3rd-5th



March 21/22, 2020

NEED TO KNOW



This is the first week of a **special five-week series**! Kids and adults will experience content filmed on location in Israel, and we'll be exploring real stories, characters and places that bring the Bible to life in a language kids understand.

LARGE GROUP | 20 minutes

Start Large Group about 10 minutes into the service. Introduce the Big Idea, *We can trust the Bible*, and tell the story of *The Bible*.

ACTIVITY 1 | 10 minutes

Play an active game of Real or Not Real?

ACTIVITY 2 | 10 minutes

Explore the Bible in small groups.

ACTIVITY 3 | 15+ minutes

Play an authentic Israelite board game!

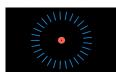
SMALL GROUPS | 5 minutes



Break into **small groups** and personally connect with kids. Here are some questions to prompt conversation: What was the best or worst part of your week? What's the funniest or saddest thing that happened this week?

• Video: 5 Minute Countdown Timer

LARGE GROUP | 15 minutes



• Video: 10 Second Countdown (1 minute)

SAY Welcome to Kids' Club, I'm so glad you're here! We want Kids' Club to be a fun, safe and welcoming place for everyone. To do that, let's all commit to a few things! 1) Always show respect 2) Listen when others speak and 3) Have fun!

SAY Do you all know where you were born? Do you remember the places you've lived, or the home you grew up in? How do you know that was a real place? How about your school, or friends' houses, or your favorite place to play? Are those real? Of course! We can feel and touch and experience these things up close. We've actually BEEN to those places.

SAY So what about Jesus? Where was HE born? Where did he grow up? Where do you think he liked to play? How do we know THAT'S a real place? Because guess what....IT IS! Jesus grew up in a town called Nazareth, and he played there, and maybe got his knees scraped there, and went to school there! And we can hear all about the real things he did, and the real places he went, by reading the Bible.

SAY For the next five weeks, we're doing a special series that's all about Jesus, and the real, true things that he did. We'll see videos that were filmed in REAL PLACES that Jesus went! Let's take a look.

Video: Real Encounters 3: Week 1 Intro

SAY So how do we know all this stuff in the Bible is actually real, and not just a made up story? Because guess what? The Bible is not a fairy tale or a superhero comic book. It's full of God's own words, and true things that really happened. Let's check out a video to find out more!

Video: God's Story / The Bible (4 minutes)



SUPPLIES

Bible

RESPONSE TIME | 5 minutes

SAY (Hold up the *Bible* as you speak.) Isn't that amazing? God loves us so much, that he gave us the Bible to tell us about all the incredible things he's done for us, and to show us how much he loves us. We can actually read about real people that went through things just like we go through today! So here's our big idea:

We can trust the Bible

Slide: We can trust the Bible

SAY We can trust the Bible because it comes from God. And everything God tells us is good and true, because HE is good and true! The Bible is filled with words and stories that help us know what to do when we're scared, sad, lonely or angry. It helps us understand who Jesus is, and how we can be like him. In the Bible, God tells us over and over again how much he loves us, and that he'll always be with us no matter what.

SAY Let's check out a verse that we'll hear for the next month! It's about Jesus, and how he's the same TODAY as he was thousands of years ago.

Hebrews 13:8

• Slide: Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

PRAY God, thank you for everything you've given us. Thank you for speaking to us, and giving us words to read about the real people who have followed you. We love you, and please speak to us today.



SAY Let's wrap up this time by worshiping Jesus! Here's a music video full of words about who God is, and how much he loves us.

Music Video: Lauren Daigle / O Lord

SUPPLIES

None

PREPARE

10:00

- Stay in one large group.
 - Video: 10-Minute Countdown Timer
- Prepare to show slides in the keynote presentation.

REAL OR NOT REAL? | 10 minutes

SAY Today we're talking about the Bible, and how it's full of places and people that are REAL. We're going to play a game and see if you can tell the difference between places that are real, or NOT real. Each place will have a picture to go with it, but you won't be able to tell if it's real or not!

SAY I'll call out each location below. If you think it's real and actually exists in real life, go to THIS side of the room. If you think it's made up, go to the OTHER side of the room:

- New York City (real)
- The City of Atlantis (not real)
- Galilee (real-this is a place where Jesus lived and did miracles)
- The Death Star (not real)
- The Dead Sea (real-this is a sea near Israel where the water is so salty, that you float on top of it!)
- Golgotha (real-this is the place Jesus died on a cross for us)

DEBRIEF Remember: the Bible is real and true, and the people in Bible stories really lived! They did everyday things just like us, they tried to follow God, and sometimes they messed up and made mistakes too. But no matter what happened, God loved them, just like he loves us.

- Do you ever have trouble believing that the Bible is real and true? Why or why not?
- Can we trust in God's words from the Bible? Did he really say them? Do they matter to us today?

SUPPLIES

- Bibles (1 Bible for every 3 kids)
- Set of True/False Cards (12 per group)
- True/False answer key (1 per group)
- Bible Trivia Question sheet (1 per group)

PREPARE



- Split into small groups or stay in one large group.
 - Video: 10-Minute Countdown Timer.

BIBLE TRIVIA | 10 minutes

SAY We're going to explore the Bible a little bit with some Bible Game Show Trivia!

- Break kids into groups of three. Pass out one **Bible** for every three kids.
- There are two types of trivia you can play with kids, depending on how old they are, and how comfortable they are with looking things up in the Bible. Choose one, or do both!

OPTION #1 (easier)

- Split your group into two teams to give this activity a competition element. Lay out the set of
 True/False cards (you can lay them in a pile, or spread them all out face down on the table/floor.
 The leader should be holding the True/False answer key (located on the next page).
- Each kid gets a turn to pick up a card, read the question, then consult with their team to decide if the answer is True or False. If they get it right, they get a point. If they get it wrong, no point. Alternate between teams to see who can get the most points!

OPTION #2 (harder)

- Split kids into groups of 2-3. Leader, hold the *Bible Trivia Question sheet* (located in the lesson). Read aloud each question and let kids find the answer in the Bible. You can let kids do it at their own pace, OR give it a competitive element and let kids race to complete the prompts.
- Keep in mind, every kid will have different levels of familiarity with the Bible. Some might have read it with their families, and some will have never opened it before! Be ready to help as needed, and give kids time to explore.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Say "True or False" after each statement below, and let kids decide which they think it is. If it's false, make sure to tell kids the true answer in parenthesis.

- 1. The Bible is true, and tells us how much God loves us. (True)
- 2. The Bible is the most popular book ever written, and has sold more copies than any other book in history. (True)
- 3. The four gospels (books) about Jesus' life are: Matthew, Mark, Luke and Kevin. (False; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
- 4. Genesis is the first book of the Bible. (True)
- 5. There is a book in the Bible that's all about cats. (False; sadly, there are no cats mentioned in the Bible)
- 6. Jesus did not directly write any books in the Bible. (True)
- 7. There are 66 books in the Bible. (True)
- 8. There are three main parts of the Bible: Old Testament, Middle Testament and New Testament (False: there's only the old and new testaments)
- 9. The Bible was first written in English. (False; it was written in Hebrew, then Greek)
- 10. There are two books in the Bible named after women: Ruth and Esther. (True)
- 11. Adam and Eve were the first man and woman created by God. (True)
- 12. There's a whole book in the Bible dedicated to songs and poems. (True; Psalms and Song of Solomon)

BIBLE TRIVIA!

Give kids the prompts and questions below. Give them time after each prompt to figure out the answers!

- 1. Find the table of contents. Tell kids they will find a lot of answers here! Sometimes they may need to flip through the Bible.
- 2. What is the name of the first book of the bible? (Genesis)
- 3. What is the name of the last book? (Revelation)
- 4. What book/s is in the very middle (Psalm, Proverbs generally)
- 5. What are the names of the 2 big sections of the Bible? (old testament and new testament)
- 6. Let's find the book of Matthew (let kids look up). This is the first book of the New Testament, where Jesus' life begins!
- 7. Compare the size of the Old and New Testament. Which is bigger? (old testament)

Show kids what a book, chapter and verse are. (Each book in the Bible has its' own name; each chapters is shown by a big number, and verses are small numbers within each chapter.)

- 8. How many Psalms are there? (150)
- 9. Find the book of Mark. How many chapters does it have? (16)
- 10. How many books are named after women? Which ones (Esther, Ruth)
- 11. Where do the stories about Jesus' life begin? (The book of Matthew, or, the new testament)
- 12. What are the first 3 words of the Bible? (in the beginning)
- 13. What is the last sentence of the Bible?

SUPPLIES

- Game board (1 per pair of kids, reused)
- Game tokens (each kid gets 5 game tokens of one color)
- Die (1 per pair of kids)
- Game Instruction Page/ Ur image (1 per group of 6 kids)

DOIT

- How was the Bible put together?
- Does anyone have a favorite story you've read or heard from the Bible?
- What do you think kids' school was like in Jesus' time? What games do you think they played?
 What was church like for them?
- Is the Bible true? How do we know it's true?

KNOW IT

SAY Thousands of years ago, Israelite kids played games like you, and we're going to play a real game that they played, called the "Royal Game of Ur". Archeologists have found game boards from thousands of years ago, and they think they've figured out how it's played! (Show kids *Game of Ur image.*)

- Let kids find a partner. Give each pair of kids one game board and a die. One gets five tokens of one color, and the other kid gets five tokens of a different color.
- The goal is to move all 5 of your game pieces from start to finish. Each player puts their first token on one of the start spaces. The first kid rolls the die, then moves a token that number of spaces along the path. The next player does the same.
- Players can start multiple game pieces and have them on the board at the same time (like the games "Sorry" or "Trouble" -- kids might understand that comparison).
- The middle row of the game board is shared by both colors. If you land a space that is already
 taken by the other player's token, you knock off their token, and they have to start over again
 (but only that token).
- If you land on a space with a flower in it, you're safe whether it's taken or not.
- Extra time? Give kids a maze or a word-search activity sheet.

Big Idea: We can trust the Bible, Tell me about the Bible.

LARGE GROUP						
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by			
Bible	1 per room, reused		site			

ACTIVITY 1 Played in one large group							
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ACTIVITY 2 Played in small groups or one large group							
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Adventure Bibles	1 for each 3 kids, reused	biblesbythecse.com	site				
Set of True/False cards	1 set of 12 cards per small group, reused	8.5x11 cardstock, black and white, Page 12-14	site				

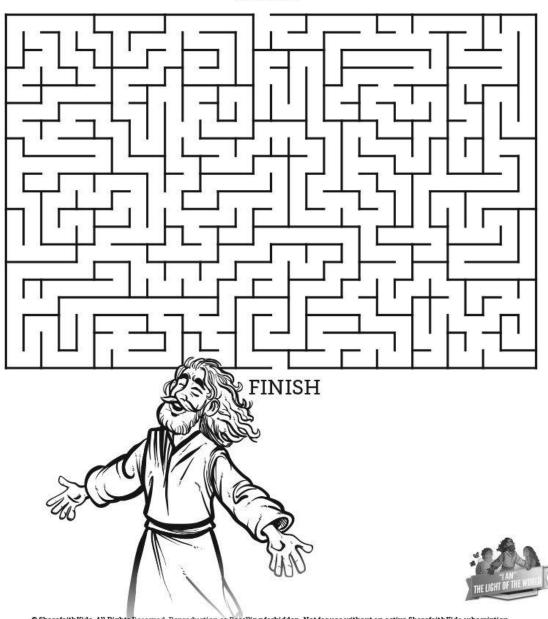
ACTIVITY 3 Played in small groups							
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Maze/Word search sheet - Bible	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 10/11	site				
Markers	Quantity determined by site.		site				
Game board	1 per pair of kids, reused						
Game token color 1	5 for every 2 kids, reused	<u>Amazon</u>	KC Site Support				
Game token color 2	5 for every 2 kids, reused	<u>Amazon</u>	KC Site Support				
Die	1 per pair of kids, reused		KC Site Support				
Game Rules/ Ur image Page	1 per group of 6 kids, reused	8x11 cardstock, color, double sided, Page 15/16	site				



"I AM" THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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People of the Bible

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ELIJAH	EVE	GABRIEL
JAMES	JESUS	JOHN
JOSEPH	JOSHUA	MARY
MATTHEW	MOSES	NOAH
PAUL	PETER	RUTH
SAMSON	SOLOMON	

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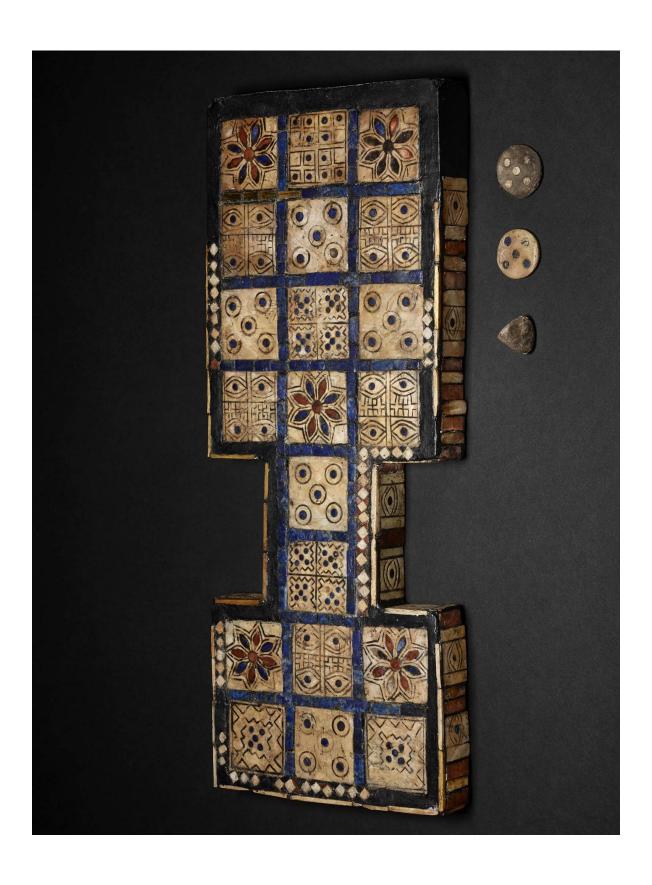
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- First player to get all of their colored tokens to the finish line is the winner.



- 1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
- 2. Video: 5 Minute Countdown
- 3. Video: 10 Second Countdown_032220
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