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GETTING STARTED

● Separate the boys on one side and girls on the other. It's the boys against the girls! May the best team win!

● Using a dry eraser board, drawing a line down the middle of the board, and write "Girls" on one side and "Boys" on the other. This will be your scoreboard.

● You will be awarding points for the next 3 nights. At the end, the best team wins! You can choose to award a special prize to the entire girl/boy team such as an ice cream party, pizza party, or a candy bar for everyone. However, it is not necessary to award prizes to the winning team. Boy and girls are usually very satisfied at just beating the opposite team.

● Remember, points are free so hand them out by the thousands, millions, and billions! It really excites the kids when they know the game or competition is worth 500 billion points! Just make sure the other team has an opportunity to earn as many points in another event.

● Advertising that you have prizes is a great way to get more kids to show up! Give prizes to whoever brings the most guests. The more kids that you can get there means more kids that will hear GOD'S Word and accept JESUS! If you have limited funds, call your local retail marts, superstores, grocery stores, and kids amusement parks. Tell them about the event you are putting on, and ask them to help with prizes. Be specific; if you want gift certificates then ask for those, if you want bikes then ask for bikes. Grocery stores are great sponsors for candy and food items. Make sure you mention your sponsors and give them credit whenever you mention the prizes. Let your sponsors know that you will be telling everyone what they have done for you. If you want many smaller sponsors, it is nice to take out a newspaper ad giving all of your sponsors a big shout out at the end of the event.

Focus: GOD'S creation, free will, choices, and how sin entered into the world.

Revelation: GOD loves us and it was never HIS plan for anything to hurt us. It was never HIS plan for us to experience discomfort in any way. Choices other people make can hurt us, and choices we make affect the people and world around us.

Leader Study: Genesis 1-3

Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:10

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Tell them in advance that this is what you will be doing. It is great PR for them and many people will view donating an item as inexpensive advertising. If the donation is tax-deductible, make sure to let your sponsor know.

- Take offering at the beginning of each service or the kids will be playing with their change all service long.

- Award 500 billion points to the team with the heaviest offering! You may want to award a prize to the child or the 1 boy and 1 girl with the heaviest offering for extra motivation. You can measure the weight on a normal bathroom scale. Have the children come up and dump their change in a bucket (large sand pails work great). If they have dollar bills, keep track of them by putting an X next to the appropriate team. If you tell the kids that dollar bills will be worth more weight than 100 pennies, this will encourage more paper money, and save you lots of penny counting and rolling time if you don't have a change counter or rolling machine.

SERMON

Let's start at the beginning... the beginning of time that is! No, let's start before the beginning of time. Our Bible story starts before plants, before animals, before people, before the earth, the planets, or the stars ever existed. There was once a time long long ago when nothing existed, no day, no night, nothing, or no one, no one except for GOD. GOD The Father, GOD The Son - JESUS, and GOD The Holy Spirit always existed. In the very beginning, GOD created the heavens and the earth. Then GOD said, Let there be light and He called the light day and the dark night. GOD made the sky, the dry land, all the plants and trees, the sun, the moon, the planets, and stars. GOD made all the fish and everything that lives in the water, and all the birds, and all the animals. After GOD made the entire world, He said, let us make man in our image, and let them rule over all the animals, fish, birds, and every creature that moves! God made the world just for you, and for me. His whole reason for creating the world was just so he could give it to us.

GOD made a man named Adam and gave him everything on earth. He named all of the animals, and he was in charge of all of the plants, the fruits, the vegetables, and all the animals on land, in the sea, and in the air.

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It took GOD only six days to make the entire world, and when GOD was done, He saw that everything He created was good, and on the seventh day, GOD rested.

Adam had it pretty good in the Garden of Eden, but he was all alone, there were no other people on the earth, so GOD caused Adam to fall fast asleep. He took a rib from Adam and with Adam's rib GOD made a woman. Adam now had a wife, and he named her Eve.

God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree that they wanted, any tree except for the tree of knowledge of good and evil. That is the only thing that GOD said he would not allow Adam and Eve to do.

PUPPET SKIT

(Zeek pops up frantically, interrupting the lesson)

Zeek: HEEEEEEEEEEEEELP! She's gonna do it! I told her not to do it, but she couldn't hear me. I know she's gonna eat it! I was there; I saw her; I was really there! It's a trap! I gotta get back! I gotta help! It's going to ruin the world!

Leader: What in the world? Zeek, what is the matter. Calm down. What is going on? Take a deep breath, slow down, and tell me what the problem is.

Zeek: I was there in the Garden of Eden. I saw Adam and Eve. I watched as GOD created Adam from nothing but dust and I saw GOD take a rib out of Adam and make Eve! It was all so amazing, but now they are in real trouble!

Leader: What are you talking about? Are you sure you didn't fall asleep in service again and start dreaming about our Bible story? I was just talking about Adam and Eve in our lesson.

Zeek: I know I fell asleep in Sunday school before because I stayed up late building my computer programs, but I don't do that anymore. I go to bed early on church nights. I have made a commitment to put GOD first in my life. Ya gotta believe me!

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PUPPET SKIT

Leader: I do remember you making that commitment and you have not fallen asleep in service since. I want to believe you, but this is all so strange. Please explain it to us so we can better understand what is going on.

Zeek: I've made a time machine. It is my Geeklactic Time Contraption. I have been working on it since I was 3 years old! That is when I started to read about inventing and computer programming. I learned to read when I was one, but I got bored with those baby books. So, there I was, in the cockpit of my Geeklactic Time Contraption, running data checks on my 2000 exabyte time travel program, which is so exciting because an exabyte is a billion gigabytes. It is mega power, colossal information, and solar powered by the sun! I had my Time Contraption in the garage when one of the neighbor's garage door remote controls must have got it's signals crossed with mine because my garage door started to open, and the bright sun started to shine in on my Geeklactic Solar Panels, powering up all 2000 exabytes of mega power, and the next thing I knew, I was right in the middle of The Garden of Eden! I seen GOD take a rib right smack out of Adams body and form an entire woman out of it! GOD made Adam from dust! I heard GOD tell Adam and Eve that the only thing he forbids them to do is eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. WOW! You should have seen the world GOD created! Everything was perfect. There was no sickness, no diseases, no bad weather, no mosquito bites or ant bites, all the animals got along with each other, and you didn't have to worry about wild animals attacking you, everything was perfect, except for... oh my goodness! That reminds me... Eve! She is getting ready to eat from the tree that GOD had forbidden!

Leader: That is incredible! Can you get back there? Can you stop Eve from eating from the tree? That is what changed everything!

Zeek: I know; I paid attention in Sunday school. Eve ate the forbidden fruit and that is when sin first entered into the world and changed everything! I gotta go; I got to try and stop it. I'll be back!

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LESSON

(Continued)

Wow! Zeek has a big job ahead of him! I cannot believe that he actually invented his whatchamajiggy thingy time machine! He's extremely smart when it comes to that stuff. However, I am not sure if he can change what has already been done. I really don't think it's possible, but I know Zeek could never live with himself if he didn't try.

I remember the way I had to explain it to Zeek to make him understand. I actually had to talk about robots. You see, GOD gave us free will. That means we are able to make our own choices, even if the choices we make are bad. GOD did not create robots that He programmed to do whatever He wanted them to do. GOD made people, with minds, and gave them free will to be able to make choices. Sometimes people choose to make wrong choices.

God created a perfect world like Zeek said with no sickness, no hurts, no owies, or boo-boos. GOD created us to live forever and never die. But He told Adam and Eve to never eat the forbidden fruit.

One day when Eve was in the garden, a snake started talking to her, and her told her to eat the fruit. The snake told her that GOD was a liar and the fruit was good. The fruit even looked good to Eve. The snake was the devil and he tricked Eve into eating the fruit.

Once Eve ate the fruit, the whole world changed because sin entered into the world. Sin is disobeying God, doing something God told us not to do, and doing things we know are wrong. The whole world changed because of the choice Eve made.

The world GOD created was without sin or anything bad. Remember, sin is anything bad that you do or say. Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying GOD. Once sin entered into the world because of their choice to disobey, we started to have bad weather, sickness, diseases, animals did not get along anymore, people didn't live forever anymore, people now die, and everyone suffers because somebody made a bad choice and let sin enter the world.

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The choices that we make affect the people and world around us. If we say that we are a Christian and other kids see us acting in an ungodly way, then they may never believe in JESUS because of the way they saw us behave. We never know who is watching us, but we know that GOD is always watching us.

GOD loves us so much; He never wanted anything bad to ever happen to us, but sometimes choices that other people make hurt us.

*The Bible tells us in **1 John 4:8** “**Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**” If anyone has ever mistreated you, even if it is somebody that should love and protect you, it is not your fault in any way; it is because they don't know GOD. If you don't know GOD then you can't love because GOD is love. God is love and everything good.*

GOD loves you so much; He cares about every detail of your life; He pays so much attention to you that He even knows how many hairs you have on your head and you cannot lose even one hair without GOD knowing about it. GOD loves you so much that He had a purpose and a plan for your life before He even created the world. He has a job for you, and a purpose set aside for only you. Right now, you need to prepare yourself for that purpose by learning as much about GOD as you can.

If it seems like a lot of bad things have happened to you in your life, if your life has been really hard, it is because the devil knows that the plan that GOD has for your life is so big and so important that he is so scared that he is trying to do everything he can to turn you away from GOD, destroy your relationship with GOD, and destroy you! However, if you believe in GOD and you have accepted JESUS into your heart, then there is nothing the devil or anyone can do that will be able to destroy you. Your life might still be hard, you will still have troubles, but GOD will be right there with you in the midst of it all, and He will see you through. Let me demonstrate.

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OBJECT LESSON

What you will need: A white cotton rag, rubbing alcohol, water, bowl, lighter or matches, tongs, metal bucket or stockpot, **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

➤ Fill a bowl with 3 parts rubbing alcohol and 1 part water. Have your rag soaking and completely saturated in the mixture just prior to the lesson.

Just because we are Christians does not mean we don't have problems. In fact, GOD said we would have problems, but HE also said that HE would always be there for us; HE will never leave us or forsake us. No matter how big the problem, GOD will always see us through.

When we become Christians, this makes the devil very angry, and so he begins his attack!

➤ Before you say “attack” pick up the rag with the tongs, making sure rag is positioned over metal bucket, and when you say “attack” set the handkerchief on fire.

But you see, as long as we have GOD in our life, we can go through these problems, which are life's fiery trials, and even though it may get hot at times, we won't be burned. We will go through the fire with GOD, empowered by The HOLY SPIRIT inside us, and come out on the other side unmarked and intact!

➤ Hold the handkerchief over the bucket until the fire burns out. The handkerchief will be white and unmarked by the flames. If you need to, you can drop it in the metal bucket or stockpot and let it burn down there.

DO NOT PERFORM THIS LESSON WITHOUT FIRE EXTINGUISHER!

DO NOT STAND TOO CLOSELY TO ANY CHILD OR PERSON.

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GAME

Worth 100 Billion points

What you will need: 6 pie tins, whipped cream, 2 pieces of bubble gum good for blowing bubbles, paper towels, and baby wipes.

Place one piece of gum on the bottom of each pie tin and cover with whipped cream. Choose 3 boys and 3 girls (don't forget the kids in the back). Let them use a paper towel as a bib. The team that retrieves the gum and blows 3 bubbles first, without using their hands, wins points for their team!

Allow the kids to clean off with napkins and baby wipes.

You can give each child a small prize for participating, such as candy bar, pack of gum, small toy, etc.

PUPPET SKIT

Act 2

(Zeek pops up as the children are heading back to their seats)

Zeek: I'm back! I couldn't stop her. I screamed and I yelled as loud as I could, "Eve don't do it!" But she couldn't hear me. Nobody could hear me or even see me. It is as if I was not even there. It turns out when I travel through time in my Geeklactic Time Contraption, I can only watch what has already happened. Kind of like a re-run. Nobody even knows that I am there. I saw it all. I watched them disobey GOD. I watched as GOD put them out of The Garden. It was so sad to see their sin separate them from GOD and change the whole world. All the animals did not get along anymore, and bad weather started to come. I climbed back in my cockpit and on my journey back, I really did a lot of thinking.

Leader: Oh yeah, Zeek? What did you think about?

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Zeek: Well... I thought and I prayed, and GOD showed me that even though I could not change what happened back then that I can still help change the world and people around me.

Leader: That is true Zeek. Do you already know how to do that?

Zeek: First of all, I need to learn all about JESUS that I can, and I need to tell everyone I know about JESUS, and even if they don't listen to me, I can show them JESUS.

Leader: What do you mean, “show them JESUS?”

Zeek: I mean that if I always do my best to obey GOD, do what's right, and refuse to do what I know is wrong even when others are doing it, then others will see JESUS inside me. They will know I am different because I have JESUS in my heart.

Leader: That is right Zeek! You can really help change the world by living for JESUS and telling others about JESUS! Would you like to come back in a little bit and help us with our Bible Verse?

Zeek: Would I ever! I have my Geeklactic Time Contraption all put up for the night, so I'll be right here! See ya! (*exits*)

OBJECT LESSON

What you will need: Stop watch or clock with a second hand.

☛ Pick one child. Tell them to go and whisper “JESUS loves you” in 3 people's ear and then remain standing. Tell the children if somebody whispers “JESUS loves you” in your ear then you have to whisper it to 3 people sitting down and remain standing. They can only whisper to the people sitting. Encourage them to work fast!

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♣ Use the stopwatch to see how long it takes before everyone is standing.

By just one person telling 3 people that JESUS loves them, and those 3 people telling 3 more people, and so on, it only took _____ seconds/minutes before this whole room heard that JESUS loves them!

You can make a huge difference in the world by just telling people about JESUS, and behaving like Christians.

PUPPET SKIT

Act 3

Leader: Zeek, we are ready for you to help us with our Bible verse now. Zeek? *(louder)* Zeek! *(address the children)* Can you please help me call Zeek. Zeek! Zeeeeeeek! I am not sure what is going on here. What is the malfunction?

Zeek: *(pops up looking around, worried)* Malfunction? Did somebody say malfunction? Oh boy, she's gonna blow! Everybody run for cover!!! *(exits)*

Leader: Zeek? What has gotten in to you? We are ready to learn our Bible verse. Do you want to help us or not?

Zeek: *(talking behind the stage)* I do want to help, but you said malfunction, and the last time I had a malfunction, was when I was inventing my fully automatic Super Duper Pooper Scooper.

Leader: I am not sure that I want know.

Zeek: You don't; trust me; you don't. But I'll tell you anyways.

Leader: Thanks...

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Zeek: Definitely not a problem. I was inventing my Super Duper Pooper Scooper when I was completely done with the prototype and decided to test it out in the neighborhood. My Super Duper Pooper Scooper is a little robot dog that is designed to sniff out... well... you know... poop. It sniffs out the unwanted stuff that the pets leave behind in people's yards and then it opens its robot mouth, gobbles it up, and takes it away. Thus relieving them of the unwanted task.

Leader: That's gross!

Zeek: Well, it has to be cleaned up somehow.

Leader: But a robotic dog that eats the, ewweeee, I can't even say it!

Zeek: Oh yeah, I was going to make a whole line, dogs, cats, and even skunks!

Leader: Skunks?

Zeek: Yeah, then nobody would question the smell.

Leader: Gross!

Zeek: Yes, it was gross when it malfunction. I programmed it to just keep eating and eating, and then when my fully automatic Super Duper Pooper Scooper returned home after cleaning the entire neighbor, it had a major malfunction! It was not designed to take in so much, you know... poo, at once, and it completely exploded! I will never forget it. EEEWWWEEEE! I spent 3 hours in the shower!

Leader: Zeek, this is disgusting! And seriously, we need to end this conversation.

Zeek: But you said, "Malfunction."

Leader: I was talking about you because you did not come when I called you.

Zeek: I was coming. I was polishing my cockpit and my shoelace was caught on the Geekosphere control modulator. Is it safe to come out now?

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Leader: Yes! Please do!

Zeek: *(comes up slowly looking around)* Phew, that was a close one.

Leader: Let's get started on our Bible verse.

Zeek: Take er away captain.

Leader: That is "Yes ma'am" to you.

Zeek: Yes ma'am.

Leader: Thank you. Now repeat after me as we learn Ephesians 2:10.

Zeek: Now repeat after me as we learn Ephesians 2:10.

Leader: No, Zeek! Repeat after me!

Zeek: I am. You are the only one I am repeating after. Who do you think I am repeating after?

Leader: Zeek!

Zeek: Zeek! Hey, wait a minute. Is my name in Ephesians 2:10? Did I change something when I went back in time?

Leader: Zeek, stop repeating after me.

Zeek: OK, but I was just trying to help everyone learn Ephesians 2:10.

Leader: I know, but we are going to try another way of learning Ephesians 2:10

Zeek: OK captain. I mean yes ma'am. I'm ready to learn Ephesians 2:10

Leader: *(address the kids)* Please repeat after me and then Zeek can repeat after you. I need your help to show him how it is done. Repeat after me now. Ephesians 2:10 *(kids repeat.*

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Act 3

Zeek: Ephesians 2:10! Ephesians 2:10! (*in a meek voice*) Not sure who I should be repeating after, so I'll repeat after you and the kids too. Ephesians 2:10. Ephesians 2:10.

Leader: (*frustrated*) For we are GOD'S Workmanship (*kids repeat*).

Zeek: Ephesians 2:10 - For we are GOD'S workmanship. Ephesians 2:10 - For we are GOD'S workmanship.

Leader: Created in CHRIST JESUS (*kids repeat*).

Zeek: Ephesians 2:10 - For we are GOD'S Workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS, Ephesians 2:10 For we are GOD'S workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS.

Leader: To do good works (*kids repeat*).

Zeek: Ephesians 2:10 - For we are GOD'S Workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS, to do good works. Ephesians 2:10 - For we are GOD'S Workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS, to do good works

Leader: Which GOD prepared in advance for us to do (*kids repeat*).

Zeek: Ephesians 2:10 - For we are GOD'S Workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS, to do good works, which GOD prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 - For we are GOD'S Workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS, to do good works, which GOD prepared in advance for us to do!

Leader: Thank you so much Zeek for helping us.

Zeek: You are welcome!

Leader: You can go back to your seat now

Zeek: Bye everybody! (*exits*)

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GAME

Worth 500 million points

What You Will Need: Enough straws for everyone to have 1, and 2 Dixie cups.

➤ Give everyone a straw and have them put it in their mouth. Have everyone stand. Place the Dixie cups on the boy's and girl's straw that is sitting on the far right of the back row. Have them pass the cup, using just their straws, down the line, going through each row until the cup reaches the last person on the front row. They cannot touch the cup with their hands. If the cup falls, they have to pick it up using only the straws in their mouth. They can work as a team. Warn them if they are caught touching the cup with their hands then the cup will be taken from that team for 5 seconds. The first team to get their cup up to the end of the front row wins the points!