LESSON 8 "CONFIDENCE" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

John 20:24-29 (pages 1180-1181)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Confidence</u> – Trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have <u>confidence</u> in Jesus.

MEMORY LINK

John 20:29b

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1181)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: Hula hoops, tape Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION Resource item: Way Cool!

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Beach balls, jump ropes Option 2: Sponge balls, paper cups

Thomas Doubts

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Our character word today is <u>confidence</u>. <u>Confidence</u> is trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty. In today's Bible Connection, we see Thomas experience doubt. Jesus had been crucified and buried in a tomb. This had been a very sad and difficult time for the disciples, but Jesus had overcome, was resurrected and was alive. Thomas' friends had seen the risen Savior and tried to tell Thomas that Jesus was alive. But Thomas had doubts. However, once Jesus personally appeared to Thomas, his doubts were completely overcome with <u>confidence</u>.

Proverbs 3:26 tells us, "For the Lord will be your <u>confidence</u>, And will keep your foot from being caught." Proverbs 14:26 says, "In the fear of the Lord there is strong <u>confidence</u>, And His children will have a place of refuge." We can know without a doubt that Jesus is alive! We can find <u>confidence</u> in all of His words. We can find refuge in that knowledge.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Pass out Memory Link cards, index cards and pens.

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

- Tell me if you trust or have <u>confidence</u> in the following items: a chair, a refrigerator, a car, a friend. How might these things let you down?
- In today's Bible story, we will see a follower of Jesus doubt what the disciples say about Jesus. He will learn that he can put his <u>confidence</u> in Jesus who will never let him down.
- I'm so glad you came to KBC today. How can I pray for you as we get started?

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 TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

The song, "Shout Your Fame" by Hillsong Kids helps us compare and contrast what some people say Jesus is and what He really is. He is alive! Another great song for today's lesson is also by Hillsong Kids, called "Supernatural." This song helps kids know that all things are possible with a Supernatural God!

MEMORY LINK

10 MINUTES

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2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to clubbers 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on Today's Memory Link 🛄

Is it easier to believe in something you cannot see or something you can see? In today's Bible story, Thomas did not believe what the disciples told him about Jesus. He needed to see it for himself. Turn in your KBC Study Bible to John 20:29b on page 1181 and follow along as I read the verse.

Thomas got to see Jesus in person. We don't get to see Jesus in person until we are with Him in Heaven. What does this verse say about those who believe and yet have not seen? (We are blessed.) People who choose to believe without seeing have great <u>confidence</u> in Jesus and in the truth of God's word.

Option 1 – SQUARE TOSS

Hula hoop, tape

Prepare

Write the word <u>confidence</u> on a piece of tape. Put the tape on the hula-hoop horizontally so that the tape follows the curve of the hula hoop and the word <u>confidence</u> can still be read.

Direct the clubbers to stand in a circle and hold the hula hoop with both hands so that it is parallel to the floor. They should keep their own hands close together. When signaled to start, the group will slide the hula hoop through their hands clockwise so that it spins in their hands. When you say, "stop," they will stop moving the hula hoop. The student whose hands are on or closest to the tape will recite the memory link. Continue as time allows. If you have a large group, kids can hold the hula hoop with just one hand.

Option 2 – SAY IT PROUD

No supplies needed

Challenge clubbers to take turns saying the Memory Link with <u>confidence</u>. Explain that everyone will get a chance to say the verse to their surf team, then they will vote on who they think said it with the most <u>confidence</u>. Allow the clubbers a few practice turns. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1181)

John 20:29b

Bible 101 📖

Turn in your KBC Study Bible to the third page to find a list of the character words and definitions. Find the definition for confidence. Now, turn to the Tip-in page called "About the Bible" which is after page 242. Read the "Who Wrote The Bible" paragraph. We can have <u>confidence</u> in God's word. He wrote the Bible and it is true, dependable, trustworthy and right.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

Resource item: Way Cool! statements

Set the Stage

Explain that you will read a statement about something that might be unbelievable. Instruct clubbers to decide whether they think each statement is true, "Way Cool!" or False, "No Way!" Read each statement one at a time. After each response, reveal whether or not the statement is true.

It takes <u>confidence</u> in either yourself or in the person who told you to trust whether something is true or not. Even then, you may still have doubts until you see for yourself. Today, you will hear about someone who knew Jesus but had some pretty big doubts when it came to Jesus' resurrection.

Tell the Story

Turn with me to John 20:24-29 on page 1180 in your KBC Study Bible. It is important for you to know about the events that had just taken place. Jesus had been crucified on a cross, buried in a tomb and rose from the dead. Jesus' death was a difficult time for his closest friends and disciples.

Jesus appeared to the disciples in an upper room, but Thomas wasn't there when Jesus appeared. The disciples who had seen Jesus were excited and told Thomas what happened. "We have seen the Lord," they said. But Thomas' reaction was, "No way!" Thomas told them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Well now, Thomas is very specific. Not only must he see Jesus, but he must touch Jesus or else "no way" would he believe.

Eight days went by. What might Thomas have thought during those eight days? Thomas must have wondered many things. What or who had his friends actually seen? Were they trying to pull a joke on him? What if Jesus was alive? If He was alive, why hadn't Thomas seen him yet?

Then, it happened. Jesus appeared to the disciples again and this time Thomas was there. The Scripture tells us that Jesus appeared. He didn't use the door. The doors were shut. Jesus must have known they were afraid, so He said to the group of disciples, "Peace to you!" Then Jesus spoke directly to Thomas, "Reach your finger here and look at My hands; and reach your hand here and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." Jesus wasn't there when Thomas told the other disciples what it would take for him to believe, but Jesus knew exactly what Thomas had said. Jesus wasn't surprised by Thomas' doubts and Jesus knew exactly what proof Thomas needed to believe. When Thomas saw for himself he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

As You Prepare

Print the "Way Cool!" statements from Lesson 8 Resources. Keep in mind that as you ask the clubbers to vote on the statements you will read, be prepared to lead the kids to answer in unison and to quiet down when it is time to listen to another statement. You can guide the kids with your leadership and authority.

Application

Once Thomas saw Jesus it was no longer "No Way" for Thomas; He changed to "Way Cool!" <u>Confidence</u> overcame doubt. Thomas now had <u>confidence</u> that Jesus was alive. Thomas had the benefit of seeing Jesus in His resurrected state and he believed. Look at what Jesus said to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Today, if you believe in Jesus, Jesus says you are blessed because you believe in something you cannot see with your eyes.

I'll read one more statement. Think about it and then on my count say "No Way!" or "Way Cool!" Here is the statement: Jesus Christ is alive and I can have complete <u>confidence</u> in Him. Give me an answer in 3-2-1! "Way Cool!"

Gospel Connection

Just like Thomas, you can believe in Jesus and have complete <u>confidence</u> that He is who He says He is. If there has never been a time in your life when you have prayed and told Jesus you were sorry for your sin and asked Him to forgive you and come into your life, you can do that today. It is as simple as A-B-C. All you have to do is ASK, BELIEVE and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW.

ASK Jesus to forgive your sin. BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son. Believe that Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life and died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin. Then He rose from the dead on the third day and is alive in heaven. CHOOSE to have <u>confidence</u> in Jesus and follow Him by making Him the boss of your life.

Remember, Thomas had the benefit of seeing Jesus in His resurrected state and he believed because he saw Jesus' nail-pierced hands and side. Today, if you believe in Jesus, Jesus says you are blessed because you believe in something you cannot see with your eyes. So, if you would like to invite Jesus to come into your life you can do that today. Please come see me after I pray or tell your surf team leader.

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

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SURF TEAM TIME



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

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

Today's Bible Lesson

- 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.
- What questions do you have about today's story?

Use the Bible 🛄

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 do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 4 on your Hang 10 page. Turn to page 1098 in your KBC Study Bible and let's read the "Bible Treasures – What Believers Learned." God wants us to go and tell others about Jesus. Share the name of someone you can tell about Jesus this week. Now go and tell!

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your surf team this week.

Lord, help me to have the <u>confidence</u> to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Connection Tip

Be sure to extend an invitation to your Beach Club families to join you for Thanksgiving and Christmas services and special events in November and December. Maybe find out if any of your families have special needs during this holiday season.

LESSON 8

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

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

Option 1 – BEACH BALL VOLLEY

Beach balls, jump ropes

Invite two kids or leaders to hold a jump rope shoulder high in the middle of the group. Divide the remaining kids into two teams. Teams will volley a beach ball back and forth over the jump rope. The first team to either allow the ball to hit the ground or hit the ball out of play causes the opposite team a chance to answer a review question and earn points. Award five points for each correct answer. Continue play until all questions have been answered. Calculate points and declare a winner.

Option 2 – TUMBLING CUPS

Sponge balls, paper cups

Prepare

If you have a small Beach Club, stack six paper cups in a pyramid on a table or desk. For larger clubs, consider six cups per surf team.

Guide two teams to line up several feet away from the stack of paper cups. Ask the first student in each line a review question. The first student to answer correctly gets a turn to toss the sponge ball and try to knock over the paper cups earning two points for each cup knocked over; 10 extra points if all six are knocked over. At the end of play, calculate points and declare a winning team.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Confidence)
- 2. Give an example of confidence.
- 3. Recite today's Memory Link. ("Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29b)
- 4. Why didn't Thomas believe Jesus was alive? (He didn't see Jesus for himself)
- 5. How did the other disciples know that Jesus was alive? (Jesus appeared to them)
- 6. What did Thomas say would have to happen for him to believe Jesus was alive? (He would have to see Him, put his finger in the print of the nails, and put his hand in His side)
- 7. How did Jesus get in the room where the disciples were? (Just appeared)
- 8. What did Thomas say when he saw Jesus? (My Lord and my God!)
- 9. What did Jesus say about people who believe without seeing? (They are blessed)
- 10. What must a person B-BELIEVE in order to become a Christian? (Believe that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross and was raised from the dead to pay for our sins.)

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29b

