LESSON 5 "TRUTHFULNESS" (page 1)

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BIBLE CONNECTION

John 4:1-30; 39-42 (pages 1152-1154)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Truthfulness</u> – Knowing and telling the real facts about something

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can know and share the <u>truth</u> about Jesus.

MEMORY LINK

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the <u>truth</u>, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1171)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: KBC Study Bibles Option 2: Beach balls

BIBLE CONNECTION Water bottle

SURF TEAM LEADER Memory Link cards, index

cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME Option 1: Rulers, sponge balls, cups Option 2: Water bottles

Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman

WHAT'S THE POINT?

It is interesting that those who deny the existence of God are the same ones who say there is no absolute <u>truth</u> and that everything is relative. But we know that God exists and He sets the standard for <u>truth</u>. We know His Word, the Bible, communicates that <u>truth</u> to us. We know that in John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the <u>truth</u>, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The woman in our Bible story today met Jesus and heard the <u>truth</u> about who she was and who Jesus was. Immediately, she was changed. She did not keep the <u>truth</u> to herself. She ran home to share the good news with her community. Many believed because she shared the <u>truth</u>.

We have the same opportunity. We know the <u>truth</u> about who God is and have full access to all that He wanted us to know about Him in His Word. Our life was changed when we met Jesus. Now is the time to share the <u>truth</u> with others.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

No supplies needed

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

- Today's character word is truthfulness. What does truthfulness mean?
- What is something true about you that many people don't know?
- Have you ever had someone tell you something that is not true? How did it feel?
- Why is it important to tell the <u>truth</u>?



Guide clubbers 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

Worship is designed to bring kids' focus toward God and to communicate the <u>truth</u> of who He is. It is the responsibility of the worship leader to narrow the kids' attention, help them focus completely on God and prepare their hearts to hear from God. Be intentional when you prepare the order of worship songs. Choose high-energy songs first, then transition to quieter worship music.

MEMORY LINK



Teaching a Bible verse to clubbers; helping them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Ask kids to hold their Bibles high in the air. Count how many kids remembered to bring their Bibles. *Today's Bible story is found in the New Testament and is in one of the first four books called the gospels. These 4 books tell the story about Jesus. Say the gospel books with me. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). The Bible is God's word. That means that it contains the <u>truth</u>, the whole <u>truth</u> and nothing but the <u>truth</u>. You can believe what you read in the Bible.*

Focus on today's Memory Link 📖

Instruct kids to open their KBC Study Bibles to John 14:6 on page 1171. Read the memory link aloud. *This verse tells us several important facts about Jesus. First we know that what Jesus tells us is <u>true</u>. We also know that Jesus is the way to the Father. Who is this Father? Yes, it is God. So our verse tells us that Jesus is the only way to God. Ask students to repeat the verse several times with you. Ask the kids to stand each time the word "<u>truth</u>" is recited.*

Option 1 - TRUTH RELAY

KBC Study Bibles

Guide surf teams to line up single file for a relay race. Ask leaders to stand opposite the lines to listen to the memory verse. Give the first child in each line a Bible to carry. Tell the students they are carrying the <u>truth</u> to tell another. On "Go!" the clubbers will walk to the surf team leader while carrying the Bible, say or read the memory link, return to their team then pass the Bible to the next person in their line. Continue until all have said the memory link.

Option 2 - CIRCLE PASS

Beach balls

Instruct clubbers to pass the beach ball around the circle to one another while saying a word in the memory link. Keep the ball moving around the circle until the memory link and reference has been repeated. Play a few times until the kids have memorized the verse. For an extra challenge, time the kids to see how fast they can say the memory link while passing the beach ball.

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John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1171)

Teaching Tip

Repetition is the key! The more the kids repeat a verse the more likely they are to memorize it and hide it in their hearts. Keep repetition from becoming boring by challenging kids to repeat verses at different volumes or by using different accents.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story

Water bottle

Prepare

Before Bible connection, select 5 volunteers to read verses aloud. Assign readers to verses 4, 9, 26, 28-30 and 39-41.

Introduce the Story

Hold up an empty water bottle. *Wow! After all we've done this afternoon, I'm* really thirsty. Today in our lesson we will meet two thirsty people who met by a water well. One is a speaker of the <u>truth</u>, and one hears the <u>truth</u> about herself in such a way that she is forever changed. Open your Bibles to John 4 (page 1152) and follow along as I tell you this <u>true</u> story from God's word.

John 4:1-4

Jesus decided to go from Jerusalem to Galilee. In order for Jesus to get to Galilee from Jerusalem He had to go through a place called Samaria. Well, the Jews and the Samaritans did not get along. The Jews hated the Samaritans because they worshipped in a different way. Most Jews hated the Samaritans so much that when they traveled between Jerusalem and Galilee they wouldn't go through Samaria. They didn't even want their feet to touch Samaritan soil. Instead they would travel 2 extra days and walk around Samaria. But Jesus didn't do that. (Volunteer reads verse 4) The Bible says Jesus needed to go through Samaria.

John 4:5-9

Around lunchtime, Jesus came to a well and sat down while the rest of His disciples went into town. As Jesus sat there a woman came to get water. Now this wasn't unusual. Most of the time women were in charge of getting the water a family needed. But what was unusual is that this woman came in the hot time of the day and alone. Why didn't she go with the rest of the women in the morning when it was cooler? Could it be that people weren't nice to her? Maybe some of the women enjoyed picking on her every time she was with them. Jesus did something that was very unusual in His time. He asked this Samaritan woman for a drink. Remember, Jews didn't want to touch anything belonging to a Samaritan. And in Jesus' time men didn't talk to women they didn't know. (Volunteer reads verse 9) Even the woman thought it was strange for Jesus to talk to her.

John 4:10-25

Jesus told the woman she should ask Him for living water. Living water? That sounded interesting, so the woman asked Jesus how He could give her this water since He didn't have anything with Him. Jesus told her, "Whoever drinks this water will never get thirsty again." Now the woman was really excited! She wanted that kind of water. Then she would never have to come to the well again. So she asked Jesus for this water, and Jesus told her go get her husband and come back. "I don't have a husband," the woman told Jesus. "You have told the <u>truth</u>," Jesus told her. "You have had five husbands and the one you're with now isn't your husband." The woman was amazed that Jesus knew this about her, and she said, "You must be a prophet!" She thought to herself, if Jesus knew this about me maybe He would know about how to worship God. So she asked Jesus, "who is right about worship? Is it my people, the Samaritans, or Your people, the Jews?" Jesus told her God wants <u>true</u> worshippers. He wants those who worship in spirit and <u>truth</u>. This reminded the woman of something she already knew, that someday a Messiah (the Christ) would come. Look at Jesus' answer. (Volunteer reads verse 26.)

John 4:26-30

Jesus told her the <u>truth</u>. He was the Messiah sent from God! The woman realized what Jesus said was <u>true</u>. She dropped her water pot and went back to her city. She told everyone to come and meet Jesus..the Christ. (Volunteer reads verses 28-30.)

John 4:39-42

What happened because the woman told the <u>truth</u> about Jesus to others? (Volunteer reads verses 39-41.) Many of the Samaritans believed because of the testimony of the woman. Then after hearing Jesus themselves, many more believed what Jesus said was <u>true</u>.

Use the Bible 🛄

Invite all the kids with Bibles to join you as you read verse 42 aloud. *The people heard the <u>truth</u> and believed that Jesus is the Savior of the world! They believed that He is the way, the <u>truth</u>, and the life!*

Gospel Connection

We can come to the Father through Jesus. He is the One who can rescue us from our sin. Open your Bible to the middle pages after page 626. The title says How to Know God. Follow along as I read. Read this page aloud to the group and point out the A-B-Cs.

Invite children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated area to meet with a leader one-on-one.

Application/Transition

The Samaritan woman recognized the <u>truth</u> of what Jesus told her. She knew she needed to listen to Jesus, but she also recognized that others needed to hear this <u>truth</u> too. She went to her town and invited others to listen and many believed. Who do you know who needs to hear the <u>truth</u> about Jesus?

Gospel Tip

Sometimes adults think they don't have the skills to share the gospel with kids. Yes, it's important to know the basics of how to talk with kids, like avoid using "churchy" words or ask open-ended questions. But really it's about sharing the <u>truth</u> in love. Jesus went out of His way to have a conversation that extended love and mercy to a woman. By extending love to our kids at KBC each week, we will be in a position to share the <u>truth</u> of the gospel. The biggest skill we need is the ability to have a conversation.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



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

Gospel Connection

Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.

Today's Lesson

- What questions do you have about today's lesson?
- Why do you think Jesus went through Samaria?
- Why was the woman surprised when Jesus asked her for a drink of water?
- What <u>truths</u> did Jesus tell this woman? (Who He was, that she had several husbands)
- What did this woman do that was surprising to you?
- What truth do you know about Jesus?

Pray

God, thank You for Your <u>truth</u>, the Bible. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay the price for my sins. Help me to be like the woman in our story today and share Your <u>truth</u> with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Use the Bible

Give each child a memory link card. Review today's memory link and character word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's memory link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Let's look at Day 4. It says, "After the woman talked to Jesus she left and hurried to the town to tell others about Jesus. She was very excited to tell what she knew about Jesus. Who do you know who needs to know Jesus? What will you tell them?" Can you think of someone who needs to know Jesus? (Allow kids to answer) What kinds of <u>truths</u> about Jesus can you tell them?

Teaching Tip

Involve kids as leaders as often as possible in club. There are many things kids can do, such as helping check attendance, reading from the Bible, acting out a story, passing out snacks or holding a teaching prop. Giving kids jobs can help with behavior and it gives kids ownership of their club.

Teaching Tip

Always come prepared with something to do in spare minutes. One idea is to keep a list of people and events studied during the year in Bible connection time (or refer back to the lessons if you keep a notebook) and ask review questions. You can give tickets to kids who can answer the questions correctly.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - PUTT PUTT

Rulers, sponge balls, cups

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Set 2 cups 6-8 inches apart on the floor about 10 feet away from the starting line. The first person in line gets to answer a review question. If the answer is correct, they may use the ruler to putt the sponge ball between the two cups. If the ball goes between the cups without touching, teams score 2 points. If the ball goes through but touches one or both cups, only 1 point is scored.

Option 2 - CARRY THE WATER

Water bottles

Give one small water bottle to each surf team. Guide surf teams to line up single file for a relay race. One leader will stand at a point about 15-20 feet away. On "Go!", while balancing the water bottle on their head, the clubbers will walk to the surf team leader, answer a question, then return to their team. If the water bottle falls off their head, they must stop and put the bottle on their head before continuing to walk. Continue until all questions are correctly answered.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's character word? (Truthfulness)
- 2. In which book of the Bible will I find the memory link? (John)
- 3. Name the two groups of people who didn't get along in the story. (Jews, Samaritans)
- 4. What did Jesus ask the women for? (A drink)
- 5. Why was it surprising for Jesus to ask the woman for a drink? (Jews and Samaritans didn't get along, men didn't talk to women they didn't know)
- 6. What did Jesus say He could give this woman? (Living water)
- 7. What did the woman do after talking to Jesus? (She hurried to the tell others about Jesus)
- 8. What did the people in the city do when the woman told them about Jesus? (They came and listened and believed.)
- 9. Name 1 of the 3 things Jesus said He is from the memory link. (The way, the <u>truth</u>, the life.)
- 10. <u>True</u> or False There are many ways to come to the Father. (False, Jesus is the only way)

Teaching Tip

Listen carefully during Bible Connection time. If the Bible Connection leader did not mention the answers to one of the review questions, you can teach that detail in Surf Team time or come up with different or additional questions for the Make -it-Stick Review Game.

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Teaching Tip

To emphasize truth as today's character word, consider adapting each question into true/false statements.



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John 14:6 KBC Study Bible page 1171