KBC Bible.) <i>When is a time when you were <u>content</u>? Have you ever been discontent? Why?* (Share a time when you were <u>content</u> or discontent.)

Our verse today tells us this – "Now godliness with <u>contentment</u> is great gain." This one is easy to remember – first because it is a short verse and second because it tells me that with God on my side, I will gain <u>contentment</u>!

Option 1 – C or D?

Cardstock

Write <u>Contentment</u> on a piece of cardstock and Discontentment on another piece. Divide group into teams. Give examples of ways to be <u>content</u>/discontent. Students answer with C or D. If answer is correct, state the verse. Team with most correct answers wins.

Option 2 – SHOW ME!

No supplies needed

Call on student(s) to act out an activity that shows <u>contentment</u> (reading, playing a game, talking with friends) or discontent (being impatient or angry, getting in the front of the line, etc.) Student who guesses correctly, says the verse and scores a point.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Handheld gaming device or controller

Set the Stage

(Hold up a handheld gaming device or controller.) How many of you have waited for the next season of a video to come out? How did you feel when it took sooooo long to download? How do you feel when you are in the middle of playing a video game and the internet goes out? What do you do to fill in the time while you wait?

I bet you were discontent – not happy with your current circumstances! Our lesson today teaches us to be <u>content</u> in our lives. (Have a student read the definition for <u>contentment</u> in the front of the KBC Bible.) God wants us to be happy with what we have – that's <u>contentment</u>!

Tell the Story 🛄

Our story today is in the Old Testament in the book of 1 Samuel chapter 13. Open your Bibles to page 298 in your KBC Bibles and follow along as I read our story. (Paraphrase or tell in your own words to recap the events.)

Saul was the king of Israel. He was about 50 years old when he became king – probably about the same age as some of your grandparents! Saul did not just live in a palace with a lot of servants, telling them what to do! He was in charge of his army that fought battles with other nations or countries that were enemies of Israel. One of the groups that his army attacked were called the Philistines. This army had a lot of soldiers.

Saul's men were having trouble – they were afraid. Some of them hid in caves and some even ran away from the army.

Saul knew that the prophet Samuel was coming to help him. Samuel was going to make a sacrifice (a special gift to God) which would help Saul's army in fighting the Philistines. But Saul waited and waited for Samuel to come. He was not <u>content</u> to wait for Samuel. Seven days passed and Saul decided he would make the sacrifice himself even though that is not what God wanted him to do.

Just after he made the sacrifice, Samuel arrived! Samuel could not believe what Saul had done! He said, "What have you done? Could you have not been <u>content</u> to wait for me to do God's will?"

Application

God wants us to be <u>content</u> in everything we do in our lives – sometimes that is hard – just like Saul waiting on Samuel or when your game doesn't upload fast.

He even sent his own Son, Jesus to earth to show us how to live our lives and be <u>content</u>. He wants us to be like Jesus.

How can we do that? The Bible is the perfect instruction book for us to follow every day! We know the words in the Bible to be true and when we follow these instructions, we can be content!

LESSON 5 "CONTENTMENT" (page 3)

Teaching Tip

Do all you can to help students stay focused on the Bible story. You don't have to call on everyone who wants to answer or ask a question. Keep discussions and questions to a minimum during the large group teaching time. Remind students they can ask their Surf Team Leader questions following the Bible story.

Gospel Connection

To live a life like Jesus Christ, it is as easy as A-B-C! First ADMIT that you have done wrong things – we call that sin. ASK Jesus to forgive your sin. Next, BELIEVE that God sent His one and only Son Jesus to live on the earth, die for our sins, and then rise again to go to heaven to live with Him. Lastly, you can CHOOSE to FOLLOW Jesus and make Him your Forever Friend!

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 the decision supplies available.

LESSON 5 "CONTENTMENT" (page 4)

SURF TEAM TIME

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



LESSON 5 "CONTENTMENT" (page 5)

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 today's story?
- Where can you read your Bible? (places around your home, school, etc.)
- If you had been Saul, would you have waited for Samuel? Why? Why not?
- How do you show contentment?

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 KBC Study 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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

The Weekly Challenge for this week is to be <u>content</u> with what you have! Take an inventory of things you have in your room or home and write down all you have to be thankful for. Be sure to bring your completed Hang 10 back to Beach Club[®] next week.

Pray

Encourage students to write prayer requests on index cards. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Lord, thank You that Your Word shows us how to be <u>content</u>. Help us understand Your word and all the truths that are found in it – like a great treasure. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

We encourage you to continue building deeper relationships with the Beach Clubbers. If you haven't already, consider becoming more involved in your school campus. Be visible on campus and get to know the school faculty. Investing your time shows them you care about them, too!

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

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

Option 1 – GUESS WHAT?

Bandana, paper plate, 10 different tiny objects (paper clip, toothpick, eraser, candy, etc.)

Prepare

Arrange the objects on the plate and cover them with the bandana. Uncover the plate and give students several seconds to look at the objects on the plate. Return the bandana, covering the objects. Pick a student to peek under the bandana and secretly remove an object. Uncover the plate so all can see the objects. The first student to name which object was removed earns a turn to answer a review question. Return the missing object and play again. Continue until everyone has a turn to remove an object and all questions are answered or time runs out.

Option 2 – HOLE IN ONE

Corn hole or ring toss game

Use a cornhole game or other ring toss game. Form at least two teams based on the number of students in your group. Alternate between teams, asking review questions. If the answer is correct, student gets to toss the bean bag or ring. If answer is incorrect, ask the question to the other team. Keep score!

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (contentment)
- 2. Who are the characters in today's story? (Saul and Samuel)
- 3. In what book is today's story found? (1 Samuel)
- 4. Who did/did not show contentment? Why? (Saul; he did not wait for Samuel)
- 5. Who was Saul? (King of Israel)
- 6. What did God send Samuel to do? (offer a sacrifice to help Saul's army in the battle)
- What is today's verse? (1 Timothy 6:6, "Now godliness with <u>contentment</u> is great gain.")
- 8. Why was Saul's army afraid? (There were more soldiers in the Philistine army.)
- 9. What did some of the soldiers do? (They hid in caves and some ran away.)
- 10. How can you make Jesus your Forever Friend? (ABC Admit, Believe, Choose to Follow Jesus)

"Now godliness with contentment is great gain."

1 Timothy 6:6



LESSON 6 "FORGIVENESS" (page 1)

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BIBLE CONNECTION

Matthew 18:21-35 (KBC Study Bible, page 1051)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Forgiveness</u> – To pardon or release someone from the consequences of a wrong; does not hold a grudge

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

Because God has <u>forgiven</u> me, I can <u>forgive</u> others.

MEMORY LINK

Psalm 86:5a

"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to <u>forgive</u>." (KBC Study Bible, page 620)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards, pens Option 2: Memory Link cards, balloon

BIBLE CONNECTION Resource item

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Sports cone, small balls Option 2: None

Jesus Teaches When to Forgive

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Do you find it difficult to <u>forgive</u> someone when they hurt you? What if they hurt you over and over again? Does it get easier to <u>forgive</u> after each hurt? No, it's hard to <u>forgive</u>! Did you know that <u>forgiveness</u> is to pardon or release someone from the consequences of a wrong and does not hold a grudge?

In today's story, Peter questioned Jesus about when to call it quits and stop forgiving. Peter expected there to be a limit on how many times we must forgive. However, Jesus' answer was radical. In the Jewish "eye for an eye" culture, Jesus rocks Peter's world by telling him to never stop forgiving. Matthew 6:14 says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." God's forgiveness is generous. He forgives us over and over again. Aren't you glad that God's forgiveness never runs out? Psalm 86:5 says, "For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You."

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is forgiveness. What does forgiveness mean to you?
- Tell about a time when someone hurt your feelings. How hard was it to <u>forgive</u> that person?
- Tell about a time when you had to ask for forgiveness.
- The Memory Link today tells us that God is faithful. He always <u>forgives</u> us when we tell Him we are sorry. How does that make you feel?

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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Consider using the song "In Your Power" from Lifeway VBS (Amazing Wonders Aviation). Explain that the best way to live like God wants us to live is through His power. We can <u>forgive</u> others with His help and through His power. Another great song to use for this lesson is "Like Jesus" by Jeff Slaughter. This song says that no one else has been like Jesus. It is a slow worshipful and reflective song.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes - Teaching the Bible verse to students



LESSON 6 "FORGIVENESS" (page 2)

Psalm 86:5a

"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive.". (KBC Study Bible, pg. 620)

Bible 101 🛄

Show students the "Digging In" titled The Golden Rule at the bottom of page 1033. Read aloud with the students in your surf team. (Allow time to read.) What is The Golden Rule? The answer is found in Matthew 7:12. Ask another student to volunteer to read this verse aloud. Discuss and allow students opportunities to share examples of how to live out this verse at home and at school.

8 Minutes - Activity to help them memorize the verse

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

Focus on the Bible

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today's Memory Link

Today's Memory Link is found on page 620 in your KBC Study Bible in the book of Psalm chapter 86, verse 5a. Who would like to volunteer to read the verse while the others follow along? God wants us to be sorry for our sin, to repent (change our mind about our sin). He is ready to forgive us when we ask. He forgives us so much. We need to forgive others.

Option 1 – ORDER UP

Index cards, pens

Assign a word or two of the verse to each student in your surf team and instruct them to write their word(s) on an index card. Ask them to hold their word(s) in front of them and line up with the others in the surf team to put the words in order. Once in order, ask them to say the verse. Then ask the students to switch their card/words(s) with another person and repeat. For an extra challenge, tell them to hide a few of the words and try to say the verse with the words missing.

Option 2 – OVER & UNDER

Memory Link cards, balloon

Give each student a Memory Link card. Instruct your surf team to stand in a single file line, arm's length behind the student in front of him. Instruct the first student to say the first word of the verse while passing the balloon over his head to the student behind him. Instruct the second student to say the second word as he passes the balloon between his feet to the next student in line. Continue as each student says the next word and they alternate between passing the balloon over and under until the entire verse is recited, including the scripture reference. Continue playing until time is called.

BIBLE CONNECTION



LESSON 6 "FORGIVENESS" (page 3)

Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Four copies of the script Resource Item

Set the Stage

Jesus used short stories called "parables" to teach a valuable lesson. Often when someone asked Him a question, Jesus would illustrate the answer with a short story to help the listeners understand the spiritual truth. In today's story from Matthew 18:21-35, found on page 1051 in your KBC Study Bible, Peter asked Jesus a question. Listen to the parable, or short story, that Jesus told to help us understand more about <u>forgiveness</u>.

Tell the Story

Narrator: Peter came to Jesus and said,

- Peter: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
- Narrator: Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to 70 times seven." Then Jesus told a story to illustrate his point. He said, "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants." A servant who owed the king lots of money was brought before him. The servant was not able to pay so the master said,
- Master: (pointing to the servant) "You and your whole family will be sold to pay for the debt!"
- Narrator: Then the servant fell down before him and said,
- Servant 1: (fall down at the Master's feet and beg) "Master, give me some more time and I will pay you all I owe."
- Narrator: The master was moved with compassion and released him and <u>forgave</u> his debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him some money and he grabbed him by the throat and said,
- Servant 1: (slowly say with anger in your voice) "Pay me what you owe!"
- Narrator: Then the fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him saying,
- Servant 2: (falls down in front of Servant 1 and begs) "Give me some more time and I will pay you all I owe."
- Narrator: But the first servant would not give him more time he went out and threw him in prison. So when the other servants saw what had been done, they told the master all about it. The master called the servant to him and said,
- Master: (say with anger as you point to the servant) "You wicked servant! I <u>forgave</u> your debt because you begged me. You should have the same compassion for your fellow servant."

As You Prepare

You can always read or tell the story in a dramatic and exciting way. For today's story, consider communicating through drama. Narrate the story and ask your surf team leaders or older clubbers to play/read the parts of Peter, Master, Servant 1 and Servant 2. Give the readers a copy of the script at the beginning of KBC so they have time to look over it before Bible Connection Time.

Narrator: The master was angry and sent him to be punished until he could pay his debt. When Jesus ended the story He said, "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not <u>forgive</u> his brother his trespasses."

Dismiss the actors as you finish the lesson.

Application

So, what was the answer that Jesus gave to Peter? (<u>Forgive</u> seventy times seven) But it wasn't about the number Jesus gave. He meant that we should <u>forgive</u> over and over and over... as many times as needed. Did Jesus say that we should <u>forgive</u> only if the person deserves it? (No.) We should <u>forgive</u> just like God <u>forgives</u> us – freely. Think quietly about someone you need to <u>forgive</u>. Or maybe you need to ask someone to <u>forgive</u> you. Take a moment and pray silently, asking God to help you with <u>forgiveness</u>.

Gospel Connection

Did you know that every one of us has sinned before God? We have chosen our way, not God's way. Because of that sin, we are separated from God. There is nothing we can do on our own to be united with God again. But there is good news! When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment you and I deserve. Because Jesus took our sin on Himself, we have a chance to be forgiven.

Romans 10:9-10 says that "if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, we will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation." Receiving God's <u>forgiveness</u> is as simple as ABC. ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to <u>forgive</u> your sin. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is Lord and He is God's Son who came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin and then rose from the dead! Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus and make Him the boss of your life.

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 decision supplis available.

LESSON 6 "FORGIVENESS" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

Rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you as you explain the <u>forgiveness</u> found in today's story. God is faithful and will continue to draw the student to Himself until they understand His offer of <u>forgiveness</u>. It is important that we not rush them into a response to this good news. Our job is simply to tell the message of the gospel and allow the Holy Spirit to work.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



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 today's story?
- Describe a time when it was hard for you to forgive someone?

Use the Bible 🛄

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

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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Let's look at Day 4 of the Hang 10. Who would like to read the verse and the Digging In? What stands out to you about Jesus in this section? Let's underline one or two of those in our KBC Bible.

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask someone to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to show us that God loves us and wants to freely <u>forgive</u> us when we ask Him. Thank You for showing us how to love others and to <u>forgive</u>. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

Assign each student to a church member. Ask those members, Lifeguards, to pray for that student and write a note to them at least once during that school year. Host a KBC party or reception at church and invite all the KBC students and their families. Invite all the church members who have been praying for them. Connect the students to the members who prayed for them. Allow a time of prayer in person together.

Teaching Tip

Some kids may be struggling with a specific situation where it is hard to forgive someone. Maybe they are being bullied. Maybe they have a rough situation at home. Be sensitive to them and encourage them to talk with their school counselor.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

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

Option 1 – CONE CATCH

Sports cone, small balls

Ask Surf Team Leaders to choose two students from their team to play. One person in the pair holds the cone and the other person tosses the balls. The first pair to land two balls in the cone earns the chance to answer a review question. After each round/question – the pairs playing go back to the surf teams and the Surf Team Leader will send up two different students to play the next round.

Option 2 – PASS IT ON

No supplies needed

Instruct each surf team to line up single file. On "go," ask the first student in each line to create an action to pass down the line of his surf team. Each student in that surf team will repeat the action one at a time from front to back. When the action gets to the last person in the back of the line, they must continue the action back to the front of the line. The first surf team to complete their action to the back and front again gets a chance to answer a review question.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (forgiveness)
- 2. How many times did Peter suggest we should <u>forgive</u> someone? (seven times)
- 3. How many times did Jesus tell us to <u>forgive</u>? (seventy times seven, meaning over and over)
- 4. Should you forgive someone when they don't deserve it? (yes)
- 5. How many times does Jesus forgive us? (over and over)
- 6. Recite our Memory Link. "For You, LORD, are good, and ready to forgive." Psalm 86:5a
- 7. How can you choose to live out what you learned this week? (I can forgive.)
- 8. Is the book of Matthew in the Old or New Testament? (New)
- 9. What do the letters ABC stand for? (Admit, Believe, Choose to Follow)
- 10. Who did God send to provide forgiveness from sin? (Jesus)

"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive."

Psalm 86:5a



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LESSON 7 "OBEDIENCE" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Matthew 21:23-32 (KBC Study Bible, page 1055)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Obedience</u> – Doing what I am told to do with a happy, submissive spirit

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

With God's help, I can obey with a happy and submissive attitude.

MEMORY LINK

James 1:22a "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only." (KBC Study Bible, page 1341)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Plastic cups Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION None

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Paper, bucket Option 2: Bucket, beanbag

Parable of the Two Sons

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Jesus tells a parable about a father with two sons. The first son says he won't work in the vineyard but later repents and <u>obeys</u>, while the second son says he will work but doesn't <u>obey</u>. Jesus uses this parable to illustrate that tax collectors and prostitutes, who initially rejected God, are entering the Kingdom of Heaven before the religious leaders, who claim to be righteous but do not follow through with their actions.

We want to not only help students <u>obey</u> those in authority the first time with a happy and submissive attitude, but we also want them to know it's imporant to not only hear something, but to act upon it. We want to help them understand their actions are more important than just saying the right thing. We want to help them understand that when they hear the Gospel and read their Bibles, to <u>obey</u> what it says and not let it just go in one ear and out the other.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is <u>obedience</u>. What does <u>obedience</u> mean to you?
- Do you always want to obey your parents or teachers?
- Tell about a time when you didn't want to obey but you did.

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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Think of song you sing in your children's church and teach them to your Beach Club[®] students. But if you need help, consider using these songs:

"Lay Me Down", by Chris Tomlin

"Have It All", by Bethel Music, Brian Johnson

"My Savior My God", by Aaron Shust

MEMORY LINK



LESSON 7 "OBEDIENCE" (page 2)

James 1:22a

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only". (KBC Study Bible, page 1341)

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

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

Focus on the Bible 🛄

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Today's Memory Link is found on page 1341 in your KBC Study Bible in the book of James chapter 1, verse 22a. Who would like to volunteer to read the verse while the others follow along? God wants us to be sorry for our sin, to repent (change our mind about our sin). He is ready to forgive us when we ask but we have to make the right choice to listen to God and do what He says. Our verse tells us that when we are told to do something we should obey and do it.

Option 1 – STACK 'EM UP

Plastic cups

Give each surf team 12 cups to create a pyramid. Instruct surf teams to sit in a circle. Hand the first student the cups and instruct them to create a pyramid while saying a word of the verse and the reference for each cup. When they finish they can restack the cups and pass them to the next student. Continue until all have a turn to say the verse. End with the Surf Team Leader creating a pyramid while all the students say the verse together out loud with their eyes closed. Reward the student(s) who can say the entire verse and reference without looking.

Option 2 – MOTHER MAY I?

No supplies

Give each student a Memory Link card. Instruct each surf team to stand in a single file line with their Surf Team Leader about five feet in front of them facing each other. Instruct the first student to ask, "Mother, May I?" When the Surf Team Leader (Mother or Father) says, "Yes, you may!", then the student will recite the entire verse, including the scripture reference. Once completed they will go to the end of their line. Continue playing until time is called or all have had a chance to say the verse.

For an exta challenge, see who can say their verse without looking at their Memory Link card or poster.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Everywhere Jesus went he walked. He didn't complain he walked in <u>obedience</u> doing His heavenly Father's work, and as He entered the city of Jerusalem, He entered the Jewish temple. While in the temple people came to learn about God, so Jesus began to teach them some of God's greatest character qualities like love, kindness, and how to live rightly with others.

Tell the Story

Our story today is found in the New Testament book of Matthew 21:23-31. Turn with me to page 1055 in your KBC Study Bible.

The chief priests and elders of the people liked to strictly follow the Jewish rules called the Laws of Moses, and they really liked to "lord" <u>obedience</u> over the people. When the Jewish leaders saw that many, many people were listening to Jesus they began to question His teachings.

So, the chief priests approached Jesus with the largest, hugest, most ginormous question. They asked, "By what authority are you teaching these things? Who gave you this authority to do these things?" WOW, can you imagine what Jesus was thinking? So He answered their big question with a big question concerning John the Baptist's baptism. Jesus asked, "Where did it come from? Was it from heaven or from man?" The Jewish leaders said, "We don't know!" Then Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I'm doing these things."

Now there were many more people listening and He wanted to help everyone understand God's plan of salvation was for everyone so He told them a parable, a short story with a powerful message. Who can tell me the bold words above verse 28? That's right. The Parabel of the Two Sons. It's about a father who had two sons. He asked the first son, go and work in the vineyard today. The son said no, he didn't want <u>obey</u> what his father told him. But later, he felt guilty, so he decided to go and work in the vineyard anyway.

Then the father went to the second son and said the same thing, "Son, go, work in my vineyard." The second son told his dad he would go. But NO he didn't, he never actually went and worked in the vineyard.

So, Jesus asked the Jewish leaders and everyone listening, "Which of the two sons <u>obeyed</u> what his father wanted?" "The first son," they answered, "because even though he said no, he changed his mind and decided to be <u>obedient</u> to his father's will and did the work."

"That's right," As Jesus summarized and said, "The first son represents people who at first may not have known about God for they knew they have made mistakes and are sinners. But, at some point they changed and began trusting in God and seeking forgiveness for their wrong actions. The second son represents those who say all the right things but never follow Jesus. They do not trust God and you can see it in the way they choose to live.

Bible 101 🛄

Invite students to turn to the Dictionary-Concordance in the back of their KBC Study Bible on page 1412 and read the definition of parable. Encourage students to learn more about how to find things in their Bible. People who trust God and make Jesus their Forever Friend are like the first son. They are the ones who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, not because they are good or bad, but because they choose to trust in Jesus.

Application

Which son can you relate to most? Are you often like the first son who pitches a fit when asked to do something he doesn't want to do, but then make the right choice to <u>obey</u>? Or are you like the second son who says they will obey what they're told but doesn't follow through with it? It's never too late to change our behavior, choose to <u>obey</u>, and seek forgiveness, just like the first son who changed his mind and did what was right. But wouldn't it be best if we simply <u>obeyed</u> the first time we're asked to do something with a happy, submissive spirit?

Gospel Connection

None of us are perfect, are we? God knows we're not perfect. In fact, the Bible tells us that every one of us has sinned. Romans 3:23 says we have all sinned and fall short of God's glory. None of us are perfect. We have chosen our way, not God's way. Because of our sin, we are separated from God. There is nothing we can do on our own to be united with God again.

Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages (or punishment) of sin is death." But wait. There's Good news! The rest of this verse says, "BUT the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment you and I deserve. Because Jesus took our sin on Himself, we have a chance to be forgiven.

Receiving God's forgiveness is as simple as ABC. ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is Lord and He is God's Son who came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin and then rose from the dead! Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus and make Him the boss of your life.

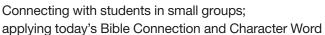
Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have decision supplis available.

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Gospel Tip

Make sure students understand it's important to <u>obey</u> God. It's not about performance. It's about the heart. God wants us to obey with a happy submissive spirit. Help them also understand we all sin and none of us can ever be good enough to earn salvation. It is a free gift from God. We are to simply <u>obey</u> Him because we love Him.

SURF TEAM TIME





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 today's story?
- What do you think of the first brother's attitude when asked to obey his father? Have you ever pitched a fit like that?
- What do you think of the second brother's attitude and lack of obedience?
- Is it easy to always <u>obey</u> your parents and teachers with a happy, submissive spirit?

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and highlight today's Memory Link.

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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Let's look at Day 1 of the Hang 10. It encourages you to keep a "repentance and forgiveness" journal. Repentance means to change your mind about sin and turn away and do the right thing.

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask someone to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Dear Jesus, help me to <u>obey</u> my parents and teachers with a happy submissive spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

If you have the opportunity to talk with a child who is having trouble with obedience use questions that build relationships such as, "Does this frustrate you? Do you know why I want you to do that? What can I do to help?" Avoid questions that destroy relationships such as, "When are you going to learn? What were you thinking? How many times do I have to tell you?"

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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

Option 1 – FOUR CORNER OBEDIENCE

4 Pieces of paper numbered 1-4, bucket or bag

Identify and number the corners 1-4. On "go" instruct students they are to pick a corner and stay there. Draw a number. The students in the corner you called get to answer the question. If they get the correct answer they continue playing. If they answer incorrectly they all sit down. Tell them they must <u>obey</u> your instructions while they're sitting quietly because they may earn the right to re-enter the game. On "go" tell the remaining students to pick another corner. Draw a number and ask that group a question. Continue playing until all questions have been answered or all students are sitting down.

Option 2 – BEAN BAG TOSS

Bucket, beanbag

Instruct each surf team to line up single file. Place a bucket or beach pail about 7' away. Hand the first student in line a beanbag. On "go," each Surf Team Leader will ask the first student in thier line a question. If the student answers correctly they get a point for their team and get a chance to toss the bean bag into the bucket. If they make it in the bucket they earn another point for their team. If the student misses the bucket they simply go to the end of their line and do not earn a point for their team.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (obedience)
- 2. Who was Jesus talking to in our story today? (the religous leaders)
- 3. Where was Jesus teaching? (the temple)
- 4. What question did the religous leaders ask Jesus? (By what authority are You teaching these things?)
- 5. How did Jesus' answer? (He asked them a question.)
- 6. What did Jesus tell them to make a point? (parable, story about two sons)
- 7. Which son obeyed his father? (the first one)
- 8. Recite our Memory Link. ("But be doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22a)
- 9. How does this Memory Link apply to our lesson today? (Answers will vary.)
- 10. How can you apply this Memory Link to your life? (Answers will vary.)

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only."

James 1:22a



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LESSON 8 "COMPASSION" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Mark 10:46-52 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1088-1089)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Compassion</u> – Feeling for another's need and helping that one without expecting anything in return

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can follow Jesus' example by showing <u>compassion</u> to others.

MEMORY LINK

Mark 10:47b

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (KBC Study Bible, pg. 1089)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: None Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Bandanas; red, blue & yellow paper; bean bag

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Bandana, paper plate, 10 different tiny objects Option 2: Hula hoops

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus

WHAT'S THE POINT?

<u>Compassion</u> is a skill that is taught by example. In today's story Jesus taught by example as He responded to Bartimaeus. Jesus heard the cries of blind Bartimaeus. Rather than passing by, Jesus stopped what he was doing. He called Bartimaeus to Him and asked, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus showed <u>compassion</u> by meeting Bartimaeus' need – restoring his sight.

Jesus still shows <u>compassion</u> today by meeting our needs. How will you answer Jesus' question, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He wants to meet your needs with <u>compassion</u>. By faith, trust Jesus to give you mercy and heal your hurts. Highlight Jesus' example to allow the students to see the importance of following that example and show the difference it can make to their families and friends.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Let's look at today's Memory Link. Mark 10:47b, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
- Today's character word is compassion. What does that word mean to you?
- Share a time when someone showed <u>compassion</u> to you. How did that make you feel?

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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

We would like you to lead students in songs you sing in your church. But if you need help, consider these song selections:

"Mercy Came Runnin" by Phillips, Craig & Dean "Tell the World" by Hillsong Kids "Happy Day" by Hillsong Kids

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students **8 Minutes** – Activity to help them memorize the verse

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

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Guide students to find Mark 10:47b on page 1089 in their KBC Study Bibles. Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud as the others follow along. Explain that in today's Bible story, a man who needed help shouted these words to get Jesus' attention. *Jesus responded and showed <u>compassion</u>*.

Jesus was often called "Son of David" because he was a descendent of King David, one of Israel's most well-known and beloved kings.

Who can tell me what the word "mercy" means? (caring, forgiveness, kindness, love, <u>compassion</u>). Mercy is a combination of many of those words. Mercy is not giving us the punishment we deserve. God showed mercy by not giving us the punishment for sin that we deserve, but allowing Jesus to take our punishment instead.

Option 1 – ACT IT OUT

No supplies needed

Act out different scenarios of moments when mercy is needed. Repeat the verse together as you act: sick, lonely, heartbroken, sad, disappointed, lost, hurt.

Option 2 – SAY IT PROUD

No supplies needed

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Ask each Surf Team Leader to be "Jesus" and stand about 20 feet away facing their surf team with their arms open wide. Tell the first student in line to run to "Jesus" while calling out the verse, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then run back to the end of their line saying "Mark 10:47b." Continue until all have a turn or time is called.

10 MINUTES

LESSON 8 "COMPASSION" (page 2)

Mark 10:47b

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (KBC Study Bible, pg. 1089)

Bible 101 📖

Encourage the students to read the Digging In on page 1089, Jesus Can Make You See. Tell the students that a Digging In helps you dig deeper, or have a greater understanding, of what the Bible says about a particular story or passage.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

3 bandanas or blindfolds; 3 sheets each of red, blue & yellow paper; beanbag

Set the Stage

Demonstrate Blindness: *Today's story is about a man who could not see. I would like to invite three volunteers to experience some blindness challenges.* Use the bandanas as blindfolds, tying them over the eyes of each volunteer. Issue the following challenges:

- Choose the red paper in front of you and place it on the bottom
- Choose the blue paper and fold it in quarters
- When your name is called, try to catch the beanbag that is tossed to you.

How did it feel to be asked to do things when you could not see? Why were things difficult? As you listen to the story, I want to encourage you to think about how difficult it is for someone who is blind.

Tell the Story

Please open your Bibles, if you have one, to Mark 10:46-52 found on pages 1088-1089. Follow along as I read the story aloud directly from the Bible. After reading from the Bible, keep your Bible open and retell the story in your own words.

Near the edge of the city of Jericho sat a blind man named Bartimaeus. Every day, Bartimaeus would sit by the road, begging. You see, because he was blind, he was completely dependent on others to help him by giving him money and food.

One day, Jesus and His disciples were leaving the city of Jericho. They were surrounded by a great crowd of people. Bartimaeus had heard about Jesus and how He went around healing people. Soon the big crowd of people came near where Bartimaeus sat begging. When Bartimaeus heard Jesus was coming, he started shouting in a loud voice, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Remember, Bartimaeus' cry for help is today's Memory Link, Mark 10:47b. Shout today's Memory Link with me, just like Bartimaeus might have done. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Now the street was crowded and noisy as Jesus made his way down the road. Many people warned Bartimaeus to stop shouting at Jesus, but that made him shout even louder! Shout today's Memory Link even louder. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus heard His name being shouted over the noise of the crowd. It was Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. Jesus stopped walking and commanded that the blind man be brought to Him. So the people called to Bartimaeus, "Good news! Get up! Jesus is calling for you!" Bartimaeus threw off his coat, got up, and came to Jesus.

As You Prepare

Many of the Bible Connection lessons begin with an introduction that catches the kids' attention, like an object lesson or silly activity. Keep the introductions brief, allowing plenty of time to dig into the Bible content and the gospel connection. What might Bartimaeus have thought as he made his way toward Jesus? Allow students to share. Remember, Bartimaeus couldn't see, so it probably took a while for him to find his way to Jesus through the crowd. He might have stumbled and needed someone to help him. He wouldn't have even known which person Jesus was in such a crowd.

Jesus spoke to Bartimaeus and asked, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Who remembers Bartimaeus' answer? (I want to see.) Jesus had <u>compassion</u> and said, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." Immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. He didn't return to his spot to beg. He wanted to stay with the One who gave him sight.

Bartimaeus' life was completely changed because of his encounter with Jesus. He called out to Jesus because he had faith and believed that Jesus could heal him. Jesus showed <u>compassion</u> to Bartimaeus and restored his sight all because of his faith.

Application

The Bible doesn't tell how much faith Bartimaeus had. Whether it was a lot of faith or just a little faith, it was enough to catch Jesus' attention. Jesus understood Bartimaeus' need and healed him without expecting anything in return. What is it that you want Jesus to do for you? Do you have faith that Jesus can do the miracle you need? Just like Jesus had <u>compassion</u> on Bartimaeus and met his need for sight, Jesus has <u>compassion</u> for you and is able to meet your need too.

Gospel Connection

The biggest need everyone has is forgiveness from sin. Jesus showed His greatest <u>compassion</u> when He took the punishment we deserve and died on the cross. So, what is it that you want Jesus to do for you? Do you want Him to forgive your sins and give you eternal life? Jesus has already made that possible and offers forgiveness to you as a free gift.

So how do you receive the free gift Jesus offers? Just think about A-B-C -ADMIT, BELIEVE and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. ADMIT you have sin and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus' sacrifice paid the debt for your sin and then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus. If any of you would like to pray today and ASK Jesus to be your Forever Friend and you have never done that before, then please talk to me after we pray.

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 the decision supplies available.

LESSON 8 "COMPASSION" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

As you prepare to teach, pray and read the Bible text on your own first to get familiar with the story. Try reading it aloud so that later you can tell it in a story format and put your own personality into it. Don't merely read the story from these pages! Remember, your job is to make God's word come alive for students.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



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 today's story?
- Remind students that Jesus wants them to follow His example and live with <u>compassion</u>. Ask them to share examples of times when a friend might need help. Guide students to share ways they can show <u>compassion</u> and help without expecting anything in return. Challenge them to show <u>compassion</u> this week at home, in school, and at Beach Club[®].

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 KBC Study 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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 4 of the Hang 10. Read Isaiah 49:13. Talk about how God has <u>compassion</u> on the sick and hurting people and encourage students to visit someone they know is sick or mail them a get-well card.

Pray

Encourage students to write prayer requests on index cards. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Jesus, we thank You that You showed <u>compassion</u> to Bartimaeus. Please show me <u>compassion</u>, too, and help me to show <u>compassion</u> to my friends and family. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

We encourage you to continue building deeper relationships with the Beach Clubbers. If you haven't already, consider becoming more involved in your school campus. Be visible on campus and get to know the school faculty. Investing your time shows them you care about them, too!

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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



Option 1 – I SPY

Bandana, paper plate, 10 different tiny objects (paper clip, toothpick, eraser, candy, etc.)

Prepare

Arrange the objects on the plate and cover them with the bandana. Uncover the plate and give students several seconds to look at the objects on the plate. Return the bandana, covering the objects. Pick a student to peek under the bandana and secretly remove an object. Uncover the plate so all can see the objects. The first student to name which object was removed earns a turn to answer a review question. Return the missing object and play again. Continue until everyone has a turn to remove an object and all questions are answered or time runs out.

Option 2 – ALL THROUGH THE HOOP

One hula hoop per team

Instruct surf teams to join hands, forming a circle. Ask two students to let go of their grip long enough for them to place their hands through the hula hoop before rejoining hands. Surf teams will pass the hula hoop clockwise from person to person by stepping into the hoop, bringing it up and over their head and moving it to the next person. The team task is to pass the hula hoop around the circle until it returns to the starting point without breaking the circle. As surf teams maneuver the hula hoop around the circle, stop play at random intervals and ask a review question. Once the team answers the question, they may continue moving the hula hoop around the circle. The surf team who moves the hula hoop completely around the circle the most times is declared the winner.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (compassion)
- What did Bartimaeus shout out to Jesus? ("Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!")
- 3. What was Bartimaeus' problem? (He was blind.)
- 4. What did Bartimaeus do for money? (He begged.)
- 5. How did Jesus show <u>compassion</u> to Bartimaeus? (He heard him, He healed him.)
- 6. What did Jesus say made Bartimaeus well? (His faith.)
- 7. What did Bartimaeus do after he was healed? (He followed Jesus.)
- 8. Name one way to show <u>compassion</u> to a friend. (Answers may vary.)
- 9. Is the book of Mark in the Old Testament or New Testament? (New)
- 10. How did Jesus show <u>compassion</u> for all people? (He died on the cross to pay for our sin.)

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"



LESSON 9 "HONESTY" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

John 4:1-30; 39-42 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1152-1154)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Honesty</u> – Truthful words and ways

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be <u>honest</u> and share the truth about Jesus with others.

MEMORY LINK

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

(KBC Study Bible, page 1171)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED Memory Link cards, Hang

10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: KBC Study Bibles Option 2: Beach ball

BIBLE CONNECTION Water bottle

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Rulers, sponge balls, cups Option 2: Water bottles

Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman

WHAT'S THE POINT?

It is interesting that those who deny the existence of God are the same ones who say there is no absolute truth and that everything is relative. But we know that God exists and He sets the standard for truth. We know His Word, the Bible, communicates that truth to us. When some say Jesus is one of several truths and one of several ways to eternal happiness, we know that in John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The woman in our Bible story today met Jesus at a well and had a very <u>honest</u> conversation. Jesus told her things about herself that a stranger would not have known. She knew Jesus must be a prophet. Then Jesus reveals Himself to her and immediately, she was changed! She ran home to share the good news with her community. Many believed because she was willing to be vulnerable and completely <u>honest</u> with Jesus when confronted with the truth.

We have the same opportunity. We know the truth about who God is and have full access to all that He wants us to know about Him in His Word. He just wants us to be <u>honest</u> with Him and let Him change our life.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is honesty. What does honesty mean to you?
- Have you ever had someone tell you something that was not true? How did it make you feel?
- Why is it important to always be honest?

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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Worship is designed to bring students' focus toward God and to communicate the truth of who He is. It is the responsibility of the worship leader to narrow their attention, help them focus completely on God, and prepare their hearts to hear from God. Be intentional when you prepare the order of worship songs. Choose high-energy songs first then transition to quieter worship music.

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

Ask students to hold their Bibles high in the air. Count how many remembered to bring their Bible. Today's Bible story is found in the New Testament and is in one of the first four books called the gospels. These 4 books tell the story about Jesus. Say the Gospel books with me. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). The Bible is God's word. That means that it contains the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We can believe what we read in the Bible.

Focus on today's Memory Link 📖

Instruct students to open their KBC Study Bibles to John 14:6 on page 1171. Read the Memory Link aloud. *In our lesson today Jesus meets a woman who learns this amazing truth about Jesus. This verse tells us several important facts about Jesus. First we know that what Jesus tells us is true. We also know that Jesus is the way to the Father. Who is this Father? Yes, it is God. So our verse tells us that Jesus is the only way to God.* Ask students to repeat the verse several times with you. Ask the them to stand each time the word "truth" is recited.

Option 1 - HONESTY RELAY

KBS Study Bibles

Instruct surf teams to line up single file for a relay race. Ask Surf Team Leaders to stand opposite the lines to listen to the memory verse. Give the first student in each line a Bible to carry. Tell them they are carrying the truth to tell another. On "Go!" the students will walk to the Surf Team Leader while carrying the Bible, say or read the memory verse, return to their team then pass the Bible to the next person in their line. Continue until all have said the memory verse.

Option 2 - CIRCLE PASS

Beach ball for each surf team

Instruct students to pass the beach ball around the circle to one another while saying a word in the verse. Keep the ball moving around the circle until the verse and reference has been repeated. Play a few times until the kids have memorized the verse. For an extra challenge, time the kids to see how fast they can say the verse while passing the beach ball.

LESSON 9 "HONESTY" (page 2)

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 1171)

Teaching Tip

Repetition is the key! The more the students repeat a verse the more likely they are to memorize it and hide it in their hearts. Keep repetition from becoming boring by challenging them to repeat verses at different volumes or by using different accents.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through gospel-centered Bible story

Water bottle

Prepare

Select 5 volunteers to read verses aloud. Assign readers to verse 4, 9, 26, 28-30 and 39-41.

Set the Stage

Hold up an empty water bottle. *Wow! After all we've done this afternoon, I'm really thirsty. Today in our lesson we will meet two thirsty people who met by a water well. One is a speaker of the truth and one hears the truth about herself in such a way that she is forever changed. Listen to what happens.*

Tell the Story

The religious leaders in Jerusalem, also called the Pharisees, were not very happy with Jesus so Jesus thought it better that He go to Galilee for awhile. On His way to Galilee from Jerusalem Jesus needed to go through a place called Samaria near a plot of ground that Jacob gave his son Joseph. The people of Samaria, Samaritans, did not get along at all with the Jews. They didn't like each other. Most Jews strongly disliked the Samaritans so much that when they traveled between Jerusalem and Galilee they wouldn't go through Samaria. But Jesus made it a point to go through Samaria. Let's find out why.

The Bible tells us that around lunchtime, Jesus came to a well, known as Jacob's Well, and sat down while the rest of His disciples went into town. As Jesus sat there a woman came to get water. Now this wasn't unusual. Most of the time women were in charge of getting the water a family needed. But what was unusual is that this woman came in the hottest time of the day and alone. Why didn't she go with the rest of the women in the morning when it was cooler? Could it be that people weren't nice to her? Maybe some of the women enjoyed picking on her every time she was with them. Jesus did something that was very unusual in His time. He asked this Samaritan woman for a drink. Remember I told you how Jews didn't want anything to do with Samaritan's much less touch anything belonging to a Samaritan? Also, in Jesus' time men and women who weren't related didn't speak together in public.

The woman thought it was strange for Jesus to talk to her. Then Jesus told her she should ask Him for living water. Living water? That sounded interesting so the woman asked Jesus how He could give her this water since He didn't have anything with Him. Verse 13 tells us what Jesus answered. "Whoever drinks this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." Now the woman was really excited! She wanted that kind of water. Then she would never have to come to the well again.

So she asked Jesus for this water, but instead of answering her he told her to do something first. Jesus told her go get her husband and come back. "I don't have a husband," the woman told Jesus. Jesus told her she was correct. He even told her she has had five husbands and the one she was currently with wasn't her husband either. The woman was amazed that Jesus knew this about her, and she told Him He must be a prophet!

LESSON 9 "HONESTY" (page 3)

Teaching Tip

Consider planning your last Beach Club® meeting for this school year. Make it special! Plan a party or give students small gifts. Communicate what's happening at your church during the summer months and extend an invitation to your Beach Club[®] students and their families. Double-check your attendance and decisions in the KiDs Online Management System[™]. Make sure the information is up to date so you can continue to communicate with your students and follow up with those who've made professions of faith this year.

She must have thought to herself that if Jesus was truly a prophet then maybe He would know about how to worship God. So she asked Jesus who was right about worship? Is it my people the Samaritans or Your people the Jews? Jesus told her God wants true worshippers. He wants those who worship in spirit and truth. This reminded the woman of something she already knew that someday a Messiah (the Christ) would come. Look at Jesus' answer in verse 26. He told her, "I who speak to you am He." Wow. At that moment she knew and believed that Jesus was the true Messiah that she had heard was to come.

What does she do? She dropped her water pot and went back to her city! She told everyone to come and meet Jesus..the Christ. So they did! The Bible tells us that many of the Samaritans believed because of the testimony of this woman. Then after hearing Jesus themselves, many more believed.

Who would like to volunteer to read verse 42 aloud?

The people heard the truth and believed in Jesus, the Savior of the world! They believed that He is the way, the truth, and the life!

Application

The Samaritan woman recognized the truth of what Jesus told her. She knew she needed to listen to Jesus, but she also recognized that others needed to hear this truth, too. She went to her town and invited others to listen and many believed. Who do you know who needs to hear the truth about Jesus?

Gospel Connection

We can come to the Father through Jesus. He is the One who can rescue us from our sin. Open your Bible to the middle pages after page 626. The title says How to Know God. Follow along as I read. Read this page aloud to the group and point out the ABC's.

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 the decision supplies available.

LESSON 9 "HONESTY" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

Sometimes adults think they don't have the skills to share the gospel with students. Yes, it's important to know the basics of how to talk with them, like avoid using "churchy" words or ask open-ended questions. But really it's about sharing the truth in love. Jesus went out of His way to have a conversation that extended love and mercy to a woman who had known very little. By extending love to our students at Beach Club® each week, we will be in a position to share the truth of the gospel. The biggest skill we need is the ability to have a conversation.

SURF TEAM TIME

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

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.
- Why do you think Jesus went through Samaria?
- Why was the woman surprised when Jesus asked her for a drink of water?
- What truths did Jesus tell this woman? (who He was, that she had several husbands, that He was the Living Water)
- What did this woman do that was surprising to you?

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to 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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Let's look at Day 4. It says, "After the woman talked to Jesus she left and hurried to the town to tell others about Jesus. She was very excited to tell what she knew about Jesus. Who do you know who needs to know Jesus? What will you tell them?" Can you think of someone who needs to know Jesus? (Allow students to answer.) What kinds of truths about Jesus can you tell them?

Pray

God, thank You for Your truth, the Bible. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay the price for my sins. Help me to be like the woman in our story today and share this truth with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Involve students as often as possible. There are many things they can do such as helping check attendance, reading from the Bible, acting out a story, passing out snacks or holding a teaching prop. Giving students jobs can help with behavior and it gives them ownership of their Beach Club[®].

Teaching Tip

Always come prepared with something to do in spare minutes. One idea is to keep a list of people and events studied during the year in Bible Connection Time (or refer back to the lessons if you keep a notebook) and ask review questions. You can give tickets to students who can answer the questions correctly.



MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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

Option 1 - PUTT PUTT

Rulers, sponge balls, cups

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Set 2 cups 6-8 inches apart on the floor about 10 feet away from the starting line. The first person in line gets to answer a review question. If the answer is correct, they may use the ruler to putt the sponge ball between the two cups. If the ball goes between the cups without touching, teams score 2 points. If the ball goes through but touches one or both cups only 1 point is scored.

Option 2 - CARRY THE WATER

Water bottles

Instruct surf teams to line up single file for a relay race. Give one small water bottle to each surf team. Instuct Surf Team Leaders to stand at a point about 10 feet away from their team. On "Go!", while balancing the water bottle on their head, the first student will walk to their Surf Team Leader, answer a question, then return to their team. If the water bottle falls off their head, they must stop and put the bottle on their head before continuing to walk. Continue until all questions are correctly answered.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is our character word today? (honesty)
- 2. In which book of the Bible will I find the memory verse? (John)
- 3. Name the two groups of people who didn't get along in the story. (Jews, Samaritans)
- 4. What did Jesus ask the women for? (a drink of water)
- 5. Why was it surprising for Jesus to ask the woman for a drink? (Jews and Samaritans didn't get along, men didn't talk to women they didn't know)
- 6. What did Jesus say He could give this woman? (living water)
- 7. What did the woman do after talking to Jesus? (she hurried to the tell others about Jesus)
- 8. What did the people in the city do when the woman told them about Jesus? (they listened and many believed)
- 9. Name 1 of the 3 things Jesus said He is from the Memory Link. (the way, the <u>truth</u>, the life)
- 10. True or False: There are many ways to come to the Father. (False. Jesus is the only way!)

LESSON 9 "HONESTY" (page 6)

Teaching Tip

Listen carefully during Bible Connection Time. If the Bible Connection Leader did not mention the answers to one of the review questions, you can teach that detail in Surf Team Time or come up with different or additional questions for the Make-It-Stick Review Game.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the **Father except** through Me."

John 14:6



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LESSON 12 "COURAGE" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

1 Kings 18:20-39 (KBC Study Bible, pages 378-379)

CHARACTER WORD

Courage - Standing up for what I believe in; bravery

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have <u>courage</u> because God is on my side.

MEMORY LINK

1 Kings 18:39b

"The Lord. He is God! The Lord, He is God!" (KBC Study Bible, page 379)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: None Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Paper bags, newspaper, beach pails

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK **REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Plastic cups Option 2: Plastic cones

Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal

WHAT'S THE POINT?

It's hard to hear the word courage without thinking of the Cowardly Lion from "The Wizard of Oz." He was a bully who masked his fear by intimidating others. As believers, we know true <u>courage</u> is found in the power of God. Many times, in Scripture, God reminds people "Do not be afraid." Because God is always with us, we can take <u>courage</u> in His power. Today's story teaches students that even when you think you're alone, God is with you - ready to supply the courage you need.

GET CONNECTED

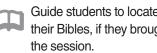


Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is courage. What does courage mean to you?
- How do you define courage?
- Share an example of courage.
- Finish the sentence: I need <u>courage</u> when _



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 guickly as directed in

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Keep things moving! Dead air will kill the worship spirit that you have helped create for the students. We encourage you to sing songs you sing in your church. O you may consider these song selections:

"You Are God Alone" by Hillsong "One True God" by Steven Curtis Chapman, Chris Tomlin

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

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

Focus on the Bible 🛄

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Is it easier to have <u>courage</u> when you are alone, or when you know people are on your side? Most of you said you would rather be with others or have others on your side. Today you will learn that you can have <u>courage</u> because God is on your side.

You are about to hear a story about a man named Elijah who was a prophet of God. A prophet is someone who heard from God and spoke to the people for God. Elijah was alone in standing up for God, but he showed great <u>courage</u>. As a result, God showed up and the people trusted God as the One True God. Our Memory Link is what they proclaimed. Read 1 Kings 18:39b from the KBC Study Bible (found on page 379).

Is this what you believe? When we invite Christ to come into our lives and be our forever friend, we too should be willing to proclaim this verse boldly with <u>courage</u>. Let's practice <u>courage</u> while we memorize our Memory Link.

Option 1 – A FRIEND ON YOUR SIDE

No supplies needed

Ask your Beach Club[®] students for a volunteer – someone who wants to practice having <u>courage</u>. Explain that you want them to stand in front of their surf team and read the verse aloud. Explain that if they are afraid to read the verse out loud, they can select a friend in their surf team that can stand with them. Repeat until everyone has a chance to read the verse.

For extra challenge and <u>courage</u>, volunteers can say the verse from memory in front of their Surf Team Leader.

Option 2 – COURAGE CHALLENGE

No supplies needed

Take turns asking each surf team to stand in front of the entire Beach Club[®] and proclaim the Memory Link boldly and with <u>courage</u>. Once all surf teams have had a turn, say it again all together.

LESSON 12 "COURAGE" (page 2)

1 Kings 18:39b

"The Lord, He is God!" The Lord, He is God!" (KBC Study Bible, pg. 379)

Bible 101 📖

Continue to build excitement in your Beach Club[®] about the KBC Study Bible. Encourage students to bring theirs and use it as much as possible during Club. Consider a contest between surf teams or boys versus girls and award the group who brought the most Bibles with a ticket or piece of candy.

BIBLE CONNECTION



LESSON 12 "COURAGE" (page 3)

Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Fill 12 paper bags with old newspaper, 4 beach pails

Set the Stage

God told Elijah to go meet with Ahab because he did not believe in the One True God. Ahab worshipped a stone statue named Baal. Baal was a false God. There had been no food for many years. When Ahab saw Elijah, he blamed him for the famine in the land. Elijah said, "I did not cause this famine. You, Ahab, are the one who has forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed Baal." Elijah told Ahab that they needed to settle, once and for all, who was the One True God.

Tell the Story

Our story is found in 1 Kings 18:19-39. Turn with me in your KBC Study Bibles to page 378. Elijah told Ahab to bring all 450 prophets of the idol Baal, plus 400 prophets of the idol Asherah, and meet him at Mount Carmel. How many prophets were on Ahab's side? (850) How many prophets were on Elijah's side? (Just one, Elijah.)

All the people in the area went up the mountain for the big showdown to see who was declared the One True God. Once they got to the top, Elijah went to the people and said, "How long will you go back and forth? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is god, follow him." Elijah told the prophets of Baal to prepare their altar. He told them to not put fire under the altar, but to call on their god to supply the fire. He would also make an altar and call on his God. Whoever answered by fire was the One True God.

Everyone agreed. The prophets of Baal went first. They called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Oh Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice, no one answered. Then they danced around the altar. Still no response.

Elijah started to taunt them. "Maybe he can't hear you, call louder! Maybe he is busy, or meditating! Could he be asleep?"

The prophets of Baal called out louder and began to cut themselves. They kept trying until evening time, but there was no voice. No answer. No fire.

Finally, it was Elijah's turn and he told the people to gather around. He took 12 stones and built an altar for his sacrifice. Have a student take the paper bags and build an altar. Elijah made a deep trench around the altar. Three times Elijah told people to pour four buckets of water over the altar to make sure the altar would not easily catch fire. Now give four students each a bucket. Instruct them to pretend they are pouring water over the altar. Ask them to do this three times. The water ran all around the altar and filled the trench. (With <u>courage</u>, read Elijah's prayer, verses 36-37 on page 379.)

Then it happened. Fire from the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, the wood, the stones and even all the water that was in the trench. When the people saw this, they fell on their knees and proclaimed, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

As You Prepare

Take time to read the Scripture references in their entirety. You will not read every verse aloud during Bible Connection, but you need to have a good grasp on the story so you can have authority and wisdom as you tell it. Keep your KBC Study Bible with you as a reference so that the students can follow along and can see that you are not telling a story you made up, but one that is in God's word and is truth.

Application

Sometimes following God takes <u>courage</u>. Elijah showed <u>courage</u> by standing up to all the false prophets. Jesus showed <u>courage</u> when He took the punishment for our sin and died on the cross. One way you can show <u>courage</u> is to decide to follow Jesus and stand up for what is right, knowing that God is on your side. You can also have <u>courage</u> and show other people that you are a follower of Jesus when you bring your Bible to school and tell people what you believe.

Gospel Connection

Some of you today may want to start a relationship with the One True God. But in order to do that you have to understand that there is something that separates people from God. Who knows what that is? Sin. But there is good news! We have a loving and forgiving God. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us in John 3:16 that God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die in our place for our sins, and that whoever believes in Him will live with Him forever.

Jesus wants to be your Forever Friend! If you have never prayed and told Jesus that you were sorry for your sin and invited Him into your life, then you can do that today. It's as simple as A-B-C. Please come see me after I pray. ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is Lord and He is God's Son who came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin and then rose from the dead! Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus and make Him the boss of your life.

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.

LESSON 12 "COURAGE" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

Students are exposed to many different world religions through school and even in their homes. It is important to share with them that Jehovah God is the One True God. We do that through scripture, not our own opinion. Please be sensitive to students whose families have a different faith than yours. Pray for them and simply show them what God's word says, then let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



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 today's story?
- How did God use Elijah to convince the Israelites to acknowledge God?

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 KBC Study 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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Reference Day 4 on the Hang 10. Remind students to share any hope they have in Jesus with family and friends.

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask someone to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Jesus, You give us <u>courage</u> because You did the most <u>courageous</u> thing anyone could do, You died for our sins and rose again. Please help us be more like You. Build <u>courage</u> within our souls. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

Build deeper relationships by becoming more involved on your school campus. Be visible on campus and get to know the school faculty in addition to the students. Investing your time shows you care about them. You could invite the principal to special days or pop into the teacher's lounge just to give a word of encouragement or pray for teachers. Go above and beyond with your school.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

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

Option 1 – BUILD AN ALTAR

12 plastic cups per surf team

Instruct each Surf Team Leader to invite one student to send to the front. Remind students that Elijah built an altar to God using 12 stones. Explain that they will use 12 cups to build an altar (like a pyramid). The first person to build the altar with all 12 cups and also say the Memory Link gets to answer the question. Play until all students have a turn.

Option 2 – WHAT? WATER!

One plastic cone per surf team

Remind students that Elijah poured 12 buckets of water on the altar before God sent fire from heaven. Ask each surf team to pass a plastic cone around the circle as students count to 12. The person holding the cone on 12 gets to answer the review question. For extra fun, fill the cone with water!

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (courage)
- 2. Give an example of <u>courage</u>. (Answers may vary.)
- 3. What book of the Old Testament was the story from? (1 Kings)
- 4. Say the Memory Link from 1 Kings 18:39b. ("The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!")
- 5. Who showed courage because God was on his side? (Elijah)
- 6. What was the name of the false god/stone statue? (Baal)
- 7. What did Elijah do to the altar he built to make sure it would not easily catch fire? (poured water on it)
- 8. How did God show He is the One True God? (sent fire to consume the sacrifice)
- 9. What did the people say when God sent the fire? ("The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!")
- 10. We can have <u>courage</u> because ______. (God is on our side)

"The Lord, He is God!The Lord, He is God! I Kings 18:39b



Lesson 12

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LESSON 15 "HUMILITY" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

1 Samuel 25:2-42 (KBC Study Bible, pages 315-317)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Humility</u> – Opposite of prideful, arrogant, conceited

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

With God's help, I can <u>humbly</u> speak the truth.

MEMORY LINK

Proverbs 15:1

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

(KBC Study Bible, page 681)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Full soda bottle Option 1: Empty soda bottle Option 2: Hula hoops

BIBLE CONNECTION None

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Sponge balls, painters' tape, clean waste basket Option 2: Sponge balls, painters' tape, spatulas

Abigail Risks Her Life

WHAT'S THE POINT?

In today's lesson, students will learn they can show <u>humility</u> by putting the needs of others before their own. With <u>humility</u>, Abigail risked her life to dispel the conflict between two angry men. Through Abigail's example of <u>humility</u>, students will learn they can <u>humbly</u> resolve conflict and help bring about peace. Jesus provided the ultimate example of <u>humility</u> when He took the punishment for our sins and provided the way for people to be at peace with God. Students will learn that with God's help, they can <u>humbly</u> speak truth.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is "humility." What does "humility" mean to you?
- How does helping your friends work out a conflict show humility?
- How can you show <u>humility</u> when you're caught in the middle of a conflict?



Guide clubbers 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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

As you consider these song selections by Amber Sky Records, think of our character word, <u>humility</u> this week. <u>Humility</u> starts with a right view of God and our relationship to Him.

"I Can Do All Things" "Today and Every Day"

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

Full soda bottle

Focus on the Bible 📖

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to incese the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Today's Memory Link comes from the Old Testament. It is found in Proverbs, which is a collection of wise sayings. Today's verse gives us some wisdom on how to act when people around us are angry. Raise your hand if you are ever around angry people. Me too! Let's see what the verse says.

Show the soda bottle. What will happen if I shake this up and open it? (It explodes.) How are angry people sometimes like a soda bottle? (They can explode with anger.) Today's Memory Link tells how <u>humility</u> can prevent an explosion of anger. Follow along as I read Proverbs 15:1 (KBC Study Bible, page 681).

Let's talk about the second part of the verse first. Say it with me: "A harsh word stirs up anger." (Continue to shake the bottle as you talk.) When you use harsh words, it makes others feel angry and causes the anger to build up. What might happen with a friend when harsh words are exchanged? (Pretend like you will open the bottle.) That's right, anger can spew everywhere and make a big mess!

Now listen to the first part of the verse. Say it with me: "A soft answer turns away wrath." (As you talk, gently tap the lid of the bottle, settling the contents.) Wrath is extreme anger. If a gentle answer will settle extreme anger, what are some examples of gentle answers? (I'm sorry, it was my fault, please forgive me). So, if I continue softly tapping the bottle and holding it still, what will happen when it opens? (It will not explode.)

Option 1 – SPIN THE BOTTLE

Each surf team needs an empty soda bottle

Instuct each surf team to sit in a circle. Place an empty bottle on it's side in the middle of each circle and spin it. When the bottle stops, the student to whom the lid is pointing – and the person on each side of him – will say the verse together. The student to whom the lid pointed will spin the bottle again. Continue until everyone has a turn to say the verse.

Option 2 – SHAKE IT

Hula hoops

Students will take turns hula hooping as the others recite the verse. Try not to let the hula hoop fall to the ground before the verse is completed. For expert hula hoopers, see how many times the surf team can recite the verse before the hula hoop falls.



Proverbs 15:1

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 681)

Bible 101 📖

Let the students know that the book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings. There are 31 chapters in Proverbs. Let the students know they could read a chapter a day.

BIBLE CONNECTION



LESSON 15 "HUMILITY" (page 3)

Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Open your KBC Study Bibles to 1 Samuel 25:2-42. Our story begins on page 315. There are three main people in today's story. First, there's David. David and his friends were running and hiding from King Saul. God had chosen David to be the new king and King Saul didn't like it one bit. He wanted to kill David. Each time you hear me say David's name, say, "future king."

Next, there's Nabal. The Bible describes Nabal as very rich, very harsh and very evil. In fact, his name even means "fool." So, when you hear me say Nabal, cross your arms, make a grumpy face and say angrily, "grumpy dude."

Finally, we have Abigail. Abigail was Nabals' wife. The Bible says she was beautiful and wise. Each time I say Abigail's name, fold your hands quietly, and in your sweetest southern belle voice say, "Get along, boys."

Now let's practice before the story gets going. Practice a couple times with students. *Now our story...*

Tell the Story

DAVID (pause) had been running for his life from King Saul. He and his friends had stopped to rest. They ran into NABAL's (pause) servants who were out in the field taking care of the sheep. DAVID's (pause) men and the servants got along nicely. The men were kind to the servants and protected them.

A while later, the time came for a special feast. By now DAVID (pause) and his men were nearby NABAL's (pause) house. DAVID (pause) sent messengers to NABAL (pause) to deliver a message saying, "Peace to you and to your house. My men and I were very kind to your servants. Would you please return the favor by sharing food with us so we can celebrate the feast day?"

NABAL (pause) was grumpy and arrogant and harsh. He said, "Who's DAVID (pause) anyway? I don't know anything about him. I'm not going to share MY bread or MY water or MY meat with these strangers. Go away!"

Well, the messengers came back and reported what had been said. DAVID (pause) had <u>humbly</u> asked for help and NABAL (pause) replied with selfishness and pride, so DAVID (pause) got very angry. He was so angry that he told his men to get their swords out and he led them toward NABAL's (pause) house for a fight.

Now ABIGAIL (pause) didn't know a thing about any of this until one of the servants came and told her what was happening. The servant explained how kind DAVID (pause) had been to them in the field. ABIGAIL (pause) thought quickly and moved into action. She told the servants to gather up food for a feast and take it to DAVID (pause) and his men. She sent them with 200 loaves of bread, the meat from five sheep, 100 clusters of raisins, two skins of wine, 200 fig cakes and more! Her servants loaded it up on donkeys and set off toward DAVID (pause) and his men... who at that very moment had their swords out marching toward NABAL (pause)... who at that very moment had no clue what ABIGAIL (pause) was up to.

As You Prepare

Allowing students to be a part of the Bible Connection Time is a great way to engage them and help them learn. They will be excited about God's word when you show excitement about the lesson you are teaching from God's word. ABIGAIL (pause) and DAVID (pause) came face to face in the valley between two hills. ABIGAIL (pause) <u>humbly</u> bowed down low to the ground and spoke to DAVID (pause). She said, "Please don't pay any attention to my scoundrel husband, NABAL (pause). He is a foolish man and makes poor decisions. It's not too late for you to make the right decision by turning back and not taking out revenge on my husband. You will regret it if you act in anger and take lives over this foolishness. Now, please accept this gift of food that I give to you today. Please forgive me for getting in the middle of this. I know that God is with you and will continue to bless you as the new ruler over Israel. Please remember me when you become king.

DAVID (pause) praised God for sending ABIGAIL (pause). Her <u>humble</u> actions prevented him from making a terrible mistake in his anger. DAVID (pause) received the gifts and told ABIGAIL (pause) she could go in peace.

Now ABIGAIL (pause) knew she needed to tell NABAL (pause) what had happened. But NABAL (pause) was so drunk at the feast that she wisely decided it was best to wait until morning. The next day, she told him everything. The minute he heard her story, the Bible says, "his heart died within him and he became like a stone," and a few days later he died.

Thank the student volunteers for their part in telling the story. Instruct them to stop now as you continue.

Application

Wow, Abigail's <u>humble</u>, soft answer really helped resolve an angry situation. Let's say you had two friends who got angry at each other out on the playground at school. What would you do? Would you be willing to <u>humbly</u> do what Abigail did and help your friends stop fighting so they wouldn't hurt each other?

Gospel Connection

Think about how Abigail's <u>humility</u> made a difference for David. Jesus' <u>humility</u> makes a much bigger difference for you and me. Jesus valued you more than Himself when He chose to die on a cross and take the punishment for your sins. All you have to do is ADMIT that you have sinned and ASK Jesus to come into your life and forgive you of all your sin. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus died on the cross for your sins. Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus. So, if any of you would like to pray today and ASK Jesus to be your Forever Friend and you have never done that before, then please come talk to me after I pray.

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 counseling supplies available.

LESSON 15 "HUMILITY" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

A child from a religious background will need to answer questions regarding their understanding of Jesus and the truth of all of God's word. An unchurched child will not understand any of the Christian terms we use and need unfamiliar words defined.

SURF TEAM TIME

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

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 today's story?

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 3 of the Hang 10. Read 1 Samuel 25: 24-42 (KBC Study Bible, page 315-317). Who can you share this story with? Tell someone the story of Abigail's soft answer and how responding with <u>humility</u> kept an angry situation from getting worse.

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the student in your surf team this week.

Jesus, thank You for showing us the best example of <u>humility</u> by dying on the cross for our sins and making a way for us to be with You forever. In Jesus' name, amen.

Remember to extend an ongoing invitation to your Beach Club® families to your church programs and events. Whether a student lives with both parents, a single parent, grandparents or a foster situation, there's a place for everyone at your church! Consider making in-home visits to these families. Remember, they may also have other siblings in the home that don't attend Beach Club®. Personal visits are a great way to show you care about the whole family.

Connection Tip

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MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and



Option 1 – KNOCK OUT

Two sponge balls, painters' tape, clean waste basket (per surf team)

Prepare

Character Word

Mark a tape line on the floor. Place the waste basket several feet away from the line.

Instruct surf teams to line up in two single file lines behind the tape. Give the first two players each a ball. At your signal, both players will shoot, trying to make a basket. If it's a miss, players can keep shooting until someone makes a basket. The first player to make a basket will answer a review question and earn two (2) points for her team. Both players will return to the end of the line and the next two players will shoot. Continue until everyone has a turn to shoot or time runs out. Calculate the points and declare a winning team.

Option 2 – SPATULA PUTT

Sponge balls, spatulas, painters' tape

Prepare

Use painter's tape to mark a goal by sticking down two parallel pieces of tape about six inches apart. Use painter's tape to mark a start line a few feet away from the goal.

Divide into teams. Students will answer review questions. Each correct answer earns a turn to putt. Students will use the spatula like a putter to gently hit the sponge ball so it rolls through the goal (two parallel tape lines). Each successful putt earns five (5) points for that surf team. At the end of play, calculate the points and declare a winning surf team. If you have a large Beach Club®, consider creating as many putting stations as you need for the size of your group. Place one Surf Team Leader at each putting station to ask review questions and keep score.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (humility)
- 2. What does "humility" mean? (to value others above yourself, opposite of prideful, arrogant, conceited)
- 3. Is today's story found in the Old Testament or New Testament? (Old Testament)
- 4. What did David's men ask Nabal to do? (share his food for the feast)
- 5. How did Nabal "stir up anger?" (by being mean, not sharing, being selfish)
- 6. Why was David angry at Nabal? (Nabal wouldn't share even when David showed kindness first)
- 7. How did Abigail "turn away wrath?" (kindness, humility)
- 8. Recite today's Memory Link. (Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.")
- 9. How did Jesus show <u>humility</u>? (by dying on a cross)
- 10. Name a way to make Jesus cool at school. (Answers may vary.)

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1



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LESSON 18 "FRIENDLINESS" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

John 1:43-51 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1149-1150)

CHARACTER WORD

Friendliness - Knowing, liking and accepting other people just the way they are

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can tell my friends about Jesus.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 28:19a

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"

(KBC Study Bible, page 1069)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Cards, bags Option 2: Inflatable globe balls

> **BIBLE CONNECTION** None

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK **REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Painter's tape, balloons

Option 2: Plastic cone, beanbags

Philip Tells a Friend About Jesus

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Andrew told his brother Simon Peter about Jesus. The next day Jesus found Philip and asked him to follow Him. Philip recognized Jesus as the hope and promise the world had been waiting for, the coming Messiah. He was so excited! After Philip chose to follow Jesus, he quickly found his friend Nathanael and told him about Jesus. Nathanael doubted Philip's invitation initially, saying no good thing could certainly come out of Nazareth, but Philip insisted he come and see Jesus for himself.

Nathanael was surprised to find out Jesus already knew him. He turned from skeptism to belief and chose to follow Jesus. We need to help students move from any doubt or skeptism and also choose to follow Jesus. We want to help them be excited about what God has done in their life and want to share the same with their friends.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Our character word today is <u>friendliness</u>. Let's look at the definition in the front of our KBC Study Bibles. (Have a student read it aloud and discuss)
- What makes a good friend?
- How are you a friend to others?

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.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Enjoy singing songs about friendship. Here are some suggestions if you need them:

An oldie but goodie is "Lean on Me".

A fun upbeat song by Philips, Craig and Dean is "I Am a Friend of God". Another good song is "Till I Found You" by Phil Wickham.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

Note cards, pen/marker

Focus on the Bible 📖

Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage students to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. You might even consider a little competition between grade levels or boys vs. girls.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Direct students to open their KBC Study Bibles to Matthew 28:19a (page 1069). Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud as the students follow along.

Our character word today is <u>friendliness</u>. Our verse says to be a good <u>friend</u> and give preference to one another – that means letting a <u>friend</u> eat the last cookie! Or win a game, or go first in line, or choose their favorite color to paint. What are some other ways to be a good <u>friend</u>? (Accept all responses.)

Let's read our Memory Link together again.

Option 1 – READY, SET, GO!

Beach pail, wad of paper for each student

Prepare

Print each word of the verse on individual cards, including the Scripture address.

Place a set in a bag for each surf team. Set a time and see how fast each team can arrange the words of the verse in the correct order.

Option 2 - AROUND THE WORLD

No supplies needed

Give each surf team a blowup globe ball. Students pass the ball around the circle as they say a word in the verse, including the address.

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LESSON 18 "RESPONSIBILITY" (page 2)

Matthew 28:19a

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations." (KBC Study Bible, pg. 1069)

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Being a <u>friend</u> is a big job! I'm sure all of you have some good <u>friends</u>. You are <u>friends</u> because you like some of the same things – like sports, food, games. You like hanging out with each other. Sometimes you may not always agree on everything, but you are still <u>friends</u>. Let's look at the definition of <u>friendliness</u> in the front of our KBC Study Bible. Would a volunteer read it out loud to us?

Friendliness - Knowing, liking, and accepting other people just the way they are.

Today we will learn about two <u>friends</u> named Philip and Nathanael. Turn in your KBC Study Bible to page 1149. We are in the New Testament in the book of John. We will begin reading at verse 43.

Tell the Story

Jesus traveled to Galilee. There He found a man named Philip who lived in Galilee. Jesus walked up to Philip and said, "Follow Me". Now Philip knew who Jesus was because his <u>friends</u> Andrew and Peter had told him. He quickly turned to his <u>friend</u>, Nathanael and told him about Jesus. Philip explained to Nathanael that this is the one Moses and other prophets wrote – Jesus of Nazareth.

Nathanael was just a little confused because he asked, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" For you see, Nazareth was just a small little village. Most of the people who lived there were farmers and not very wealthy. Yet Philip is telling him about a man named Jesus – written about by prophets – and he was from a little place called Nazareth? He must have shook his head in disbelief!

But Philip said, "Come and see." When they got closer to Jesus, He spoke to Nathanael. Confused, Nathanael asked Jesus, "How do you know me?" (Read verses 48-50 for Jesus' response to Nathanael.)

What a cool thing for a <u>friend</u> to do for another! Philip introduced his <u>friend</u>, Nathanael to Jesus! And Nathanael followed Jesus, too!

Some of you have probably invited a <u>friend</u> to come to Beach Club[®] so that they (just like you) can hear about Jesus and how much He loves us. We can show <u>friendliness</u> in many ways, but the best way is to lead your <u>friends</u> to Jesus! Philip introduced Nathanael to Jesus. How can you introduce Jesus to your <u>friends</u>? (Accept all answers.)

Application

Some of you may have been introduced to Jesus at your church or by your parents or even a <u>friends</u>. Having Jesus as your Forever <u>Friend</u> is gaining a <u>friend</u> who will never ever leave you. He will be by your side FOREVER!

LESSON 18 "FRIENDLINESS" (page 3)

Teaching Tip

Students should be hands on with their Bibles and encouraged to follow along as the story is told. As you teach, allow time for all students to find verses and catch up to where you may be reading from the Bible. Encourage students to share their KBC Bible with a <u>friend</u> who may have forgotten theirs.

Gospel Connection

We know that sometimes we are not at our best. We do wrong things – that is called sin. Jesus wants us to ADMIT that we have sinned and ASK Him to forgive us of our sin. He also wants us to BELIEVE that He came to this earth and showed us how to live without sin. He died on the cross for our sins but rose to live in heaven with God. Then we can CHOOSE to follow Him – and to make Jesus your Forever <u>Friend</u>!

If that is something you want to talk with your Surf Team Leader or one of the other adults here today, you may go now to talk with someone.

<u>Friendship</u> is a priceless gift that Jesus wants us to share! Be a true <u>friend</u> and share Jesus this week!

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 the decision supplies available.

LESSON 18 "FRIENDLINESS" (page 4)

Gospel Tip

We pray today you have students who want to ask Jesus to forgive them of their sins and invite Him into their life, be their Lord and Savior making Jesus their Forever Friend. Be sure to complete a decision card and give to your Record Keeper so they can enter their profession of faith in the KiDs Online Management System[™] and follow up with their parents or legal guardians.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



LESSON 18 "FRIENDLINESS" (page 5)

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

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.
- This week, how will you be a friend to others?
- Who is one friend that you can share the story of Jesus with this week?
- Who will you invite to come to Beach Club[®] with you next week? To go to church with you?

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 KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to highlight today's Memory Link verse.

Hang 10 Pages 📖

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

Our Weekly Challenge is to be intentional and tell our <u>friends</u> about Jesus. <u>Friends</u> invite <u>friends</u> to come to Jesus!

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Dear God, help me be a good <u>friend</u> and tell others about You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Oh No, Time's Up!

Finding verses, discussing questions, taking prayer requests... it's easy to run out of time. If your group really seems disappointed when Surf Team Time's over too soon, try to continue your discussion during "Get Connected" next week.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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

Option 1 - BALLOON RELAY

Painter's tape, balloons

Prepare

Mark a start line and finish line using painter's tape. Inflate at least one balloon for each surf team.

Explain that kids will move balloons from the start line to the finish line in a variety of ways. The first team to get their balloon across the finish line will have an opportunity to answer a review question. Instruct surf teams to line up behind the start line and begin races.

Option 2 - PENGUIN WADDLE

Plastic cone, beanbag

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Place a cone several feet away from each team. The first player in each line will answer a review question, place a beanbag on top of each foot, and shuffle to the cone and back without dropping the beanbags off their feet. The first surf team to complete the relay wins.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (friendliness)
- 2. In which book of the Bible is today's Bible story located? (John)
- 3. Who are the two friends in the story? (Philip and Nathanael)
- 4. Where did Jesus meet Philip and Nathanael? (Galilee)
- 5. Where was Jesus from? (Nazareth)
- 6. Can you describe Nazareth? (small village, mostly farmers)
- 7. What did Jesus say to Philip? (follow me)
- 8. Who followed Jesus? (Philip and Nathanael)
- 9. What is our Memory Link today? ("Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations." Matthew 28:19a)
- 10. Name at least one friend you will invite to Beach Club[®] next week. (Answers will vary.)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."

Matthew 28:19a



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LESSON 19 "DETERMINATION"

(page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Luke 22:39-46 (KBC Study Bible, page 1142)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Determination</u> – To continue on, regardless of the circumstances

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be <u>determined</u> to continue on, regardless of the circumstances.

MEMORY LINK

Luke 22:42b "Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

(KBC Study Bible, page 1142)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters, cookies

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: None Option 2: Balloon

BIBLE CONNECTION None

SURF TEAM LEADER Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME Option 1: Inflated balloons, plastic cones Option 2: Plastic cone, painters' tape

Jesus Prays in the Garden

WHAT'S THE POINT?

<u>Determination</u> is deciding you will finish something you've started, such as a job, task or goal. It is refusing to let anything keep you from doing something you need to do, have been told to do, or have decided to do. Having <u>determination</u> is not always easy. Some things we set out to do are fun and enjoyable so it doesn't take much <u>determination</u> to get those jobs done. With a more difficult task or goal we are likely to encounter personal suffering or pain, or maybe it's just something we simply do not want to do. It's at those times <u>determination</u> is much harder. In today's lesson, we see Jesus set the perfect example for us as He <u>determined</u> to finish what His father called Him to do: give His life on the cross for us.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is <u>determination</u>. What does <u>determination</u> mean to you?
- What are some situations where you may need to show determination?
- How <u>determined</u> are you to do school work? Clean your room?

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

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Consider these song selections or feel free to repeat two of your favorites!

"We Believe" by Newsboys "Happy Day" by Hillsong Kids

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes - Activity to help them memorize the verse

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

Focus on the Bible 📖

Encourage students to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Guide students to find Luke 22:24b (Page 1142) in their KBC Study Bibles and read the verse aloud together.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Read Luke 22:42b from your KBC Study Bible. Talk about the words "nevertheless" and "will." Explain that "nevertheless" could be replaced with the word "but" or "however." Jesus had just prayed, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me." The word "up" refers to the suffering Jesus was about to face. The word "plan" could be used in place of the word "will" here. So, we could say "however not my plan, but Yours (meaning God's) be done."

Option 1 – HANDS DOWN DETERMINATION

No supplies needed

Explain to the students that each finger will be assigned a word. Starting with the pinky finger on the left hand, assign one word to each finger. Guide the students to hold closed fists out in front of them. Beginning with their left hand, ask them to raise their pinky finger as they say the first word, "Nevertheless." Then raise their ring finger and say the next word, "not." Continue until the entire verse and scripture reference is said. Continue saying the verse multiple times until they have the verse memorized or until time runs out.

Option 2 – BALLOON DROP

Balloon

Instruct surf teams to stand in a circle. The Surf Link Leader will toss the balloon in the air. The students will attempt to say the entire verse before the balloon touches the floor. Recite the verse in a large group, in surf teams, or individually. Each time, toss the balloon from a lower point and encourage students to say the verse faster and faster.



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Luke 22:42b

"Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1142)

Bible 101 📖

Take time to teach students about prayer. Teach them the ACTS acronym:

Adoration – Praise God for who He is.

Confess – Admit to God things we have done wrong.

Thanksgiving – Thank God for all we have and all He has done for us.

Supplication – We take time to pray for ourselves and others.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

<u>Determination</u> means deciding you will finish something you've started or have been called to do. Another way to put it is refusing to let anything keep you from doing something you need to do or have decided to do. We saw you show <u>determination</u> as you tried to get that cookie in your mouth before time was called. Having <u>determination</u> is not always easy. Some things we have to do are fun and enjoyable, so it doesn't take much <u>determination</u> to get those jobs done. With a mission, job or task that is hard to do (or that we just plain don't want to do), it takes more <u>determination</u>. We may get bored with it, or it may take a lot of time. It's at those times it takes a lot of <u>determination</u>.

Tell the Story

In the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve sinned. Ever since then, the Bible says we have all sinned and that the punishment for our sin is death, or eternal separation from God. God knew there was nothing we could do about our sin on our own, so He sent Jesus to earth for a very special mission. It was God's perfect plan that Jesus would make a way for us to be forgiven of our sin. Jesus willingly accepted God's mission, or plan. He lived on this earth and never sinned. He was perfect. Because Jesus never sinned, He could be the perfect sacrifice required for us to be forgiven. Jesus was <u>determined</u> to give His life so that we could be forgiven and have eternal life with Him and no longer be separated from God.

Today we are going to see how Jesus was <u>determined</u> to finish this very difficult task. Our lesson comes from Luke 22:39-46, found on page 1142 in our KBC Study Bibles.

The story begins after Jesus and His disciples had just shared a meal together. Some of you may have heard of the Lord's Supper or the Last Supper. That's the meal they had just shared. It was called the Last Supper because it would be the last time Jesus would have this meal before His death on the cross.

Well, Jesus knew the time was near that He would be arrested, put on trial, beaten and then give His life on the cross for us. He knew this would be a difficult time and He needed to talk to God, His Father. So, He went to a garden at the Mount of Olives where He liked to be alone with God and talk to Him, or pray. Jesus invited some of His closest disciples to go with Him. He asked them to pray for Him.

Jesus walked a brief distance away from the disciples and knelt down to pray alone. He was feeling the weight of the sin of the whole world and He knew that He would have to suffer a horrible death. He prayed that God, His Father, would find another way, another plan, to keep Him from having to suffer. Jesus said, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Jesus was saying to God, if you are willing, please find another way to save the world from their sin. But if not, I am willing and <u>determined</u> to do what You say. LESSON 19 "DETERMINATION" (page 3)

As You Prepare

Be brave! Ask for tips or feedback from Surf Team Leaders. They will give insight on how you teach and what you can do to better connect with he students. God knew Jesus was in great agony at the thought of what was about to happen, so He sent an angel to strengthen Jesus. After being strengthened, the Bible says Jesus prayed even more earnestly, more seriously, more sincerely. The Bible says He prayed so hard that His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

After He finished praying, Jesus got up and went back to His disciples, only to find them asleep. He woke them up and told them to rise up and pray.

It is important to understand that Jesus prayed to God His Father. He knew that if He was to have any <u>determination</u> to finish what He had started, He would need great strength and it would have to come from God. His prayer was absolutely necessary.

Application

When you and I have times that we need help to be <u>determined</u> or to have <u>determination</u>, we should pray to God and ask Him to give us the strength we need to finish what we start.

Gospel Connection

We can be very thankful that Jesus finished what He started because His <u>determination</u> made it possible for us to be forgiven for our sins and have eternal life. Jesus wants us to thank Him and ask Him to forgive us of our sins and invite Him to be our Lord and Savior. Let's turn in our KBC Study Bibles to the tip in pages just after page 626 and walk through how to become a Christian.

If you have never prayed and asked Jesus to come into your life and forgive you of your sins, you can do that right now in Beach Club[®]. If you have questions or want to know more about asking Jesus to be your Forever Friend, come see me right after I pray.

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 the decision supplies available.

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Gospel Tip

As you invite students to turn with you to the tip-in pages following page 626, focus on the first page, "God loves you and has a plan for your life." Make sure they understand what sin is. Pray the Holy Spirit reveals to them that they have sinned. Keep it simple so churched and unchurched children alike can understand.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



LESSON 19 "DETERMINATION" (page 5)

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 today's story?

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 KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

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 the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 4 on the Hang 10 page. Help students think about what <u>determination</u> looks like in their life.

Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Jesus, thank You for Your <u>determination</u> to die on the cross for my sins. Thank You for rising from the dead so we can live with You forever. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

Plan ahead! Remind students next week is the last Beach Club® this year. Let them know of any special plans you may have. Make it special. Take time to pray over the students that will be moving on to another campus next year. Prepare or provide a summer calendar of your church's activities for the whole family to be distributed next week. Consider a year-end beach bash or celebration at your church.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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

Option 1 – DON'T LOSE YOUR DETERMINATION

One inflated balloon per Surf Team (write "Determination" on it); plastic cone

Instruct each surf team to stand in a circle. Place an inflated balloon on the open part of the cone to resemble an ice cream cone. Decide which student will begin and ask the first question. When the correct answer is given, instruct the them to begin passing the ice cream cone around the circle, touching only the plastic cone. Try not to let the balloon fall. When it returns to the student who answered the question, the whole surf team will shout: "DETERMINATION!" Repeat this process and continue playing until all have had a turn or time runs out.

Option 2 – DETERMINATION RELAY

Write "determination" on a strip of painters' tape and attach to plastic cone

Pair Surf Teams and instruct them to line up single file, facing each other a distance apart depending on allowed space. The first student in each line will put the cone, pointy part up, on his/her head. They will balance it as they walk toward the teammate across from them. You may use painters' tape to mark a place that each team stands behind. When a student reaches the teammate facing him at the other end, they will pass off the cone to the next person. The relay will continue until all students in each surf team have participated or time runs out. The goal is not to win, but to be <u>determined</u> to finish what they have started. Have a Surf Team Leader stationed at each team. After the student passes off the cone, ask them a review question.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Character Word for today? (determination)
- 2. What does being <u>determined</u> or having <u>determination</u> mean? (continue on regardless of the circumstances)
- 3. Who showed determination in today's story? (Jesus)
- 4. Why did Jesus need <u>determination</u>? (He was about to die on the cross.)
- 5. Jesus needed strength to complete His mission. Who did He pray to? (His Father)
- 6. Where did Jesus go to pray? (a garden on the Mount of Olives)
- 7. What did Jesus ask his friends to do? (pray)
- 8. What did his friends do instead of praying? (they fell asleep)
- 9. How did God give Jesus the <u>determination</u> to finish his mission? (He sent an angel to strengthen Him)
- 10. What can you do when you need help being <u>determined</u> to finish a job? (pray)

"Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."



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