

LESSON 10
"CONFIDENCE"
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BIBLE CONNECTION

John 3:1-21 (pages 1150-1152)

CHARACTER WORD

Confidence - Trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have confidence in Jesus' power to save people from sin.

MEMORY LINK

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

(KBC Study Bible page 1151)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED
THIS WEEK**

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Hula hoops

Option 2: Index cards

BIBLE CONNECTION

Resource item, fan, large piece of cloth, pens

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

**MAKE-IT-STICK
REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: None

Option 2: Beach ball, jump rope

Nicodemus Talks with Jesus at Night

WHAT'S THE POINT?

John 3:16 is a verse that is foundational to the gospel. This one verse explains God's great love for all people. A love so great that God provided a way that no one has to be separated from Him in sin, but that all people can experience the life He offers. That solution is given in the sacrificial death of God's only Son, Jesus Christ.

Today's lesson clearly shows kids how to have a relationship with God by placing their trust in Jesus Christ. In today's Bible Connection, Jesus helps Nicodemus understand how a person can be "born again." Kids can know and believe with confidence the truth of salvation taught in the Bible.

God's Word is clear. Salvation is only available through Jesus Christ. That truth gives confidence about a relationship with God that can begin today and continue through eternity.

Have you placed your confidence in the salvation of Jesus Christ? How does the gospel impact your life day by day? Pray that the kids in your Beach Club will be confident about Jesus' ability to save them from their sin.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson.



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's Bible story happens at night. What things have you done in the night?
- Our character word today is confidence. What does confidence mean to you?
- Fear is the opposite of confidence. When do kids your age feel afraid? What makes you feel confident?
- Tell about a time you were confident. Where did your confidence come from?
- What does it mean to have confidence in someone else's ability? What about confidence in God's ability?



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

Worship Tip

Avoid dead time. Be prepared with something to say or do during long introductions or musical interludes. Look for places in the songs to lead the children to shout out the words with you. Prepare music to transition smoothly from one song to the next. Transitioning is a great time for prayer.

MEMORY LINK



Teach a Bible verse to students; help them memorize the verse.

Focus on the Bible

Direct kids who brought their Bibles to hold them up high in the air. Tell the kids that today's Bible verse is in the New Testament. Guide kids to find John 3:16 in their KBC Study Bibles (page 1151). As kids locate the page, explain that today's Memory Link is something Jesus said and is one of the most well known verses in the Bible. Ask a volunteer to read John 3:16 aloud as the rest of the group follows along.

Focus on today's Memory Link

Remind kids that today's Character Word is confidence. Explain that John 3:16 explains how people can have confidence in Jesus' power to forgive sin. Divide the kids into four groups. Assign one of the following phrases to each group, taking time to define each one:

- "God so loved the world" – God created the world and loves all the people in it.
- "He gave his only begotten Son" – God sent Jesus, the only Son He had, to earth to take our punishment for sin.
- "That whoever believes in Him" – trusting Jesus to save you from your sins.
- "Should not perish but have everlasting life" – Instead of being separated from God, you can have a relationship with God that starts now and lasts forever.

Guide groups to stand and recite their portion of the verse in order. Repeat several times.

Option 1 - SHAKE IT

Hula hoops

Kids will take turns hula hooping as the others recite the verse. Try not to let the hula hoop fall to the ground before the verse is completed. For expert hula hoopers, see how many times the group can recite the verse before the hula hoop falls.

Option 2 - REMOVE A WORD

Index cards; write 2-3 words from the verse on separate index cards

Mix up the index cards and place them on the floor in front of your Surf Team. Guide kids to put the words in order. Recite the verse. Ask a volunteer to remove a card while the other kids cover their eyes. The kids guess what words were on the card that was removed. Kids will recite the verse, including the removed words. Continue playing until all cards are removed and the kids are able to recite the entire verse from memory.

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John 3:16

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(KBC Study Bible page 1151)

Teaching Tip

Because John 3:16 is a well-known and important Bible verse containing doctrinal truth about salvation, we intentionally included the entire verse for this week's Memory Link. If the verse is too long for some of your students to memorize in one week, consider adapting so kids only memorize the first half of the verse this week.

Don't assume the kids in your club have heard John 3:16 before. While some of them will know it well, they may not understand what the verse means. Since more than 60 percent of kids in Beach Clubs indicate no church connection, many of your kids will never have heard John 3:16 before. Patiently take time to explain words and concepts that will be new for many of the kids in your club.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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Teaching today's Character Word through gospel-centered Bible story.

Resource item, fan, large piece of cloth

Prepare

Plug in the fan near the teaching area; cover the fan with the cloth.

Introduce the Story

Draw kids' attention to the covered fan. Ask them to guess what is under the cloth. After a few guesses, give them a hint by turning on the fan without removing the cloth. Explain that even though they couldn't see the fan, they could see the “effects” of the fan blowing air and causing the cloth to move.

Help the kids understand that when Jesus changes your life, other people can see the “effects” of God's Spirit living within you by the way you talk, act, and live your life. *God changes people from the inside out when we ask Him to forgive us of our sins. That's how you can have confidence in Jesus' power to forgive sins through outward signs of an inward change.*

Turn off the fan and continue teaching.

Use the Bible

Tell the kids to open their Bibles to John 3:1-2 (page 1150-1151) to find the names of the two people in today's story (Nicodemus and Jesus). Explain that Nicodemus was a religious leader called a Pharisee. *Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night, probably because he didn't want people to see him talking to Jesus. Was Nicodemus confident? Probably not since he was sneaking around in the dark!*

John 3:1-3

Nicodemus was curious. He wanted to know the truth about Jesus. Nicodemus was confident that God sent Jesus. Remember how you saw the wind and knew there was a fan? Nicodemus saw the miracles Jesus did and knew they could only be done through God's power.

Jesus responded to Nicodemus in a very unusual way. Ask a volunteer to read John 3:3 aloud to discover what Jesus said to Nicodemus. Jesus said you must be “born again” to see God's kingdom.

John 3:4-8

Nicodemus was confused. He asked, “How can a man be born when he is old? How can a person go back inside his mother to be born a second time?”

Jesus explained that being “born again” involves a re-born spirit, not a physical birth. God makes a person's life brand new! Jesus used the example of the wind to help Nicodemus understand better. Jesus explained that when the wind blows you can hear it and feel it, but you can't see it. That's how it is for a person who is “born again.”

John 3:9-21

Nicodemus was confused. “How can these things be?” he asked Jesus. Jesus began to teach Nicodemus many things. He wanted Nicodemus to have confidence in who He was and why God sent Him.

Jesus explained that God sent Jesus down from heaven to save people. God loved the world so much that He gave His only son, Jesus, so that the whole

world might be saved through Him. Jesus is like a light that has come into the dark world. The light exposes sin and reveals the truth about God.

Talk About It and Memory Link Review

Nicodemus wanted to know the truth about Jesus. Jesus explained with confidence that God sent him to earth to save people from sins. Let's review today's Memory Link and talk about how you can have confidence that God sent Jesus to save you from sin.

Guide kids to find John 3:16 in their KBC Study Bibles (page 1151). Review the four sections of the verse as discussed during Memory Link. Ask the kids to explain what each portion of the verse means, based on what they learned earlier in the session.

Gospel Connection

Hand out the John 3:16 Pages [resource item] and pencils. Invite kids to write their name in each of the blanks on the page. After a few minutes, invite kids to read the verse aloud together, inserting their own names into the verse. Explain that God's plan is for each of them personally.

Here's the confidence you can experience when you know the truth from God's Word. God not only loves each person in the world, but he loves each of you. He knows you. He created you. But you have a problem. You were born a sinner and there's nothing you can do on your own to change that. Your sinful nature separates you from God. But God loves you so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to take your punishment. On the cross, Jesus suffered and died because of your sin. By accepting what God has said in the Bible and trusting Jesus to save you from your sins, you can be "born again." You can know with confidence that you are forgiven and made new. You can know with confidence that you will not perish, or be separated from God any longer. You can know with confidence that you have everlasting life through Jesus.

Application

Nicodemus had questions for Jesus, so he went to Jesus at night to talk with him. In your surf teams, it's a great chance for you to get your questions answered, just like Nicodemus did, and talk more with your leaders about how a person can be "born again."

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

Teaching Tip

Always start Surf Team time by restating the gospel and offer kids an opportunity to respond. More gospel tips on guiding kids toward Jesus can be found on pages 27-30 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.

Gospel Tip

KiDs Beach Club® wants you to be intentional about sharing the gospel and giving kids an opportunity to respond by inviting Christ into their life. KiDs Beach Club® has a plan to help you connect these kids and their families to Christ and to your church by providing the KiDs Online Management System (KOMs) for you to successfully enter and follow up on every child who makes a spiritual decision in your Beach Club. Make sure you have a copy of the KBC Leadership Manual, Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy.

Connecting with kids in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word.



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Invite the kids to share prayer requests with the group. Invite volunteers to pray a sentence prayer for each request. Lead the kids in a group prayer to close surf team time. Collect prayer requests on index cards and remember to pray for kids this week.

A treasure chest is a fun way to motivate kids to learn memory verses, bring Bibles, invite friends, behave well, and come to Beach Club! Give out “beach bucks” or “treasure tickets” that kids can spend at the treasure chest. Or draw a few kids’ names each week to win special prizes. You can find inexpensive items at your local discount store or online at a carnival supply outlet. Stock up on candy after holidays. Find more ideas on page 16 of the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 1: Administrative Guide.

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Game to review today's Bible Connection & Character Word



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No supplies needed

Option 2 - THROUGH THE HOOP

Hula hoops

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is today's Character Word? (Confidence)
2. Who were the two people in today's story? (Nicodemus and Jesus)
3. What gave Nicodemus confidence that God sent Jesus? (He saw Jesus do miracles)
4. What strange way did Jesus describe a person who is forgiven from sin? (Born again)
5. How is a person "born again?" (By trusting in Jesus as Savior and Lord)
6. According to John 3:16 how did God show He loved the world? (By sending Jesus to save people from sin)
7. How can you have confidence in Jesus' power to save from sin? (By believing what the Bible says to be true)
8. According to John 3:16, what happens to people who believe in Jesus? (They shall not perish but have everlasting life)
9. Who can you tell about how to be "born again" by trusting in Jesus? (Answers will vary)
10. What can you read to give you confidence about God? (The Bible)

An Ouch Report is a form found on the Club Leader Tools page of the KBC website. Sometimes accidents happen where a child may get hurt playing a game. An Ouch Report should be completed and sent home to the parent so they will know what happened. Keep a copy for your church. More information about the Ouch Report can be found on page 32 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.

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John 3:16

