

ADVENTURE AWAITS: THE HUNT FOR TRUTH

"THEY WHO KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE." - JOHN 8:32

CONNECT: CHECK IN / PRE SERVICE GAMES

10 MINS

THIS IS OPTIONAL, IF IT ISN'T DEEDED. PLEASE FEEL FREE NOT TO USE IT!

Pre Service Game Stations: As students are being checked in, use this time to get to know each student. Help them get comfortable in the classroom and find a friend or group to play games with. If you have enough volunteers in the room, get involved with the games. Fun builds trust with kids, so don't be afraid to have fun with them! Make sure everyone helps put away preservice games before large groups start.

GAME STATIONS

20 MINS

(Feel free to choose two from the list; the third game can be used if time is needed at the end of small groups)

CREATION QUIZ

- **Items Needed: Game Buzzer and Quiz Questions**
- **You will need six students (3 students on each side for two teams) to join you onstage.** It's time to test their knowledge about creation. Read from a list of questions, and the team that hits their buzzer first will be able to answer. For each correct answer, the team will receive one point. Each player from the winning team will receive three Bible Bucks.

REFLECTION CHARADES

- **Items Needed: Reflection Charades Cards**
- **You will need 1 student each round to join you onstage.** A list of actions that reflect God's image. One child acts out an action from the list without speaking. The rest of the group guesses the action. Each child that is acting out the action receives 2 Bible Bucks.

SERVE AND PASS

- **Items Needed: A ball or beanbag to pass**
- **You will need 10 students to join you onstage.** This game is like hot potato with a twist. Have the students sit in a circle and play music and pass a beanbag or ball; when the music stops, the person holding the beanbag/ball has to tell a way that they serve (for example, I help my mom by taking out the trash or I can help my mom feed the dog, I can sing in church, etc.). If the person holding the beanbag/ball doesn't come up with an answer in 7 seconds or if they repeat a response that has been given, they are out. The last person in the game receives 5 Bible Bucks.

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FLOW: WELCOME, FIRST-TIME VISITORS, WORSHIP & OFFERING

25 MINS

We want to welcome our first time visitors in a big way! Make sure they feel the love and excitement during your welcome. Ask students to stand to their feet and prepare their hearts for our time of worship as we welcome the Victory Kids team to the stage.

INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

5 MINS

Scavenger hunts are fun adventures where we search for different things in the hopes of discovering the ultimate treasure. In this series, we'll be searching for clues from the Bible that will help us find God's truth for all of creation.

Our Bible verse for this month comes from **John 8:32** and it says, "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Would you like to hear this month's memory verse song? Me too! **Cue memory verse video.**

LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

COMMUNICATORS INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Greeting: How are you doing today? We are so excited that each of you are here! We have been on a hunt for the truth, and last week, we talked about another truth, which was God forgives us, **so we should forgive others!** Let's get ready to learn the next truth today.

Today, we are continuing our adventure as we hunt for truth in the Word of God. Today is a review of all that we have learned from the story of creation. The truths that we have discovered are ...

- **God Created everything, including me!**
- **God has a special plan for all His creation!**
- **God made everything for His glory and for our good!**
- **We are uniquely made by God.**
- **We are a reflection of God's image. (cont. on next page)**

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- **God gave us gifts to serve Him and others.**
- **God forgives us, so we should forgive others!**

Key Scripture: Our key scripture from today's lesson is John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out March Week 5 of Detective Truth Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Hook: Let's imagine we are all designers. If you could create your own world, what would you include? Would you make it sunny every day? Add giant candy trees? Talking animals?

What would you include in your own world? **(Wait for responses)**

Well, guess what? We don't have to imagine a perfect world because God already made one! Let's learn about how God created the world and made each of us for a very special reason.

Today, we're going to talk about what we learned in the story of creation.

- **God Created Everything and Made Me a Part of His Creation.**

Think about the creation story. God made each part of the world with intention and love and intention. This means that it was on purpose and a part of His plan. He didn't create anything by accident. **You were created on purpose and for a purpose!** God knows you better than anyone else—He made you exactly the way He wanted you to be.

That means **you are part of God's masterpiece!** The Bible tells us in **Ephesians 2:10**, "God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would do good works. God had planned those good works for us in advance. He had planned for us to live our lives doing them."

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- **We Are Uniquely Made by God and for His Glory**

Everything God made, from the smallest creature to the vast universe, is meant to honor Him. Remember, on the sixth day of creation, God made something very special – people that were different from any other creatures that he made! He made Adam and Eve the first man and woman in His image, which means that you are uniquely made in his image too. You have the ability to think, make choices, and display all the fruits of the spirit.

How you live, and the world around you is designed to show God's greatness. God's creation is a gift to you, intended to make you better, help you grow, and fulfill His good plan for your life. Everything in the world works together for your benefit and God's glory. The Bible tells us in Jeremiah 29:11, "I say this because I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future."

- **We Reflect God's Image and Are Created to Serve Him and Others**

You might wonder, "What is my purpose?" Well, God made you with talents, skills, and abilities that are special to you. God gave each of us our special talents and abilities to serve Him and others. As you grow, you'll discover how God wants to use you to help others, spread love, and make the world a better place. As you grow, you'll discover how God wants to use you to help others, spread love, and make the world a better place.

God wants us to use our gifts to love and forgive others, just like He has loved and forgiven us. By doing this, we show the world who God is and bring glory to Him. With the gifts God has given you, you have to remember that doing the wrong thing, which we call sin, can cause a wall to come between you and God. Just like Adam and Eve had the free will to choose to love and obey God, we have the choice to love others and forgive those who hurt us just as He shows us forgiveness. The Scripture says, in Matthew 6:14, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks! Today, we reviewed all that we learned from the creation story. The truths that we have discovered are...

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- **We Are Uniquely Made by God and for His Glory**
- **We Reflect God's Image and Are Created to Serve Him and Others**

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God did not create the world and just leave it. **He has a plan for every part of His creation**, and that includes you! God has a purpose for your life, and it is unique because it is something that only you can do. Maybe it's helping others, being a leader, or using your creativity in some way. Whatever it is, **God has a plan to use your gifts and talents for His glory.**

Call to Action

Today, we did a recap and reminded that God made this incredible world, and He made you! He loves you so much that even when we mess up, He forgives us and gives us another chance. How can we respond to that kind of love? *(Possible answers: Choose to obey Him, worship Him, use your fruits of the spirit to help others, etc.)*

Challenge:

1. Take time this week to notice the beautiful world God created. Thank Him for something you see. Create a picture of the creation at home and bring it next week.
2. Journal all the areas where you shared your gifts and talents with others this week.

Next Sunday, we will share in our small groups and receive some Bible Bucks!

WRAP-UP & CLOSING PRAYER

5 MINS

(If your campus begins with small groups, please ask review questions before closing prayer. If your campus ends with a small group, move directly to closing prayer (these questions will be asked and answered in a small group))

1. What did God create on day one?
2. Can you name some other things that God created?
3. What mistake did Adam and Eve make?
4. How does it feel to know that God loves us so much, even when we make mistakes? Why is that important?

Before we move to small group, let us take a moment to pray.

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Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You for creating me in Your image. You have given me a special plan for my life. Please show me how to use my unique talents, skills, and abilities to fulfill that plan. I want to be close to you, I want to be known by you, and I want others to know you. Use me to show Your love to others and to bring glory to You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Transition Students to Small Group



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

THE HUNT FOR TRUTH: DISCOVERING CREATION

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SMALL GROUP OPTION TWO (for campuses that begin with small groups)

INTRO

Good morning, everyone!! How are you all doing? How was your weekend? Anything special happen? **(receive answers)**. How was school this week? **(receive answers)**.

ICEBREAKER

1. What's the most fun you've had exploring something new?
2. What truth about God do you think is the most exciting to discover?
3. If you had a magic map, where would it lead you?
4. If you could discover something new, what would it be?

Great job answering the questions!

RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

Does anybody remember what we were supposed to do last week for our call to action? Wait for responses... For our call to action, we were to:

1. **Talk to God:** If there's something you've done that you know wasn't right, take a moment today to ask God for forgiveness. Remember, 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us." God is always ready to forgive when we ask! (Every day this week, I want you to talk to God)
2. **Give a Second Chance:** Think about someone who might need your forgiveness. Maybe a friend who hurt your feelings or a sibling who made you mad. Just like God forgives us, we can forgive others too.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tell students we're starting prayer, remain with eyes closed and focus attention on God. Ask for any prayer requests they would like to share. If your small group needs a little encouragement, give them categories like **family, school, or friends** to get them thinking about areas they need prayer in. After students share, lead the group in prayer, covering each prayer request, using the name of each student that asks for prayer.



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S.O.A.P

S.O.A.P is a simple but helpful way to study the Bible and apply it to our own lives.

S.O.A.P stands for, **SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION AND PRAYER** and involves four simple steps.

S: SCRIPTURE

You physically write out the scripture. You'll be amazed what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O: OBSERVATION

What do you notice about the verses? What do you think the main message is? What verses, words or ideas jump out to you? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words?

A: APPLICATION

Ask God how He wants you to apply the verse to your own life. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P: PRAYER

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

LET'S S.O.A.P TOGETHER

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16

Name:

Grade:

Date:

S.O.A.P

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SCRIPTURE

What did you read?

OBSERVATION

What is God saying?

What does this look like in my life?

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Dear God...

SCAN ME



Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!