



The God of Our Relationships
For groups meeting
Jan 24- Jan 30, 2016

Start with FREE PLAY [15 Minutes]

Provide small manipulatives or board games if not outdoors

*Use **PROPS** in Treasure Chest to introduce each session of **the 5 W's**:*

Using props helps kids engage and get into a weekly routine of knowing what comes next. Once a weekly routine is established, kids will know what to expect and therefore learn what is expected of them. Store props in treasure chest.

WELCOME [5 Minutes]

Take wood box with questions from treasure chest. Pick & discuss 1 card per week

WORSHIP [5 Minutes]

Choose 2 Songs from Kidz 'n Groups CD provided. Play and sing.

YouTube links to motions are provided on CD cover if desired. Kids love motions!

Pray to WIN [5 Minutes]

Take the cross from the treasure chest. Read what is on the cross to remind kids that we should pray every day. Place nearby. (Step 1 is necessary if not previously done) **Step 1:** Say "We are going to pray and ask God to help us think of one person we know, who doesn't know Jesus." Then pray. Pass out the

'I PRAY' cards. Have kids write the name of the person that God brought to their mind. Have the group pray for Jesus to win the heart of each person by believing the gospel. Review what the gospel is if needed. Prayer time can be done as a group or by one person praying for all. **Step 2:** Pass cards with names (or a drawing of the person) out each week and pray for the people on the cards. Occasionally ask kids for updates on the person they are praying for. Collect the cards and store in envelope for future weeks.

Treasure the WORD [10 Minutes]

Show kids the Bible and Key. Read the sentence on front of the Treasure Chest. Encourage kids to read their Bible everyday. Teach young children weekly how to find the book, chapter and verse.

Read: Exodus 20:12

Question 1: What does this verse mean to you? [Allow children to answer without interjecting]

Discuss: After adequate discussion time of the above answer, share your thoughts about this verse and perhaps maybe even a time when you honored a parent, boss, older sibling, etc. Even if they were wrong in the situation in your eyes. Reinforce that authority figures deserve respect.

Treasure the **WORD** [10 Minutes]

Read Exodus: 20:13-16

Question 2: How easy is it for you to keep the commandment of ‘you will not murder?’
(Say) I hope it is an easy one for you! But let’s listen to this verse.

Read: Matthew 5:21-22

Question 3 Whoa! How about now? Did you get that? Let me reword the question for you.
How easy is it for you to keep the commandment to not get angry?

Read: Ephesians 4:26 & James 1:20

Discuss: (Say) When we get angry, we are not thinking right things. When we are angry we are not as likely to act and behave as God would have us. So the verse is saying don’t stay angry because this kind of thinking may very well lead us to make bad choices in our anger, or lead us to sin. In the verse in James we learn that we can’t be angry and be God-like in our thinking. So those are just a few commands that God gave to us so we could be more like Him! His laws (these commands) show us who He is and leads us away from living sinful lives that are unlike God.

Finding the treasure in God’s Word: God is holy and separate from sin. His law shows us what He requires—perfect righteousness. Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. Jesus is perfectly righteous. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and welcomes us into God’s family. [See Gospel Plan for Kids or Preschoolers where you find coloring pages below]

WORKS Challenge [10 Minutes]

Kids will use Kindness Coins and choose to accept or decline the challenge each week to ‘work for Jesus’ by passing on what they have learned. Be stingy with the coins. Only give a kid a coin if he or she agrees to accept and follow through with the challenge. Start each week by asking the kids that took the challenge the week before to tell about what they did and who they gave the coin to. A challenge must be completed and a coin given to the recipient before a new challenge is accepted.

Challenge: Surprise your parents, grandparents or a teacher by doing something kind for them without them knowing. We honor God when we honor our parents and those that take care of us. Try and not tell them you did this nice thing for them so they can only thank God or Jesus for the kind act. But of course if they ask, you should always speak the truth. After you have completed the task, give yourself a coin, but only if you want one.

End with FREE PLAY

***Lesson Coloring pages:** found at www.enewlife.com/ministries/small-groups/resources
Recommended DVD’s: Superbook or What’s in the Bible or Outdoor Play