



Busy Bible Builders

Lot's in Lots of Trouble

BIG IDEA: God wants me to help my family.

BIBLE BASIS: Genesis 14

KEY VERSE: "As for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."
Joshua 24:15 (NirV)

SCHEDULE

PLAY TIME ACTIVITIES

10:30-11:00

LARGE GROUP LESSON

11:00-11:30

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

11:30-12:00

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

Thanks to the internet, it's easier than ever to scour the collective wisdom of the world. Do you have a weird rash on your neck? Google it! In-laws driving you crazy? Bing! Looking to improve your marriage? Yahoo! It would seem to follow that with such easy access to such an array of wisdom, there would be fewer problems in the world, but that doesn't seem to be the case. That weird rash keeps coming back, in-laws are still the number one reason for hair loss, and marriages are falling apart at a record speed. Trouble can still be found in abundance. So what gives?

Don't get me wrong — the internet can be an incredible tool for solving troubles. (Case in point: I can now cross-stich my own iPhone case — thanks, internet!) But humans are both limited and flawed and therefore, so is their wisdom. Whether the wisdom is coming from the World Wide Web or from your friend, Gary, it doesn't hold a match to the singular wisdom of God, who not only created the world, but is the source of all knowledge.

In James 1:5-6, it says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should *ask* God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must *believe* and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind [emphasis added]." (NIV) Consider that for a moment. The God of the universe is not too busy or disinterested to listen to your troubles. In fact, He stands ready to share His wisdom with you — a wisdom that is older than the world, but eternally relevant. A wisdom that precedes all human understanding, but is ahead of problems you've yet to encounter. And best of all — it's available to you! How do you get it? Ask and believe.

There's nothing wrong with seeking human wisdom. If you want to improve your marriage, there are great resources to help you with that. Counselors can help you with your in-law issues. And by all means, if you have a weird rash, get that checked out. (By a doctor, not Gary!) But first and foremost, pray about it. *Ask* God for His timeless, unlimited, and unflawed wisdom. *Believe* that He'll give it to you in abundance. You will never find a more willing or capable source of wisdom than God.

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SMALL GROUP SKILL BUILDING

How to Prepare Like a Champ for Small Group

Picture this scene: Moments before children's church is scheduled to begin, a leader stands in the corner of the room with their face buried in some papers labeled "Small Group Lesson." They seem oblivious to the kids moving quickly and loudly all around them. A bead of sweat rolls down their face. The clock ticks loudly as they read at a fevered pace. Have you seen this leader? Are *you* this leader? There's no judgment here! We get it — life is often *really* busy and finding the time to volunteer, much less prepare, can be tough. But by investing just a small amount of time into preparation, you can go from being a good leader to a great one. Here's how:

Read your lesson ahead of time. You saw that one coming, didn't you? When the kids arrive, it's game time. When you've read the lesson ahead of time, the kids get your full attention from the moment they walk in. When small group begins, you'll be able to lead much more effectively if you're not trying to figure the lesson out for yourself at the same time you're explaining it to your group.

Familiarize yourself with the materials. Many of the small group activities in the GO! curriculum have materials that go with it. When you read the lesson at home, you might have a picture of what the materials look like, but double check to make sure what you imagined matches reality when you arrive at church.

Prepare your own heart. The best way to lead the kids in your group is through example. Consider reading the Bible story ahead of time and asking yourself how it applies to your own life. Spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to show you how you need to change in light of this story.

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☆ PLAY TIME ACTIVITY

Along with your other play time activities, present the following activity to children as they first arrive in the preschool room. Choose a leader to facilitate the activity. The activity is designed to introduce kids to the Bible story and Big Idea for the day.

ANIMAL BUDDIES

Supplies: Stuffed animals (5-10)

Directions: Encourage the children to take turns helping the stuffed animals. As the children play, present them with different situations. For example, say, “Your animal is sleepy. How can you help him?” Then encourage the children to play act how they would help. Some other examples include, your animal is hungry, sick, hurt, or crying. Allow the children to adjust how they help their animal according to the situation.

Say: You are such good helpers! In today’s true Bible story, there’s a helper named Abram who helps someone from his family. We’re going to hear that story in just a little bit and learn that **God wants us to help our family.**

Question: Who are the people in your family? What do you love about them?

☆ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

After the large group story time is over, help the children transition into the small group activity time. There are multiple activity options designed to help kids remember the Bible story and Big Idea, discover personal application, and to respond to God through art, prayer, and Bible reading. Offer as many activities as your time and space allows.

HOPPY HELPERS (Application Activity)

Supplies: Paper plates (1 per child)

Say: Our families are a gift from God. Families are God’s way of loving and taking care of us. Let’s play a game that helps us think of ways we can help the people in our family.

Directions: Spread the paper plates out on the floor. If possible, leave a few feet between each plate. Each child should stand on a different plate. Next, ask the children how they could help someone in their family. It could be their mom, dad, brother, sister, grandma, grandpa, or anyone else in their family. After one child answers, shout, “Let’s be hoppy helpers,” then have the children hop to a different plate while saying the Big Idea: **God wants me to help my family.** When the children arrive at a new plate, ask the question again, take another answer, then repeat the above instructions. Continue playing until everyone has had a turn answering. When finished, sit down with the children and ask the question below.

Question: Why do you think God wants us to help our family?

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STORY STACK (Bible Story Review Activity)

Supplies: Story Pictures (1 set per group), small cardboard boxes (5 per group) **Note:** If there is only one small group, you can use the big story cubes from large group instead.

Preparation: Print the “Story Pictures” on paper, then cut apart. Tape each picture to a different, small cardboard box.

Directions: Place the story cubes with pictures in the middle of the group. Ask the children which story cube goes first. When they’ve chosen the correct cube, ask them to recount what happened in that part of the story. Place the first story cube on the floor or table, then stack each additional cube on top so the story progresses from the bottom up. Continue until the cubes are all stacked and the story is complete.

Question: What was your favorite part of this story? Why did you like that part?

COLORING SHEET AND SNACK TIME (GO! Deeper Activity)

Supplies: Bible story coloring sheet (printed on back of GO! Home Guide, 1 per child), markers or crayons, snack of your choice, napkins.

Directions: Give each child a Bible story coloring sheet and some crayons or markers. While the children are coloring, give them a snack to eat and ask the following questions to help them go deeper into the story:

Question: If you were Abram, would you have tried to rescue Lot from the 4 armies? Why or why not?

Question: How do you think Lot felt when his uncle, Abram, rescued him?