



3rd - 5th

September 23-24, 2017

DATE

Real Encounters 2: Paul

LESSON TITLE

Acts 9, 1 Corin 9:24-27, Acts 25-26,
2 Tim 4:7

WHERE TO FIND IT

To follow Jesus, we have to train.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Connect before you correct! When it becomes necessary to discipline kids because of their behavior, connect with them on a personal level before you correct them. Building relationships with kids is the most important, and effective part of managing their behavior.

check-in/out

When kids leave, ask them what kind of race we're running, and why we have to train!

large group heads up

This week is the start of a series called **Real Encounters with God**. During the next several weeks, kids will encounter God up close and personal, and experience him in brand new ways! Hopefully you'll encounter God on a new level too.

***There's a silent animated loop at the start of today's Large Group keynote. Let it play as long as you want before Large Group.**



connect time

GOAL: Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.

TRAINING DAY

- Split kids into **small groups**, with one leader facilitating each group. (If you have a small amount of kids, you can also stay in one large group.)
- Give each small group leader a **stopwatch**.
- Tell kids that we're going to do some TRAINING today! You'll be showing them how to do a certain action, and then they have to practice doing it as fast as they can (as the leader, it will be up to you to get them amped up with excitement, and pretend to be their "coach". Encourage them to go faster and faster, and then slower and slower, and then faster, etc.)
 - **"Crab walk"** (walk with your hands and feet, as your back faces the ground; have kids crab walk from one side of the room to the other)
 - **"Wall sit"** (put your back against a wall, bend your knees slightly, and pretend to sit against it)
 - **"Dab"** (ask a kid to show the rest of the group what the "dab" dance move is, then have the rest of the group do it a few times)
 - **"High knees"** (jump from one foot to the other, almost like running in place, but bring your knees up as high as you can)
 - **Pushups** (have kids do pushups with their knees on the ground, unless they want to do real pushups)
- Once the group has practiced training with the above exercises, ask for a volunteer (or a few) to show the group a move or an exercise that they've learned from sports practice, or any other kind of practice. Have the group follow along!

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.

special notes

Here's a lineup of today's videos:

- Mainstage Synopsis: Paul (5 min)
- Characters Setup: Paul (1.5 min)
- What's That Word: Discipline (1.5 min)
- Israel Vlog: Hippodrome (2 min)
- Music Video: Lord We Lift Your Name (3 min)
- Behind the Scenes Video (3 min)

***Total video running time: 16 minutes**

presenter tips

At the end of today's script, we're watching a new worship video called "Lord We Lift Your Name", followed by a special "behind the scenes" video to show kids how it was made! Check them both out here:

Lord We Lift Your Name:

<https://vimeo.com/221773152>

Behind the Scenes:

<https://vimeo.com/225845052>

script

REAL ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD

Main Goal: Introduce the special series we're doing for the next five weeks.

**Click to play intro music.*

- **Say:** Hey everyone, welcome to Kids' Club! I'm really excited about today, because it's the first week of a special series called "Real Encounters with God". And not only are we doing it in Kids' Club, but all the adults are doing it to!
- **Say:** For the next five weeks, we're going to experience stories, people and places from all the way across the world, in a country called Israel.
- **(Click to play video of Israel map, and continue talking)**
- **Say:** As we travel to Israel each week, we'll hear about a different person from the Bible, we'll explore real places that they actually went to, and see how they encountered God.

CONNECT TIME REVIEW

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and how it relates to today's story.

- **Say:** Before we talk more about that, did you have fun training in Connect Time? (Let kids respond.) That kind of training is good for sports, or being active, right? You need to practice, so you get stronger, and faster, and better!
- **Say:** Maybe you're training to run a race, or maybe dancing on a stage. Maybe you're practicing a musical instrument, or trying to get better at painting. No matter what it is, you have to train for it first. Otherwise, how will you get better?
- **Ask:** What are things YOU have to train for? (Let kids respond. If a lot of kids that want to talk, have everyone turn to someone next to them and talk about it for 30 seconds.)

<p>PREVIEW THE STORY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Say: Today, we're talking about training for something different, something that's more important than anything else. Let's watch a video to give us a glimpse of what we're talking about. It's a preview of today's story, kind of like the previews you might see for a movie or a tv show! We'll get to see one of these every week, and it all takes place in real locations in Israel! ● Mainstage Synopsis: Paul (5 min)
<p>CHARACTER INTRO: PAUL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Say: Paul spent his life telling others about Jesus. But he wasn't always that way. In fact, he used to <i>hate</i> people who believed in Jesus. Let's watch another video and find out what happened to change Paul's mind, and set him on a completely new path. ● Video: God's People / Paul (1.5 min) ● Ask: So what happened to change Paul? (Let kids respond.) Yep, Jesus! He spoke to Paul, and asked him to his face, "Why are you persecuting me?!" Can you imagine what that would be like? I think it would be a pretty huge wake-up call. ● Ask: How did Paul change after that? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he told everyone he could who Jesus was! And when people didn't like that, they threw him in jail. He went through a lot of other hard things too, but no matter what happened, he kept working toward his goal: following Jesus, and telling others about him.
<p>RUNNING THE RACE TO WIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Say: Let's read something Paul wrote in a letter, that shows us a cool picture of what it means to follow God. ● Slide: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ● Say: Paul is saying that we're running a race, and we have to train hard if we want to to win. You've probably figured out that Paul isn't talking about an athletic race, right? ● Say: Let's watch a video to hear more about the kind of race Paul is talking about, and HOW we can train for it. ● What's That Word: Discipline (1.5 min)

**WHAT'S THE WORD:
DISCIPLINE**

- **Ask:** So what race does Paul want us to be training for? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he's talking about following Jesus! THAT'S the race we're running as followers of Christ. How are we supposed to train for THAT? Any ideas? (Let kids respond.) Great ideas!
- **Say:** Okay, now, I'll list some situations, and if you think it's a good way to train, run in place. But you have to run really fast, and make your knees goes really high (demonstrate). If it's NOT a good way to train, then pretend like you're running in slow motion (demonstrate).
 - Talk to Jesus and ask him for help when we need it.
 - Worship God, and spend time focusing only on him.
 - Never talk about Jesus to other people.
 - Spend time with other people who follow Jesus, and encourage each other.
 - Repent, which means turning away from wrong choices, and asking God to forgive us.
 - Hide the wrong things that you've done, instead of being honest.
 - Read the bible and learn more about who God is and how he wants us to live.
 - If someone wrongs you, hold a grudge and treat them as badly as you can.
 - Tell others who Jesus is, even when we're afraid or nervous to talk about him.
- **Say:** Great job, have a seat! It's not always easy doing those things. It takes hard work, just like it does when you train for a real race. But do you think it's worth it, putting all this effort into following Jesus? (Let kids respond.) Yes!

**OUR REWARD IS
ETERNAL**

- **Say:** Following Jesus is the most important thing we could ever train for. Let's watch a video and see how we're chasing after something that lasts forever.
- **Video: Israel Vlog / Hippodrome (2 min)**
- **Say:** We're not just training so that we can win a trophy or a crown. We're training so that we can live with Jesus forever, and invite other people into God's family too. It's the most important goal we'll ever have! And that's a pretty good reason to train and have discipline, right? Because we want to spend forever with Jesus, and we want that for OTHER people too.

RESPOND AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Give kids space to talk to God about what they heard, listen to him and worship him.

- **Say:** We're going to close with a new music video called "Lord We Lift Your Name". You can stay seated, and as you watch, think about how YOU can lift Jesus' name up, because it's the most important name in the world. And then AFTER we finish the video, you'll get a chance to see how it was made...
- **Music Video: Lord We Lift Your Name**
- **Say:** Okay, now here's a special behind the scenes look at how this video was created!
- **Video: Behind the Scenes / Lord We Lift Your Name**
- **Say:** Raise your hand if you enjoyed that! (Let kids respond.) Were you surprised at how the video was made? (Let kids respond.) Cool. Well now, let's close with prayer, and then we'll head to small groups.
- **Pray:** God, we want to train and discipline ourselves so that we can follow you, and be a part of your family forever. Help us trust in you, and rely on you as we train and run this race!



instructions

Goal: (1) introduce the apostle Paul, (2) understand what it means to train and discipline ourselves and (3) identify the race we're trying to win as followers of Jesus!

Why? Paul spent his life training and disciplining himself so that he was prepared to win the battle set before him: to help others know Jesus! We have the same goal today, just as Paul did back then.

Tip: Instead of asking review questions on their own, kids will be reading and answering questions as part of today's game.

small group

RACING TO WIN

- Remind kids that Paul said we should **run to win the race**, so we're going to win another kind of race: on a game board!
- Break your group into teams of 4 to 6 (or if your group is already that small, have them stay together).
- Give each group the following materials:
 - **1 game board**
 - **1 foam die**
 - **Stack of game cards**
 - **Bag of game pieces** (1 per kid, they can pick their own color)
- Game play instructions:
 - Put your game piece on "start"
 - Roll the die, and move that number of spaces along the board
 - If you land on a "question mark" space, draw a card, read it and answer or do what it says (it will be a question, and a silly action you have to do; some kids will get the same questions, and will give different answers)
 - Move on to the next player, and repeat
 - The first player to "finish" wins the game!
- Let groups play until the hour is up (they can play multiple times if they want).
- *If for some reason kids get through all the game cards, shuffle and reuse them.**

**Note: The game cards will have questions relating to today's story, so instead of asking the questions yourself, kids can just do them as they play the game.*

Extra time? Play the Connect Time game again!



connect questions

Tell me about Paul.
How can we train to follow Jesus?

lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
stopwatch	1 set per group, reused		KC National

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Pens	1 set per group, reused		site
Game board	1 per group of 4-6 kids, reused	Color, 11x17" cardstock, LINK HERE *change print settings to print on 11x17" cardstock	site
Game card set	1 stack of 20 cards per group of 4-6 kids, reused	B&W, 8x11" cardstock, Page 9-13, cut into ¼ sheets. Put each set of 20 cards into a quart-sized ziplock.	site
Foam Die	1 per group of 4-6 kids, reused	Oriental Trading, Item #IN-39/716 LINK HERE	KC National
Bag of 6 game pieces	1 per group of 4-6 kids, reused	Amazon Royal Bingo Chips . Make ziplocks, each containing one of each of 6 colors.	KC National

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused		site



What was Paul's name **BEFORE** he was Paul? Now pretend like you're running in slow motion.



What's one word you would use to describe Paul? Now give a high five to every player in your group!



What did Paul say we have to do before we can win a race? Now do the crab walk for 5 seconds!



What does it mean to have discipline? Now do 5 jumping jacks, as fast as you can!



What "race" are we trying to win as followers of Jesus? Now rub your belly and pat your stomach.



How do you think Paul felt when he was in jail for telling others about Jesus? Now run around your group and flap your arms like a bird!



Have you ever gotten in trouble or been made fun of for something you loved or talked about a lot? Now do the Dab!



What's one way you can train to follow Jesus? Now try to lick your elbow!



**What's one word you would use to describe Paul?
Now make a silly face.**



**What's one way you can train to follow Jesus? Now
spin in a circle 3 times, then try to walk in a
straight line.**



**What does it mean to have discipline? Now
pretend to run in slow motion.**



**Have you ever gotten in trouble or been made fun
of for something you loved or talked about a lot?
Now do 3 sit ups.**



**What's one way you can train to follow Jesus?
Now make a silly face.**



**What's one word you would use to describe Paul?
Now skip in a circle around your group.**



What do you think was the hardest thing Paul went through? Freeze in a statue pose for 10 seconds.



**Have you ever trained or practiced? What for?
Now spin in a circle 3 times, then try to walk in a straight line.**



Do a pushup (or more if you want!)



Hop on one foot while singing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star".



Roll on the floor 3 times.



Pretend to be your favorite animal.



***Use the Real Encounters 2017 KC logo slide for all transition slides in this keynote (except first slide, which is the PAUL intro loop).**

1. PAUL Real Encounters 2017 intro loop: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Israel Map (13:47-14:03; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmEKIdaLNBQ>)
3. Video: Mainstage Synopsis: Paul (in progress)
4. Video: God's People / Paul (in progress)
5. Slide: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
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