LESSON 10 "ORDERLINESS" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Acts 6:1-7 (page 1192)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Orderliness</u> – Neatness, tidiness, proper behavior, lawfulness

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

God is <u>orderly</u>, and with His help, I can be <u>orderly</u>, too.

MEMORY LINK

Acts 6:7a

"Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1192)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards
Option 2: Paper, paper bags

BIBLE CONNECTION

Stickers

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Plastic cones
Option 2: Straws

Disciples Choose Seven Helpers

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Every Character Word we teach students ultimately reflects the character of God. The <u>orderliness</u> of God's character is so evident in creation – from the process of creation as recorded in Genesis to the way that He continually holds all creation together. Everything in creation has a purpose and fits into God's design in just the right way.

The first believers reflected God's <u>orderly</u> character. Scripture records the <u>orderly</u> way the disciples interacted with each other and organized the early church. There is no doubt that orderliness honors God.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens or 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.

- Explain that today's character word is "<u>orderliness</u>." Define <u>orderliness</u> as neatness, tidiness, proper behavior, and lawfulness.
- Choose one: desk, locker or backpack. How <u>orderly</u> is yours? Describe what's inside.
- Describe someone you know who is orderly.



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

Looking for new songs? Try these artists: Uncle Charlie Music, unclecharlie.com Go Fish Guys, gofishguys.com/music Hillsong Kids, hillsongkids.com

MEMORY LINK



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Acts 6:7a

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Bible 101 🛄

Remind students that the Bible is arranged in an orderly fashion. The Old

)	is in order by books that are law, history, poetry and the major and minor prophets. The New Testament is in order by the gospels, church history, letters and prophecies.
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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

Who would like to come up here and read Acts 6:7a? Let's all turn to page 1192 in our KBC Study Bible. This verse describes good results that happened because the twelve disciples did an important job in an orderly way. Listen carefully as I read the verse a second time. Try to identify two good things that happened. After reading the verse again call on students to respond. Two good things that happened were: 1. The Word of God spread; 2. The number of disciples multiplied greatly. In today's Bible Connection, you will learn about the orderly action that caused God's word to spread and many people to follow Jesus.

Option 1 - ADD A WORD

16 index cards per surf team

Prepare

Write each word and the reference of the verse on separate index cards. Make one set of cards for each surf team.

Guide each surf team to sit in a circle. Keeping cards in verse order, give one card to each student. Many will have more than one card. The student holding the first card will say the first word aloud. The student holding the second card will say both the first and second words. The student holding the third card will say the first, second, and third words and so on until the entire verse and reference are read. Allow surf teams to practice reciting this before the race begins. (Example: Then. Then the. Then the word. Then the word of. and so on.) For an extra challenge play as instructed without the index cards.

Option 2 - CLEAN IT UP

16 pieces of paper and 1 paper bag per surf team

Prepare

Write each word of the verse on a separate sheet of paper. Make one set per surf team. Crumple the pages separately into "balls" and place them all in a paper bag together.

Dump all of the crumpled papers in one pile on the floor. Surf teams will race to uncrumple the paper, locate each word of the verse and place them in order. If a player finds a word their group already has, re-crumple the paper and return it to the pile. The first team to successfully find all the verse words and place them in order wins. After all surf teams have completed the activity, recite the verse together. Invite volunteers to remove words as the students continue reciting the verse several times. When the activity is complete, guide the students to return all papers to the bag.

For larger Beach Clubs you may want to play this activity in individual surf teams rather than one large group.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

One sticker for each student

Set the Stage

Tell the students you have a sticker for each of them. Begin passing them out. Stop giving stickers after passing out only a few. Explain that you need to stop so you can teach the lesson. You simply don't have time to finish passing them out. Some students will not get one. Note their reactions. Ask them how they felt when you were passing out the stickers. How did they feel if they didn't get a sticker? Did anyone complain? How did their surf team leader feel if their group didn't get a sticker?

Tell the Story

Turn in your KBC Study Bible to Acts 6:1-7 found on page 1192. Today's story is in the book of Acts, which is in the New Testament. Acts is in the Bible book that tells about things that happened after Jesus lived on the earth, died on the cross, came back to life and went up into heaven. It tells about things the disciples did to follow Jesus and tell others the good news about Jesus.

After Jesus went to heaven, He left His disciples on earth to tell others the good news. The disciples did a great job and many people decided to follow Jesus. The 12 disciples spent their time teaching about Him and helping these new believers learn about their new relationship with God.

One group of people who followed Jesus were widows. A widow is a woman whose husband has died. In those days, it was difficult for women to find jobs and earn money for themselves. They depended on their husbands to have a job and bring in money. Many widows were very poor and didn't have money to buy food. The followers of Jesus worked together to take care of the widows and share food with them.

These early believers were from two different people groups – Hellenistic (or Greek-speaking) Jews and Hebrew-speaking Jews. Both were followers of Jesus but they came from different cultures and backgrounds. The Hellenistic Jews got jealous because they thought their widows were being neglected when the food was passed out and shared. They did not think things were happening in an orderly way. They complained about this to the 12 disciples, just like many of you complained when you didn't get a sticker.

Making sure the food was passed out to the widows was an important job. However, the disciples realized that if they spent all their time making sure all the widows had a fair amount of food then they wouldn't have the time or energy to teach and preach about Jesus. Just like me. I was not able to give everyone a sticker because passing them out took time away from teaching the lesson.

God helped the disciples find a fair and orderly solution that was pleasing to Him. They asked the people to choose seven men from among the followers of Jesus, who had good reputations and were full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. These seven men accepted the responsibility of passing out the food so the disciples could stay focused on praying, preaching and teaching about Jesus.

As You Prepare

Read Word Decoders and Bible Explorers on page 1192 of the KBC Study Bible for helpful information. Additionally, be aware that today's scripture uses the term "laid hands on them." This means the disciples placed their hands on them and prayed over them. It was to show that these men were being set aside for a special job.

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The Bible says the disciples laid their hands on them and prayed for them. This was a very good plan and it pleased "the whole multitude." Our memory verse explains what happened next: "Then the word of God spread and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly." God had given the disciples an <u>orderly</u> solution that solved a problem and allowed the gospel to continue.

Invite seven student helpers to come up. Give each helper some stickers and ask them to give a sticker to each student that did not have one.

Application

Having <u>order</u> in our lives is a good thing. When your room or desk at school is "kept in <u>order</u>," it makes things easier to find. God always does things in an <u>orderly</u> way. God is never confusing or haphazard.

Gospel Connection

Another example of God's <u>orderliness</u> is His perfect plan of salvation. You see, in the very beginning in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve first sinned by disobeying God. The consequence of their sin separated them from God. They were no longer allowed in the garden. This made God very sad because He loved them very much. The Bible tells us that just like Adam and Eve, we have all sinned. We have all made choices where we have said or done something wrong. This is called sin. And just like Adam and Eve, the consequence of our sin has separated us from God.

But because God loves us, He provided the solution to our sin problem. The Bible tells us in John 3:16 that God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die in the place of our sins and that whoever believes in Him will live with Him forever. Jesus wants to be your forever friend! If you have never prayed and told Him you were sorry for your sin and ASKed Him to forgive you and come into your life you can do that today. It's an orderly plan and 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 and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son and His death on the cross paid the punishment for your sin and then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus.

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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Gospel Tip

Remember to keep your questions open ended. Open-ended questions start with what, why and how. Good questions include: "Why did you raise your hand (or come to see me)?" "What can you tell me about Jesus?" "How have you sinned?" "What decision would you like to make right now?" Avoid questions that can be answered with a "yes" or "no." Kids can read your body language and discern how you want them to answer those "yes" or "no" questions. Keep your body language neutral and your questions open ended. Listen carefully and allow the child to lead the conversation.

SURF TEAM TIME

5-10 MINUTES

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

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 1 of the Hang 10 with the students. *Doing your Hang 10 shouldn't be a "check it off the list" activity. It is time set aside with a friend, God.* Discuss the need for a consistent quiet time with Him.

Pray

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

Father, we thank You that You are a God of <u>order</u>. Thank You, that You put in place an <u>orderly</u> plan for us to have forgiveness of our sins and to have a personal relationship with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Connection Tip

This is a wonderful time to connect families to your church. Be intentional. Provide your KiDs
Beach Club® families with invitations to your church Thanksgiving and Christmas services and special events.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



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

Option 1 - GET IN ORDER

Plastic cones

Guide each Surf Team to line up behind a cone. Explain that you will announce an <u>order</u> that groups will get in. Once the team is in the correct <u>order</u>, the entire team will sit down. Confirm they got in <u>order</u> correctly and ask that team a review question. Play until all questions have been answered correctly or until time runs out. Ways for students to get in order (surf team leaders should be ready to help): shortest to tallest; no siblings to the most siblings, birthdate order, largest shoe size to smallest shoe size, no pets to most pets.

Need more ways to get in <u>order</u>? Reverse the categories above. For example, change from "shortest to tallest" to "tallest to shortest." You could always create your own!

Option 2 - DRAWING STRAWS

Seven straws per surf team

Students remain in surf teams. Provide seven straws for each team. One straw will be shorter than the others. For "round one," the surf team leader will hold the straws. Students take turns pulling a straw until the shortest one has been pulled. That student will answer the review question asked by the surf team leader. Collect the straws and repeat until all review questions have been asked. Allow the student that pulls the shortest straw each time to be the one that holds them for the next "round."

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Orderliness)
- 2. What does "orderliness" mean? (Neatness, tidiness, proper behavior, lawfulness)
- 3. In which book of the Bible is today's lesson and Memory Link found? (Acts)
- 4. What was the problem among the people? (Some widows were being neglected when the food was distributed)
- 5. Why didn't the twelve disciples pass out the food? (It would have taken them away from teaching and preaching)
- 6. What was the <u>orderly</u> solution? (Seven helpers were selected)
- 7. Give an example of God's <u>orderliness</u> in nature. (Responses will vary)
- 8. Why is it important to do things in orderly ways? (Responses will vary)
- 9. Give an example of orderliness you see at your school. (Responses will vary)
- 10. What are the <u>orderly</u> steps in making Jesus your Forever Friend? (ASK, BELIEVE, CHOOSE)

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Acts 6:7a

