

BIBLE TEAM PACKET



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An Evangelistic Event That Will Impact Your Community And Help Your Church Fulfill The Great Commission.

“And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:18-20

What is the Purpose for the Sports Camp Event? [to Presentation the Gospel]

Every effort must be made to assemble a top notch Bible teaching team who are able to accurately present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to do it in a way that relates to the age groups that are targeted.

Requirements for a successful Bible Study Team

1. Committed teachers who will prayerfully prepare.
2. A lesson plan that introduces the plan of salvation each day and offers an understandable and open invitation for students to receive Christ Jesus. (resources: <https://www.fbccypress.com/sportscampforms>)
3. Prayer partners who will be present each night and pray during the Bible study and be prepared to counsel with those who are willing to receive Jesus as their personal Savior.
4. A team of follow up workers who will make visits during the subsequent weeks to help move new believers into the fellowship of believers.

These are notes to take into a Bible Study Session (abbreviated version of the "The World's Greatest Adventure" Bible Study, 2003). These notes are most useful as an outline which you then prayerfully put in your own words as you share the precious and powerful Gospel.

It is also good to share the short versions (1 ½ - 2 min) of your personal salvation testimony at least once to all groups as an example and encouragement to the children and youth.

Luke 18:16 Living Bible (TLB)

Then Jesus called the children over to him and said to the disciples, "Let the little children come to me! Never send them away! For the Kingdom of God belongs to men who have hearts as trusting as these little children's. And anyone who doesn't have their kind of faith will never get within the Kingdom's gates."

Encouraging a Child after a Profession of Faith Using a Decision Packet

Begin: Ask the child what decision they have just made? Help them by rejoicing with them! Luke 15:7 says, "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents. . ." You can tell each child that the angels in Heaven are throwing a celebration party because they have asked Jesus to forgive them and be their Savior and Lord.

Next: Get the Bible out of the Decision Packet. Let the child write their name, age, and date on the inside cover of their Bible. A sentence should be written, but just in case it is not, please write: Today I asked Jesus to forgive my sins and come into my heart and life and be my Savior and Lord.

Complete the Decision Packet papers:

1. Write the child's name on the decision slip and use the permanent marker and write their name on the outside of the Ziploc bag also. This will ensure that the bag does not get misplaced during the church event.
2. Show them the enclosed tract and encourage them to read it.
3. Show them the Bible with a bookmark at the Gospel of John and ask them to start reading a verse or two each day to find out more about Jesus.
4. Finish filling out the decision card to collect information. PLEASE ALLOW THE CHILD TO CHECK OFF THE DECISION THAT THEY MADE. This will help to avoid telling a child they have been saved when only Jesus knows. Good scripture to quote to the child is Romans 10:9: If we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. Romans 10:13: All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.
5. Tear the duplicate decision card apart. Give one copy to the child in their bag. Put everything back into the bag. Give the bag to the child.
6. Tell each child that it is important to share with leaders and others if you have asked Jesus to be their Savior and Lord.. Tell them to listen for the opportunity to share their salvation story.
7. Take the extra copy of the decision slip to the door keeper, _____ or to the Bible Study teacher, _____.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL HELP WITH CHILDREN

ONE-DAY Bible Study: (20-minute study with Children)

Ask kids to listen and read these Bible verses at home.

INTRO: Welcome Kids, Introduce yourself; then Pray out loud for the group; watch your Time

THE BIBLE IS TRUE

with Bible in hand, say “The Bible is TRUE! The Bible (written by GOD) tells us God is Holy, God loves you. (John 3:16) The Bible also tells us how we can go to heaven someday. Raise your hand if you want to go to heaven someday. The Bible also tells us God hates sin (wrongdoing) and every sin has a consequence.

GOD CREATED ALL THINGS

The Bible says in Genesis that GOD created the heavens and the earth. (In school, kids learn different theories of earth’s formation by a big bang or some cosmic action — this is not biblical). GOD did it all in 6 days. On the 6th Day, he made his most important creation — PEOPLE in HIS IMAGE: ADAM AND EVE. He put them in a beautiful garden of Eden. They had a wonderful relationship and fellowship with GOD himself. They walked and talked with him daily. GOD told Adam you may eat of every fruit bearing tree & bush in the garden, except one. This command was “DO NOT EAT of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the middle of the garden or you will surely die.

HUMANS DECIDED TO THINGS THEIR OWN WAY

One day, Eve was near the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil when Satan tempted her to take a bite. This tree was very inviting to look at. The Bible says, “Satan said to Eve, ‘Did GOD really say that you could not eat of any fruit tree?’ Eve said, “Oh no, GOD told us we could eat of every tree except the ‘Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil’ or we would surely die.” Satan responded, “Oh, God just knows when you do eat of this very tree you will be wise like Him.’ So Eve listened to Satan instead of OBEYING GOD. Eve chose to pick and eat the fruit from this tree. Then she gave some to her husband Adam to eat. Immediately, they both knew they had DONE WRONG. They had both chosen to DISOBEY GOD which is called SIN. At this very moment SIN entered into the human race. Everyone born from this point on are born sinners. You and I are sinners. The Bible confirms this in **Romans 3:23**, “*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*” (Have a visual of this verse) Adam and Eve are now afraid of GOD! They try to hide from him in the garden. No one can hide from God. The Bible says He knows ALL about us. He knows how many hairs are on your head (*Matt. 10:30*). GOD called to them and Adam and Eve had to admit they had chosen to DISOBEY GOD.

- **#1. Definition of SIN = Fulfilling a God-given desire in a GOD-FORBIDDEN way.**
- **#2. Definition of SIN = DISOBEYING GOD by doing things our own way, not God’s way.**

God told Adam and Eve, “Because you have disobeyed ME, you cannot stay in this garden (GOD knew that if they stayed in the garden, they might eat of the Tree of Life, making them live forever in sin). He said, “Adam and Eve must leave the garden of Eden. SIN separates us from the wonderful relationship and fellowship with GOD.

GOD'S LAW HELPS US SEE OUR SIN

The Bible also gives you and me instructions. GOD tells us things to do and things not to do. These are GOD- GIVEN instructions for us, such as: "Children obey your parents" (**Eph 6:1**), "Do not lie" (**Col. 3:9**), "Do not steal." (**Exod. 20:15**), "Do not misuse God's name" (**Exod. 20:7**), (When you use God's name in a ungodly manner, such as saying "OMG"; using His name with a cuss word; or to use God's name for a selfish gain) The Bible says, God will not let you go unpunished if you misuse His name. WE ALL SIN. So, are we any different from Adam and Eve? No, we are sinners the Word of God says. Because of OUR SIN, we, too, are separated from GOD. We also choose to disobey GOD.

GOD HAS A PLAN

God will help us with our sin problem. HE sent HIS ONE AND ONLY SON JESUS to live a perfect life and then die for you and me, paying for our punished consequence of SIN. Then, three days after JESUS DIED, HE was RISEN from the dead proving that JESUS IS GOD and will keep His promises. Jesus came to provide forgiveness for all our sin so that we can know HIM as SAVIOR AND LORD. The Bible says in **John 14:6**, "Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through ME." There is no other way to heaven. Jesus is the way we can have eternal life and no enter into an eternal place called Hell. HELL is the eternal place given to everyone who DOES NOT BELIEVE in Jesus and choose to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior. Only Jesus can provide forgiveness for our sins.

- **The question is, DO YOU want His forgiveness? Will you admit to yourself and to GOD that you are a sinner and you need and want His Forgiveness? Does your sin disturb you? Are you sorry for your sin? Are you willing to repent/ TURN AWAY from your sin and turn to Jesus?**

Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth JESUS is LORD and believe in your heart that GOD has raised HIM from the dead, you will be saved." Verse 13 says, "For everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD, will be saved." Now what about you? If you have not already, will you choose JESUS today? JESUS died for you to provide for your forgiveness and a home in HEAVEN someday.

Pray with the Group

[Sample prayer for New Believers] "Dear God, thank you for saving me from my sin. I know I am a sinner and I want to turn from my sins. I ask for your forgiveness and I believe that Jesus Christ is your son. I believe Jesus died for my sins on the cross and that you raised Him to life. Thank you God for saving my life and being my Lord. I trust Jesus as my Savior and will follow Him from this day forward. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Pray then ask those who know they need JESUS to forgive them and come into their life to be their SAVIOR and LORD to come up front and stand next to you. WAIT. LET SILENCE HAPPEN. The Holy Spirit is working. Invite kids again to come and by their coming they are saying that they want JESUS to forgive them and be their Savior and Lord.

DECISION CARDS & HELPERS

DAY #2 Bible Study:

Ask kids to listen and read these Bible verses at home.

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THE BIBLE IS A TRUE STORY

... with Bible in hand, say "The Bible is TRUE! The Bible (written by GOD) tells us God is Holy, God loves you. (John 3:16) In Matthew & Luke, it tells us how, when & where Jesus came to earth. God himself left Heaven and came to Earth as Jesus of Nazareth. "The Word became flesh and dwelled among us." **John 1:1** "Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God". **Col. 1:15** "I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE." **John 10:30** JESUS IS GOD! The Bible also tells us how we can go to heaven someday. Raise your hand if you want to go to heaven someday. The Bible also tells us God hates sin (wrongdoing) and every sin has a consequence.

Tells us God sent Gabriel, an angel, to Mary, a virgin, to tell her she would become the mother of Jesus. An angel then appeared to Joseph (engaged to Mary) that the baby she was carrying inside her was to be the Savior of the world. His name is Jesus. Joseph you are not to be afraid to marry her and take care of her. They then traveled to Bethlehem for a census and Jesus was born in a stable. Shepherds came and worshiped Him. About 1 ½ years or so later wise men from the East came to worship Him. Jesus grew in wisdom and in size. He was your size at one time. He was perfect. He never did anything wrong!

At the age of 30 Jesus went to the Jordan River (about 60 miles from Galilee) to be baptized by His cousin, John the Baptist. As He was coming up out of the water a voice from Heaven spoke saying, "This is MY Beloved SON in whom I am well pleased!" Jesus started His earthly ministry at this point. For 3 years He taught the disciples about the Kingdom of God and how to be a part of it. He did many miracles such as feed thousands of people with only a small amount of food, healed the blind, crippled, sick and demon-possessed, brought dead people back to life, calmed a storm, walked on water, caused fishermen to catch many fish in a net. The Bible says in John 21:25 that Jesus did so many other wonderful things. If all of them were written down, our world could not contain all the books - that is how very wonderful our Jesus is. As long as Jesus did what the people wanted and needed, they followed Him everywhere but when He started teaching them about the Kingdom of God and the cost of discipleship, people started pulling away from Him. The religious leaders heard that Jesus called Himself the SON of GOD. the Messiah & He healed and helped people on the sabbath day and broke their religious laws. They began to hate and accuse Him of blasphemy (for saying He was God's SON, the Messiah). They met and devised a plan to get rid of Jesus.

PLAN TO BETRAY JESUS

Judas Iscariot, one of the 12 disciples, agreed to point Jesus out one night for 30 pieces of silver, so that Jesus could be arrested. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus was arrested, then taken to Pilate, the Roman governor. He could find no wrong that Jesus had done and to only pacify the people he would have Jesus flogged.

FLOGGING

Was horrible and deadly. Jesus was tied to a whipping post, most, if not all of His clothing was ripped from Him and 2 Roman soldiers, one on each side of Him proceeded to beat Him with "cat of nine tails". (I have a homemade whip replica to demonstrate this to the children by striking twice a podium or similar object nearby). In the leather strips of "cat of nine tails" were embedded pieces of sharp bone or sharp metal so as Jesus' body was struck, they would dig deep into His flesh, rip it open and pull out hunks of His flesh including muscle, tendons, blood vessels, nerves, etc. The most strikes allowed according to history was 39 times. (I am quite sure Jesus got all 39).

By the time the flogging was over, usually the person beaten was dead or near death - but not Jesus. He is still alive. Isaiah 52:14 NLT says, "but many were amazed when they saw Him. His face was so disfigured, He seemed hardly human, and from His appearance, one would scarcely know He was a man." Jesus looked like a beaten mound of meat but He is still alive!" "Without the shedding of blood there will be no forgiveness of sin". Hebrews 9:22. "The Lord laid on Jesus the guilt and sins of us all." Isaiah 53:6c

CROSS

The religious leaders and the people still wanted Jesus dead! They screamed "crucify Him, crucify Him". So He was. He was placed on a cross between two thieves at 9 a.m. on Friday. Jesus never did anything wrong. He took my punishment. He paid my sin debt. The Bible says at any point Jesus could have called thousands of angels to come and get Him and take Him back to Heaven. Matt 26:53 Jesus did all of this for you and me. That's how much He loves you. Those nails did not hold Him on the cross. His love for you did. He is the only way to Heaven. Jesus died at 3 p.m. Joseph of Arimathea asked to take Jesus' body down off the cross, wrapped it in linen and laid His body in a borrowed tomb late on Friday.

PRAY

[Sample prayer for New Believers] "Dear God, thank you for saving me from my sin. I know I am a sinner and I want to turn from my sins. I ask for your forgiveness and I believe that Jesus Christ is your son. I believe Jesus died for my sins on the cross and that you raised Him to life. Thank you God for saving my life and being my Lord. I trust Jesus as my Savior and will follow Him from this day forward. In Jesus' name, Amen."

For kids to come to Jesus. Ask those who have never trusted Jesus before and know they need Him to forgive them and be their Savior and Lord to come Pray then ask those who know they need JESUS to forgive them and come into their life to be their SAVIOR and LORD to come up front and stand next to you. WAIT. LET SILENCE HAPPEN. The Holy Spirit is working. Invite kids again to come stand by you or stay behind while the rest of the group leaves. Make sure every person who comes forward for salvation to receive a Bible and fills out a Decision Card with you or a helper to follow up with them and their family. As you dismiss the kids, encourage them to pray every day, read the Bible & tell others what decision they have made in trusting Jesus as Lord and Savior.

DAY #3 Bible Study:

INTRO: Pray & Welcome Kids, Introduce yourself; then Pray out loud for the group; watch your Time. **Review a little of the day before:** flogging, put on cross, He never did anything wrong, etc. He could have called thousands of angels.

CROSS

Jesus died at 3 p.m. Joseph of Arimathea asked if he could bury the body of Jesus. He took it, wrapped His body in linen and laid it in a tomb and rolled a large heavy stone over the entrance. This was Friday evening, then Saturday, then came Sunday morning. Some ladies knew where Jesus was buried and they wanted to anoint His body with spices so early Sunday morning they went to the tomb. When they arrived the heavy stone was already rolled away and they entered only to find that Jesus' body was not there, only the linen cloth was there. Suddenly 2 angels appeared to them in the tomb saying, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen!" The women ran to tell the others.

JESUS

That same day and in the evening He appeared to the eleven disciples. They struggled to believe their eyes but then they began to remember that many times Jesus told them that He would be turned over to sinful man, be crucified and on the third day, he was raised again. Jesus appeared to over 500 believers at one time according to 1 Cor 15:6. Jesus even ate breakfast (fish) with some of the disciples on the Sea of Galilee shore. Jesus remained on Earth 40 days after He came back to life. At the end of the 40 days...

ASCENSION

Jesus requested that his disciples and other followers meet Him outside Jerusalem. He told them that He must leave but that He was going to send a comforter/Holy Spirit to live inside us, help us, guide us, comfort us. Then He told us and all those that were there to "go and tell everyone, everywhere all over the world about Him and how they can know Him as their Savior and Lord and to baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And to teach them to know and do all things that He taught them.

When the Holy Spirit comes, you will receive power & you will tell people about him everywhere.. After He finished giving this assignment, He was lifted up and began to ascend into the sky and soon disappeared into the clouds. The people kept watching and looking for Jesus but an angel appeared and spoke to them saying, "People, why do you stand here looking up toward Heaven? This same Jesus who was taken up to Heaven will come again some day in the very same way you saw Him leave." Yes, Jesus is coming again. Will you be ready to meet Him in the air that day" Do you know Him as your Savior and Lord? Are you living for Him 24/7? Do you need to know Him ? Do you know that you need His forgiveness of the sin in your life? Without the shedding of blood there will be no forgiveness of sin.

SING (a cappella) **"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus".**

I print the first verse on a poster. Jesus is the only ONE who can forgive you and me. The question is - do you want His forgiveness? PRAY.

DAY #4 Bible Study:

INTRO: Pray & Welcome Kids, Introduce yourself; then Pray out loud for the group; watch your Time. **Review a little of the days before:** Bible Truth, Jesus is God, Jesus on cross, Jesus Life was perfect, Jesus died, was buried & risen, God wants us to follow Him with our heart, Baptism, Church, Prayer, Witness.

WHAT IS A TESTIMONY? DO YOU HAVE ONE? IF NOT, DO YOU WANT ONE?

(Print out for kids to read it as you share it with them out loud) Ahead of time, ask 2 adults and 1 youth if they would be willing to share their salvation testimony in Bible Study. (I prefer to ask someone that I know and have heard their salvation testimony before to avoid confusion and surprises. If I have not heard their testimony, I ask them a day or two earlier to share it with me first.)

Ask the kids if they know what a testimony is? Allow a few to reply - if one of them knows - rejoice with them but if no one knows, tell them.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Those I ask to share their testimony need to have a time limit - so ask them to share their 1 to 2 minute version of when and where and how old, etc. they were when they asked Jesus to be their Savior and Lord. Also encourage those sharing their testimony with the kids in Bible Study to be sure at the end of their testimony that they recommend Jesus to the kids also.

Then after they have shared their testimony: I like to ask if there is a child in the Bible Study (maybe one that you know has trusted Jesus and has a testimony) that would like to come and stand with you and let you interview them about their testimony. These are some of the questions I like to ask this child:

1. **Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive you and be your Savior and Lord?**
2. **How old were you? Where were you?**
3. **What did you ask Jesus to do for you?** (Forgive you?, What does it mean to repent?, or How did trust Him to be your Savior and Lord)
4. **Did you mean it with all your heart?**
5. **Did anyone help you?**
6. **Are you glad you did?**
7. **Would you like to recommend Jesus to these other kids?**

Who Can Share?

KNOWING JESUS GIVES YOU A STORY TO SHARE

If you do not have a testimony and you do want one, let me remind you that Jesus loves you. He died for you and He is the only ONE who can provide forgiveness for us, the greatest need we have. If you know you need Jesus to forgive you and be your Savior and Lord, please raise your hand. Then say let's pray.

INVITATION

Ask Jesus to help kids in this room, who know they need Jesus, to forgive them and be their Savior and Lord. Then ask the kids who know they need Jesus to come and stand with you. Wait. don't rush this. The Holy Spirit is working. Then after those have come - dismiss the others. I always talk to each child and ask them if they know they do things that are wrong and they believe Jesus died on the cross for them and came back to life. I tell them they must mean this with all their heart, soul and mind. Then I pray with them as a group. I say a phrase and ask them to repeat it after me out loud, I remind them it is not the words that save them but it is Jesus to whom we are talking about. Then have someone help them with the decision packet.

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DECISION CARDS & HELPERS

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I have never seen Jesus not bless this time. Kids in every sports camp decide to ask Jesus to forgive them and receive Him to be their Savior on Testimony Day also.