

LESSON 1
“CONFIDENCE”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7-3:24
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CHARACTER WORD

Confidence – trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have confidence in God knowing that He created me and that He cares for me.

MEMORY LINK

Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
(KBC Study Bible pg. 2)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Water bottle or 2-liter bottle
Option 2: Beach ball

BIBLE CONNECTION

Play dough, cookie sheet

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Music
Option 2: Notecards, fly swatter

God Creates Adam and Eve

WHAT’S THE POINT?

The story of creation answers some big questions that every person asks: How did I get here? Why am I here? Genesis chapter 1 reveals the one true God who spoke the world into being. Today’s session lays a foundation for kids that each of them is uniquely created in God’s image. Kids will understand that God wants to have a relationship with them. Through the creation story, kids will discover they can have **confidence** that God is real, and they can know He created them and cares for them.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today’s lesson



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

Today you will lead your Surf Team in an icebreaker to get to know them and help them get to know each other. Instruct your Surf Team to sit in a circle. Take turns saying this sentence. “My name is _____ and I saw a _____.” The first blank is their name, the second their favorite color, and the last something they would see at the beach that starts with the same letter as their first name.

Example: My name is Susan, and I saw a purple shark.

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 **confidence**. What does that mean to you?
- Do you think God wants us to put **confidence** in Him or ourselves?
- When have you compared yourself to someone else? For example, “I wish I were more like _____?”
- Tell me one thing that makes you unique.



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 TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

Singing songs to God is one way to worship Him. Singing songs that declare His truth is also very encouraging to those who worship Him. “Made in Your Image” by Hillsong Kids reminds us that God made us in His image and that He is working in our lives to mold us and strengthen us. “My God is So Big and So Strong and So Mighty” by Mannahouse Kids, reminds us there is nothing God cannot do. Another song is Unstoppable God, by Elevation Worship ([youtube.com/watch?v=ZBY2iZgBfr0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBY2iZgBfr0)).



MEMORY LINK



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

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Who brought a Bible? Explain that each week in Memory Link you will count who remembered to bring their Bible. Hold up your Bible and say: *The Bible is God’s word and it is a great treasure. Everything in it is true and can be trusted. The Bible helps you learn about God and tells how you can have a relationship with God. Each week in Beach Club we will discover the truth from the Bible. Remember to bring your Bible to Beach Club every week so you can see for yourselves the truth about God. We will count your Bibles each week and see how many kids remembered. If you don’t have a Bible, we will give you a KBC Study Bible in a few weeks on Great Treasure Day!*

Guide kids to find Genesis 1:27 (page 2) in their KBC Study Bibles and read the verse aloud together.

Focus on Today’s Memory Link

Genesis is the first book of the Bible and tells about the beginning of the earth. God created everything from nothing. He spoke things into being. God is powerful and amazing. Genesis 1:27 explains that God made people in His image. Nothing else in creation was made in God’s image. Not plants, animals, stars or water. God made people able like Him – able to think, able to love and able to communicate. God did this so that all people could be in relationship with Him. People who choose to reject God and live without Him miss out on God’s purpose for them.

Option 1 – BOTTLE SPIN

One water bottle or 2-liter bottle per Surf Team

Guide each Surf Team to sit in a circle. Place a water bottle in the center of each circle. When the leader says “Go,” a child from each Surf Team will spin the bottle. When the bottle stops spinning, the child toward whom the bottle points will say the verse, spin the bottle and scoot out of the circle. The process continues until only one child remains in the circle. That child will stand, and that team will say the verse together. The first team to complete the process wins.

Option 2 - GIANT TRIANGLE

Beach ball

Form three groups. Guide each group to stand in a line with each group forming one side of a triangle. Assign each group one phrase from the Memory Link. Give the beach ball to the first child in the first line. Groups will pass the ball down their line while their group recites their portion of the verse. The ball should have traveled all the way around the triangle by the time the whole verse is recited. Play as many times as time allows, starting the beach ball in a different place each time.

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Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

(KBC Study Bible, pg. 2)

Teaching Tip
For a great first day, take a look at “Tips for a Great First Day” on the Club Leader Tools Page at kidsbeachclub.org, which includes suggestions and ideas for organization, administration, relating to kids, behavior management and reaching out to your school.

Bible 101
Read Digging In, “God Created Man,” on page 2 of your KBC Study Bible to learn how God did something different when He made man. God created man with the ability to love Him and take care of all other created things. Do you love God? How do you take care of His world?

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

Play dough, cookie sheet

Set the Stage

Ask for two volunteers. Indicate the cookie sheet with Play Dough on it. Tell the first volunteer that he has one minute to create something with the Play Dough. After a minute, direct him to show his creation and ask the group if they can guess what it is. Thank the volunteer for helping. Turn to the second volunteer, remove the Play Dough, and tell her she has one minute to create something. Of course, she won't be able to make something out of nothing. Then ask, "What's the problem?" Let her explain that she must start with something in order to make something. Thank her for helping you make your point. Explain that ONLY GOD can create something from nothing.

Tell the Story

Ask everyone to open his or her KBC Study Bible to Genesis 1 (page 1). Restate that Genesis is the very first book in the Bible.

Ask the kids to read Genesis 1:1 and tell you who was in the beginning. (God) *Boys and girls, before there was anything, God existed. He has always been and always will be. You can be confident in God because He is the creator of all things, and He holds all things together. Without God, there would be nothing.*

In six days, God created the world and everything in it. Darkness and light; sky, water and land; birds and fish; sun, moon and stars; all types of animals; even people! God created everything from nothing. He simply spoke and, one by one, things came to be.

The people God made were the most special of all. In fact, the Bible says that all people were made in God's image. Ask the kids to read aloud Genesis 1:27, which is today's Memory Link. Because people are made in God's image, people are much more important to God than plants, birds and animals. He loves people more than anything else He made. Ask the kids to read Genesis 1:31 and what God thought about all the things He created. (It was very good.) You can have confidence in God because everything He created is very good, and that includes you! You are not a mistake. God made you, He loves you and He has a plan for you!

God created you and knows everything about you. For example, he knows how many teeth you've lost and how many hairs are on your head. He knows what makes you angry and what makes you laugh. He knows the thoughts in your head and even the words you speak before one of them comes out of our mouth. God knows your past, your present, and He knows your future. You can have confidence in God knowing He made you, He loves you, and He knows all about you.

God not only made Adam, but he gave him a wife and named her Eve. God put Adam and Eve in a special place called the Garden of Eden. It was a beautiful and perfect place. Everything Adam and Eve needed was provided for them. The Bible says that God walked with them and talked with them in the garden. This means he had a relationship with them. They hung out!

Teaching Tip

Using Bibles: Keep in mind that some kids don't have any experience using a Bible and may not even own a Bible. Using your KBC Study Bible, take time to explain books, chapters, and verses to show them how to locate verses using Bible references. Allow plenty of time for all kids to locate verses before moving forward in your teaching time. Give kids as many opportunities as possible to be hands on with Bibles in Beach Club. Read "Using the Bible in Beach Club" at **kidsbeachclub.org/gtd-resources**. Let them know they will receive their very own KBC Study Bible on Great Treasure Day!

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God made us to walk and talk with Him just like Adam and Eve did. He wants us to hang out with Him, too. But there is something that gets in the way of our relationship with God. The Bible makes it very clear. It started in the garden with Adam and Eve.

Remember, the garden was a perfect place and God made Adam and Eve perfect, too. But something happened. Sin entered the world. While God provided all the food Adam and Eve needed, there was one thing that He told them they could not eat. It was the fruit from a certain tree in the garden. Adam and Eve knew it was not allowed, but it looked so delicious. There was a serpent in the garden that lied to Eve and tricked her into eating the fruit from the forbidden tree. She listened to the serpent and ate the fruit. She offered some to Adam and he ate it, too. Immediately, they knew that they had disobeyed God. They hid themselves from God because they were ashamed of their sin.

God came to the garden and called out for Adam and Eve. Adam admitted his sin but blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent for tricking her. Adam and Eve knew they had sinned against God because of the choices they made. God is Holy and cannot tolerate sin. Sin must be punished. God punished Adam, Eve and the serpent. They could no longer live in the garden. They could no longer walk and talk with God.

Application

Place a chair in the front of the group and invite a child to stand by you. *How confident are you that this chair will hold you up if you sit on it?* (They should respond very confident) *How can you show your confidence in the chair?* (By sitting on it) Ask the child to show his confidence and trust in the chair by sitting down. *Trusting God is like trusting in this chair. The way you show you are confident in God’s ability to save from sin is by trusting in Jesus to pay for your sin.*

You can put your confidence in God because He knows you and loves you. You can trust Him to know what is best for you. He knows the future and sees what we can’t see. Who better to trust confidently with your life?

Gospel Connection

Because of this very first sin, all people were born separated from God. That includes you and me. The Bible says that everyone sins. (Romans 3:23) But from the very beginning, God had a plan to save all people from sin. You can be confident that God loves you because He sent His own Son, Jesus, to save people from sin.

Remember, you can be confident in God’s love and care for you because He’s the one who made you. In fact, God loves you so much He sent his son Jesus to pay the penalty for your sin. What does that mean? Jesus took your punishment. He came to earth and lived a perfect life. He gave up his life for you by dying on the cross for your sins. Then three days later, He came back to life – overcoming sin and death.

The Bible tells us that you can confidently become a follower of Jesus when you ADMIT your sin and ask God to forgive you; when you BELIEVE that Jesus is the Son of God and he died for our sins and rose from the dead; and when you turn away from your sin and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus with your whole heart for the rest of your life.

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.

Bibles for Beach Club

Continue to build excitement in your club about the new KBC Study Bible. Show your copy and use it as much as possible during club. Remind kids often that every new clubber will receive their own copy. Make plans for The Great Treasure Day. Find your special lesson and ideas on the KBC Club Leader Tools page at kidsbeachclub.org/club-leader-tools.

SURF TEAM TIME

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



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Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students 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?*
- *How does knowing God loves you and cares for you give you confidence?*
- *Fill in the blank: I can be confident in God because _____.* Get as many students as possible to give a response. Guide them by going first if you see it's needed.

Use the Bible

Give each child a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them 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.

Look at Day 3 of the Hang 10. If you have a Bible at home, read Genesis 1:31. It says, "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good." It's amazing to think how special God made people including you. He loves you and wants you to love Him, too.

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.

Dear God, I'm so thankful I can be confident in Your love and care for me because You're the one who made me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Teaching Tip

It's all about relationships! Pray for the kids in your Surf Team each week. Pray for their prayer requests. Most of all... pray for each of them to respond to what they are learning and that they would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For more ideas for Surf Team leaders, see page 14 of the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.



MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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

Option 1 - GROUP IT!

Music

Everyone walks around the room while music is playing. The game leader stops the music and calls out a number. Everyone quickly gets into groups of that size and sits down. The game leader calls on a group and asks them a review question. Continue playing by calling out different numbers. If you have kids left out of groups, ask them a review question instead!

Option 2 - SWAT IT!

One fly swatter per Surf Team

Prepare

Write answers to review questions on notecards. Make one set for every 2 surf teams.

Explain that two Surf Teams will play against each other. Place the Answer Cards you prepared face up in the middle of each play area. One student from each Surf Team will hold a fly swatter and turn their backs to the answer cards. The leader reads a question and says "Go." When students hear the word "Go," they will turn around, look over the answer cards and touch the correct answer card with the fly swatter. The player to touch the correct answer first gets a point for their team.

Remember some safety rules:

1. You may not hit anyone with the fly swatter.
2. You may not throw the fly swatter at anyone.
3. You may not "block" another player with your arm or your body to prevent them from getting at an answer.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *In what book of the Bible is today's story located? (Genesis)*
2. *What is today's Character Word? (Confidence)*
3. *What does confidence mean? (Trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty)*
4. *How did God create things? (He spoke them into being)*
5. *Who created God? (No one – He has always been)*
6. *How can you tell people are the most special to God? (He made people in His image)*
7. *What did God tell Adam and Eve not to do? (Not to eat fruit from a certain tree)*
8. *What separates us from God? (Sin)*
9. *Who did God send to save us from sin? (Jesus)*
10. *Name one reason you can be confident in God. (Answers will vary)*
11. *What must people do to have eternal life? (Admit – Believe – Choose to Follow; any of these answers will be correct.)*

Teaching Tip

Have fun! Cheer the kids on during game time and encourage them to cheer for each other. Feel free to join in and play along. Having fun with your students is part of building relationships.

Teaching Tip

Now is the time to build good habits in record keeping. Make sure you have a signed parent permission form for EVERY child who attends your club. Be aware of kids with allergies or other special situations. Note how each child gets home after club. Promptly enter EVERY child into the management system. If you have a large club, enlist people who can help with your data entry. Refer to pages 10-11 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy.

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