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The Book of Numbers

BIG IDEA: God takes sin seriously, so we should live our life His way.

BIBLE BASIS: The Book of Numbers

KEY VERSE: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 1 (NIV)

SCHEDULE

ESTIMATES

WELCOME KIDS AND FREETIME

6:15 PM

SMALL GROUP CONNECT

6:30 PM

WORSHIP

6:45 PM

JTS SHOW & DISCUSSION

7:00 PM

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

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GYM TIME?

7:45 PM

PICK UP TIME AND FREETIME

7:55 PM

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

Oh no. Not this again. Your internal wrestling match between what you want to do and what you should do has begun — and it is taking your breath away.

Do you lie or tell the truth?

Gossip or defend?

Give in or hold out?

We've all been both victorious and royally defeated in our battles against the sin in our hearts. And, with so many Christ followers falling prey to affairs, scandals, and addictions, it seems like we get defeated quite often. The truth is that sin separates us from God and a pattern of sin is debilitating to our relationship with Him. We must exercise discipline and self-control if we want to live a life pleasing to Him.

As you prepare to lead your group of children this week, renew your commitment to resisting temptation in your life. Thank God for His grace and forgiveness, and take encouragement from what Scripture tells us in James 4:8, "Come near to God, and he will come near to you."

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SMALL GROUP SKILL BUILDING

Using Kid-friendly Language

It may be true that we've been washed in the blood of Jesus for the atonement of our sins and the redemption of our souls, but you might want to pause before telling that to a kid. The Christian faith is rich with imagery and vocabulary! To a kid, though, some of it might be confusing, overwhelming, and even frightening at times. If you don't want your kids to look at you like you're speaking Klingon, consider the following advice:

Be mindful of your language. The biggest part of solving a problem is recognizing that it exists. For some of us, we don't even realize that the words we're using with kids are a little advanced.

Develop a kid-thesaurus. No — that's not a dinosaur! Begin developing kid-friendly language to replace some of the bigger words you might use. For example, instead of saying "redeemed," you might say "set free." Instead of saying "washed in the blood," you might say "forgiven of our sins."

Be intentional with new words. Not only is it okay to introduce new words to kids, it's instrumental. Part of developing kids into functioning members of the church is helping them understand the language, but be purposeful with your new words instead of just using them haphazardly.

Don't introduce too many new words too quickly. It can take kids a little bit of time to understand and absorb new words and concepts. If you throw too many new words at them too quickly, they may not remember any of them.

Use the word, define the word, use the word. When you introduce kids to a new word, first use it in its right context. Next, define the word using simple and clear language. Finally, use the word multiple times so kids can really digest it. You may even want to have the kids repeat the word after you so they can really familiarize themselves with it.

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SMALL GROUP CONNECT

Remind kids about being respectful.

1. **Respect God** - Worship, listen, use kind words
2. **Respect People** - Be kind, share, follow leaders
3. **Respect the Building** - Take care of the space & supplies

Question: If you had to eat the same food all day, every day, what food would you want to eat?

ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY — THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another.

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★ LARGE GROUP LESSON

Lil Climbers Will Join Us

Open with worship.

Lil Climbers Leave

Leah will introduce the series.

Watch Journey Today Show – There are 3 sections that will pause a couple times for reading and discussion.

1ST VIDEO PAUSE:

Read Numbers 14:17-25

THE BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

Directions: After reading, answer the following questions:

For Younger Kids:

1. What was your favorite part of the Book of Numbers?
2. What did you learn about God from the Book of Numbers?

For Older Kids:

1. What do you think the Book of Numbers shows us about God?
2. What were some of the consequences to the Israelites' sin?

2ND VIDEO PAUSE:

Ask: If the consequence of sin is death, why do you think God gives us the gift of eternal life?



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

BIBLE BOMBARDMENT (Bible Memorization Activity)

Set up: For each small group place a long tape line on the floor.

Directions: Place the “Bible Verse” sign in the middle of your group. Read the verse several times with your group so that they can begin to memorize it. Today’s Bible verse says:

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (NIV)

Directions: Divide your group into two teams. Choose one kid from each team to be the “cupbearer.” Have the cupbearer kneel down approximately 4 feet (1.2 meters) from the tape line and hold a plastic cup to the top of their head. Give all of the other kids 3 cotton balls and tell them to gather behind the tape line while facing their teammate with the cup. On the count of 3, have all of the kids begin throwing their cotton balls at their cupbearer, attempting to land it in the cup. They may not cross the tape line. (Hint: It’s easier to score a cotton ball in the cup if the cupbearer tilts forward a bit.) When finished, count up how many cotton balls each team got in their cup. However many cotton balls the team scored is how many times the other team has to recite the verse aloud. Play multiple rounds and allow different kids to be the cupbearer.

Question: What do you think eternal life in Heaven with Jesus will be like?