KIDS LEADER GUIDE BOOK 1

TEAM KID
KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP

GOD'S AMAZING STORY

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SESSIONS 1–18 + 2 BONUS SESSIONS



LEADER DEVOTION

OPEN THE BIBLE

Read Deuteronomy 1; 3–6; 8–11 in your Bible or Bible app.

STUDY

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years because they did not trust God or believe He was enough to provide for them. They sent spies ahead of them to survey the Promised Land and were scared to enter based on what the spies said. God punished the Israelites and delayed their entrance to this good land that He had promised years before. The Israelites are now standing, looking into the Promised Land 40 years later and are reminiscing about God's faithfulness, His guidance, and His commandments. Moses wanted them to know and remember all God had done so they would trust His faithfulness in the new land.

In today's session of TeamKID, help kids understand that God did not forget His people even though they did not trust Him. The unbelief of their generation did have consequences, but God's promise to His people remained the same. The Promised Land would be inhabited. Despite the Israelites' disobedience, God allowed a new generation to move into the Promised Land. God commanded them to be holy and to obey Him, but He knew they would not. His plan to send Jesus to rescue people from sin and bless the whole earth was already in motion. We worship God when we remember God's goodness and greatness to us.

CONSIDER

- How does the time of wandering in the wilderness show God's faithfulness?

- Why is it important to remember what God has done for us?

- Can you see God's goodness to you over the course of your life? How has His hand guided you over the years?

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos·pel [noun.] good news; the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*

CLASSROOM RULES

1	Chair Check Sit in your seat when asked
2	Hands Up Raise your hand
3	Safe Hands Keep your hands to yourself
4	Clean Crew Clean up after yourself
5	Feet Flat Keep your feet flat on the floor
6	Listen to Leaders Listen to what the leaders are saying
7	Bear your Badge Keep your student badge on at all times
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BIBLE CLUB SCHEDULE

2:50pm - 3:12pm	Check - In & Snacks
3:12pm - 3:27pm	Recreation
3:27pm - 3:42pm	Worship & Large Group Bible Lesson
3:42pm - 3:57pm	Bible Activity
3:57pm - 4:20pm	Small Groups
4:20pm - 4:24pm	Missions
4:24pm - 4:30pm	Clean - Up / Check Out
4:30pm	Pick-Up

BIBLE CLUB LEADERS

STARKEY	WALSINGHAM	BARDMOOR
Pastor Alex	Pastor Alex	Pastor Alex
Betty Jackson	Shelby Bode	Shelby Bode
Linda Wallace	Mattie Effertz	Barb Hart
Mary Wahl	Jeremiah Anderson	Anne Blum
Maureen Peltier	Renee Lindquist	Renee Lindquist
Rebecca Mitten		Hailey Lindquist

Check-in & Snack

2:50pm – 3:12pm

1. Car riding students arrive / Have each check in for attendance
2. Students' energy levels are all different. Allow the ones that need to move around and get the "wiggles" out. Others be there for conversation and encouragement. Either way get to know the students more!
3. Leave to go get RClub/YMCA students. Make sure you bring the attendance sheet and only bring students preregistered back. Discuss with staff if you have questions.
4. Give everyone a snack and have them take a seat.
5. Go over Club rules and introduce leaders

Recreation

3:12pm – 3:27pm

WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS STATUE GAME (PLAYBOOK PAGE 26)

Provide: Music (optional), music player (optional)

Play music while kids wander around the room, and stop the music when it is time to be a "statue."

- Explain that in this game, TeamKIDs will wander around the playing area skipping, hopping, jumping, or moving however they would like. When a leader yells, "Wilderness!" the kids must freeze in place to become "statues." Leaders will dismiss players who are unable to freeze quickly. Players who have survived after three rounds will advance to the "Promised Land."
- Debrief: Remind TeamKIDs that not all of the Israelites were able to go to the Promised Land. Some died in the wilderness. God asked His people to trust Him. The people did not obey, and there were consequences. Those who did go into the Promised Land worshiped God. **Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.**

Worship

3:27pm – 3:42pm

Have the students stand up and play the video that leads the worship and motions to go with it. If this time is not effective with students then do not force it. If they do not respect or understand the purpose of the worship time explain it, but if it continues then skip the worship time and get start into the lesson.

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

TODAY'S POINT: WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

WORSHIP AND REMEMBER GOD
BASED ON DEUTERONOMY 1; 3–6; 8–11

Ask: How long do you think Moses and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness? (They were in the wilderness for 40 years!)

Moses and the Israelites had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Some of the older people remembered God and the things He had done for them. They had been children when Moses led the people out of Egypt, away from Pharaoh and slavery. Some of the young people had been born in the wilderness. They heard stories from their parents and grandparents about the things God did to help His people.

Now the Israelites were at the edge of the Promised Land—the land God had promised to give to His people. The Promised Land would be their new home. But before they entered the land, Moses—who was now very old—gave the people a message. He told the Israelites everything God had commanded him to say.

Read Deuteronomy 1:19-26, or invite a TeamKID to volunteer to read the verses aloud.

First, Moses reminded the people of why they were in the wilderness. "Many years ago, God told us to enter the Promised Land," Moses said. "This is the land God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to us—their future families. Twelve spies went into the land, and they saw that the land was good. But the people refused to go in. They were afraid of the people who lived there."

Moses said, "God had brought us so far, but the people refused to trust Him. So, God said that everyone who chose to disobey Him would not enter the Promised Land—not even me. Only their children and Joshua and Caleb (who had trusted God completely) would go in.

"So, we wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Babies were born, young children grew into adults, and the people who had chosen to disobey God died. Now it is time for God's people to enter the Promised Land."

Moses explained, "I begged God to let me go into the Promised Land, but He said no. God told me to make Joshua your leader. He will lead you into the land."

Read Deuteronomy 6:10-19, or invite a TeamKID to volunteer to read the verses aloud.

Since Moses was old, he wanted to remind the Israelites of God's commands.

"Follow these commands when you live in the Promised Land," Moses said. "Don't forget them, and don't forget what the LORD has done. Teach these things to your children and grandchildren."

Then Moses warned them, "Be careful! Do not make an idol for yourselves. Do not worship things you created, and do not worship things God has created. Worship only God!

"If you do not do what is right, God will scatter you to other lands. But He will not leave you. If you look for God, you will find Him. He will not destroy you. He will not forget His covenant. Your God is a compassionate God."

Moses told the people to remember all the things God had done—all the wonderful things since He created the world! Moses said, "Know this: The LORD alone is God; there is no other besides Him."

Moses said it again. "The LORD is God in heaven above and on earth below. The LORD alone is God; there is no other besides Him. Obey His commands so that you may live long in the land the LORD is giving you."

NOTES

CONNECT

Say: *When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, they may have felt as though God had forgotten them. But God never left them, and He never forgot His promise to them, even when they disobeyed. God kept His promise to give land to the families of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God's promise was an important part of His amazing story. He is faithful and is the only one worthy of our worship. Remembering who God is and what He has done helps us know and trust Him more and leads us to worship Him.* **Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.**

DISCUSS

Read and discuss the questions below. Encourage TeamKIDs to use their Bibles to support their answers.

Younger Kids

- Why did God make the people stay in the wilderness? (*A generation did not trust God. The spies said the land was not good. The people were scared to enter the land, Deuteronomy 1:22-36.*)
- Who did God choose as His new leader? (*God chose Joshua as His new leader, Deuteronomy 3:28.*)
- How has God taken care of and provided for you? (*Answers will vary.*)

BIBLE ACTIVITY

3:42pm – 3:57pm

DRAW A PICTURE

Provide: Paper (1 piece per kid), markers, colored pencils, crayons

To Do: Place supplies on the tables for kids to use.

- Ask TeamKIDs to use the supplies provided to draw a picture of something they are looking forward to doing or seeing. Suggestions may include a birthday, a trip, a sporting event, a special meal, and so forth. Walk around the room and ask kids to share what they are drawing. At the end of the allotted time, ask for a few volunteers to share their pictures.
- Explain that just like we are looking forward to participating in what we drew in our pictures, the Israelites were looking forward to leaving the wilderness and experiencing the Promised Land. Moses wanted them to remember God's goodness and worship Him as they prepared to enter. **Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.**

SMALL GROUPS 3:57pm – 4:20pm

Kindergarten

1. **Welcome**
   a. What is something really fun or exciting you remember doing?
2. **Look: God Took Care of His People!**
   i. **Show the children a picture of Moses leading the Israelites through the wilderness.**
      1. Who do you see in this picture?
      2. Where do you think all these people are going?
      3. Who helped God's people when they were in the wilderness?
      4. What are some ways God took care of them?
3. **Touch: Remember God's Blessings!**
   a. A small bag containing pictures of familiar objects that represent things we can thank God for.Place all the pictures inside a bag. Let each child take a turn reaching inside and pulling out one object. Ask them to identify what the object represents. Have them share something related to that object they are thankful for. Continue until everyone has had a turn.
      i. What is something good God has given you?
      ii. Why is it important to remember the good things God has done?
      iii. How can we thank God for taking care of us?
4. **Main Point:** REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE!
5. **Pray**

1st - 4th Grade

1. **The Israelites forgot about the amazing things God had done for them. Why do you think it's sometimes easy to forget the good things in our lives?** Examples: We focus on what we don't have, what goes wrong, or what we want next.
2. **Moses reminded the Israelites of how God had taken care of them. What is something good in your life that you can thank God for?** Examples: Family, friends, food, a home, or someone who cares about you.
3. **The Israelites were afraid to enter the Promised Land, even though God had helped them before. When have you been afraid to try something new or difficult? What helped you be brave?**
4. **Moses told the Israelites to love God and remember His commands. What are some ways you can show love to God in your everyday life?** Examples: Praying, obeying God, being kind to others, telling the truth, and helping someone in need.
5. **Moses wanted the Israelites to tell their children about the wonderful things God had done. If you could tell a friend one thing you've learned about God at Bible Club, what would you tell them?**

Pray

5th Grade Leadership

Leadership Principle: Leaders Set the Example

- **Bible Connection:** After 40 years in the wilderness, Moses reminded the Israelites of everything God had done for them. He reminded them of their past mistakes, God's faithfulness, and the importance of following His commands (Deuteronomy 1; 6). Moses wanted the next generation to learn from the past so they could make better choices in the future.
- **Big idea:** Good leaders learn from their past experiences and use what they've learned to make better choices.
- **Questions**
  - Why do you think Moses wanted the Israelites to remember both the good things God had done and the mistakes they had made?
  - Have you ever made a mistake that taught you an important lesson? What did you learn?
  - Why is it important for a leader to remember what they've learned instead of making the same mistakes over and over?
  - As a 5th-grade leader at Bible Club, how can you use something you've learned to help a younger student make a good choice?

Pray

PRAYER REQUESTS

Missions

4:20pm – 4:24pm

Provide: "Facts and Faces Cards" (item 1.16), "For All Nations" missions video (optional)

To Do: Print and cut apart the "Facts and Faces Cards."

Consider reviewing the "For All Nations" missions video from Session 8.

Say: Emanuel Grozea is a missionary who moved from Romania to New York with his family. They wanted to lead a Romanian church in New York City, but they soon realized there were more Romanians living in Ridgewood, New York. Emanuel knew God wanted Morantha Baptist Church to be a church for all nations."

Form five groups. Invite one person from each group to choose a card. Each card includes facts about people from the different nations attending Morantha Baptist Church in Ridgewood, New York (Romania, Poland, Albania, Egypt, and Nepal).

Invite TeamKIDs to pray in their groups for people from the country on their fact card. Remind kids to pray that they will grow in their knowledge of Jesus and that they will be able to take the good news of their Savior back to their home countries. Close in prayer, thanking God that the free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus, is for all people from every nation who believe in Him!

Clean - up / Check out

4:24pm – 4:30pm

As you get ready to leave please make sure that the room is as you found it. We want to continue to have a great relationship with the school and that is dependent on keeping spaces clean and oragnized as we found it.

Pick-up

4:30pm

- **RClub/YMCA** students will need to be walked back to their location.
- **Car riders** are walked to the front of the school to be picked up by an approved driver.