

# DEEP

## Lesson #5

### What Does the Bible Mean to Me?

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

### PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Prayer: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

### PREP

You will need:

- 1 Beach Ball (or large plastic ball) for each large or small group
- Story Props (optional)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

### PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to review the Bible verses presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When reading the verses, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- You could ask the kids to act out the story as you read it aloud
- Try using props like: crown, Book of the Covenant, Pillar, Scroll
- The characters in the story are: Amon, Josiah, elders, people of Judah and Jerusalem, priests, and prophets

The Story of King Josiah  
(Selected verses from 2 Kings 21:19-23:3)

Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem two years. He did what was evil in the LORD's sight. He abandoned the LORD, the God of his ancestors, and he refused to follow the LORD's ways.

(Amon's son) Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.

King Josiah summoned all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up to the Temple of the LORD with all the people of Judah and Jerusalem, along with the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. There the king read to them the entire Book of the Covenant that had been found in the LORD's Temple. The king took his place of authority beside the pillar and renewed the covenant in the LORD's presence. He pledged to obey the LORD by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul. In this way, he confirmed all the terms of the covenant that were written in the scroll, and all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

## PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

### "Bible Beach Ball"

#### HOW TO START:

- Divide kids into 2 teams

#### HOW TO PLAY:

- Say, "This game is called Bible Beach Ball. This activity will remind us to read the Bible and to think about how to use it to make good choices in our lives."
- Ask the kids to stand in a group with the players from each team mixed up
- Stand 5-10 feet away from the group, turn away from the group, and toss the ball behind you toward the players
- Players try to catch the ball
- Whoever catches the ball receives a Bible Application Question
- Read a question (see below)
- Player answers

- Player earns 10 points for his/her team
- Repeat all steps for the remaining questions
- Team with the most points at the end of the game wins

#### BIBLE APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity

*Question: If a friend loves at all times, what can you do to show love to your friends?*

- Leviticus 19:11 Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.

*Question: When is it hard for you to tell the truth?*

- Philippians 4:13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

*Question: When is it hard for you to do the right thing? Do you think Jesus can help you?*

- 1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

*Question: How can you be sure that your heart is pure and clean?*

- Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd. I have all that I need.

*Question: What is a shepherd like? How is Jesus like your shepherd?*

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth.

*Question: Scientists may believe that the Earth came from a Big explosion, but the Bible says God created the Earth. Because God was able to create the Earth, what does that tell you about him?*

- Colossians 3:23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

*Question: What work are you responsible to do? What does it mean to do your work like you are working for God instead of people?*

- 1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

Question: *What do you think this verse means to you as a young person?*

- Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Question: *What does it mean to trust God?*

- John 3:16 - For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (NLT)

Question: *What does this verse mean?*

#### PLAY OPTIONS:

- Hand out prizes to all players
- Choose one of the kids to toss the beach ball
- If your group is highly energetic, you might have only one player from each team compete in each round

### PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

#### Commitment Options:

- Write a Bible Verse on a card or paper and hang it up in your room. Memorize the verse this week.
- Read your Bible for 10 minutes each day this week. Think about how you can use the Bible verses in your life each day.
- Make a notebook/journal. Read a passage in the Bible and write down the things that you have learned.

### PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

*God, we praise you because you are truth. We praise you because you are powerful and you know everything. Thank you for your love and kindness to us. Thank you for giving us your word, the Bible, as a compass for our lives. Help us to be wise and to learn everything written in your Word. Help us to study it and think about it and memorize it every day of our lives. We want to make the right choices and we desire to follow you each day. Help us to be faithful, and help us to do the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Remind the kids to complete them and bring them back next week