BIBLE CONNECTION



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

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

When I go to the beach, I like to pick up shells – little shells, big shells, sometimes clean shells and sometimes some dirty shells. These are all treasures that I seek or look for on the beach. But do you know that I've learned in my life that the beach isn't the only place to find great treasures? Today, I'm going to tell about the best place to find great treasure!

Tell the Story

This year in Beach Club, we are going to find the greatest treasures in the Bible, God's Word. Some people like to refer to the Bible as our roadmap for life because it is full of instructions about how to live our lives. Others like to call the Bible God's love letter to us because He loves us so much that He gave us these words of love to live by. No matter what, I know this – that every word written in the Bible is true. It is not fiction, a fairytale, a folktale, or fantasy. You see, God loves us so much that He gave us His Word, the Bible. I can depend on the words written in my Bible because God inspired the men who wrote them. I know them to be true.

Every week in Beach Club we are going to learn about some amazing people! People like a lady who won a beauty contest to become a queen, a short, little man who climbed up in a tree so that he could see Jesus, a young man who warned his friend that the king had a plot to kill him, a little boy who helped to feed 5000 people, and a guy that was led out of prison by an angel! Oh my! – I can't wait to hear more about all of these and even more!

Application

You see, God wants you to <u>depend</u> on Him because He is the one who can help you have the very best life ever! He will never let you down! He will be with you always!

Gospel Connection

We will learn this year that God gave us the most precious gift of all - His Son, Jesus. The Bible tells us in the book of Romans 3:23 that we are all sinners, meaning we choose to do things that we shouldn't do, and that we deserve to be punished for our sin just like you would by your parents or teachers when you disobey or make wrong choices. But the Bible also tells us in the same book of Roman, in chapter 6, verse 23, that God wants to give us a FREE gift! That gift is the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life with Him in Heaven one day. You can depend on Him to forgive you and give you this eternal life that He's promised! We want you to know that all you have to do is ADMIT that you have sinned and ASK God to forgive you. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son and He died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sin. Then Jesus was buried, but He didn't stay dead! He rose from the dead and is now in Heaven with God the Father and wants you and me to be there with Him someday! Then all you have to do next is CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by making Him your Forever Friend. That's what we call someone who prays and asks Jesus to forgive them and come into their life and then makes the decision to CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus every day at home and at school.