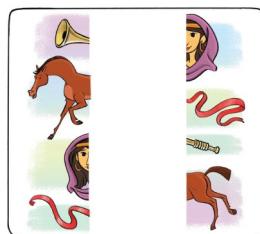


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Instructions: Draw a line connecting each object to its other half.



FAMILY ACTIVITY)

- Read Matthew 1 as a family. Read Rahab in Jesus' genealogy.
- Tie a bright red rope in your window. Share the Bible story when neighbors ask about it.

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KEY NOTES: TRUE NORTH SUMMER

There are many stories- both from scripture and after the Bible was written- about people who find themselves in wild situations! Oftentimes people face fear, uncertainty, and confusion in these places and feel like they can't get out of it alone. We are going to look at some people and their stories and see how they trusted in the Lord to get them through.

We can trust the Lord in a wild world!

Grace Airways True North Content in Children's Ministry will focus on "wild stories" in the Bible and some Missionary highlights to continue our VBS theme of trusting in the Lord.

SUMMER PSALM—let's all learn Psalm 100 to give the students consistent excitement and practice each week! We will practice all summer to create a video to share with the rest of Grace Community Church at the Fall-Kick off (Sept 8th) on the big screen.

Key Dates:

Aug 9th GCC BBQ (baptisms)

Aug 24th All Sunday Teams Fall Training

Aug 31st Film all classes doing the Summer Psalm

Sept 8th FALL KICKOFF

Gospel—Centered Preparation:

The heart of preparation is rooted in your understanding of the gospel and your personal application of the story.

After your study ask yourself:

- How do the verse and Big Picture Question connect to this story?
- What am I excited to teach from this passage?
- The main point this week is: _____
- Where is the gospel in this story?

We can trust in the Lord in a Wild



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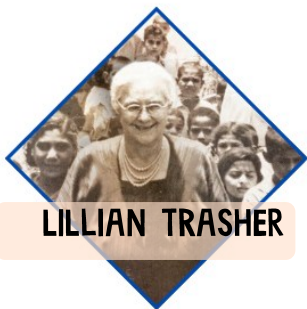
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JOHN GASANGWA



ELIJAH & THE WIDOW

Co-Pilot—Included Preparation:

On a Sunday morning, the Pilot is leading everyone in our ongoing journey to Jesus— that includes both flyers and Co-Pilots! The more consistency and continuity we have between Pilots, the better we can prepare our helpers to succeed and grow! With that consistency comes the mentorship aspect for our youth volunteers in particular, and utilizing our adult co-pilots as well: sharing activities, engaging them in the morning, and encouraging their involvement.

As you prepare for the lesson, ask yourself:

- **Does my planning allow for Co-Pilot participation throughout the morning?**
- **How did I prepare my Co-Pilot to help with classroom management?**
- **What specific activities will my Co-Pilot assist with today?**
- **In what ways can I encourage my Co-Pilot?**

Engagement

- Sit with child during the story
- Playing alongside flyers
- Reengage chatty/distracted kids
- Ask to volunteer an example during discussion
- Help play to Co-Pilot's strengths

Activities

- Attendance stickers
- Timeline
- Joining in the verse and BPQ&A
- Assigned to a specific flyer
- Helping find books in the Bible
- Leading crafts & songs

Encouragement

- Thank you for stepping in there!
- You did a great job with _____.
- You really helped me while I was _____.
- Thank you for being _____'s buddy today.
- Your help really made this morning go smoothly.
- _____ was the right thing to do. You handled it well!
- I'm so glad you are here today!

Leader Bible Study

Following Joshua's death, the Israelites were without a leader. They fell into a cycle of sin that can be seen during each reign of the judges. The cycle is marked by an A-B-C-D-E pattern.

Let's look at the first judge, Othniel, to see this pattern. First, the people fell into **A**postasy. They turned away from God and served other gods. (Judg. 3:7) Next, they experienced a period of **B**ondage. God was angry with the Israelites, and He gave them into the hand of the king of Aram. (v. 8) Third, the people **C**ried out to God. (v. 9) Then, God sent a **D**eliverer to save them. (vv. 9-10) Finally, they had **E**ase in the land. (v. 11) Then Othniel died.

This pattern continued with Ehud. The people had again turned from God. Their apostasy made God angry. He sent them into bondage by strengthening the king of Moab to defeat Israel. The Israelites served the king of Moab for 18 years. After the Israelites struck down the Moabites and there was peace in the land for eighty years. But Ehud would die, and they would need another judge to lead them.

Every judge was imperfect, yet God worked through the judges. At the time when the Israelites were oppressed by the king of Canaan, Deborah was the judge of Israel. Deborah sent for Barak and encouraged him to take up an army and fight the army of Canaan and its leader, Sisera.

Deborah reminded Barak that God would hand Sisera and his troops over to him. (Judg. 4:6-7) Barak agreed to go, but only if Deborah went with him. Deborah went, but she informed Barak that he would get no glory for the battle. When Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men, "The LORD threw Sisera ... and all his army into a panic before Barak's assault" (Judg. 4:15). Everyone in the army died, but Sisera escaped on foot. Sisera fled to the tent of Jael, who invited him inside and gave him a drink. While Sisera slept, Jael drove a tent peg through his temple and he died. Judges 5 records a victory song Deborah and Barak sang on that day, praising God for defeating the Canaanites. The land had rest for 40 years.

Vision for Grace Airways
We navigate the scriptures,
training up bold disciples,
on our ongoing journey to Jesus!

Morning Routine



Stay with this order.

Adjust pictures on schedule according to your plan.

Review schedule with the children at the start of the morning.



Take Off
VBS song
Psalm 100/BPO

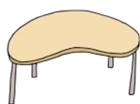
5 Min



Journey
Prayer
Bible Story
God Attributes



10 Min



Flight Lab
Bible Story Activity

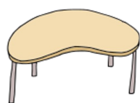
15 Min



Free Play
Inside or on
playground

10 Min

At congregation last song-clean up/move inside



Pilot's Log
Prayer
Take Home Page
Settle and Review



5 Min



5 Min Take Off

Celebrate & being here! Introduce the morning

Gather

As the children enter, have them gather at the TV to begin with worship/singing.

Have your co-pilot check attendance.

Song

Do a song or 2 of your choice as time allows to help children prepare for the lesson.

Summer Psalm

Practice the **Psalm 100 song!**

Encourage and build excitement for memorizing, we will video the children on Sunday, August 24th

Summer Truth: We can trust the Lord in a wild world

This week we will explore the story of **Deborah**

Transition to the Bible Story

Clap a simple rhythm for the children to copy, use a finger play, etc... Set expectations for the children: "my turn to talk, your turn to listen, eyes on me, hands in your lap"

Choosing the same transition every week works super well with child and kindergarten ages.

Fingerplay Ideas:

Bible FingerPlay:

1, 2 (hold up fingers) The Bible is true (hands like book), God loves me (cross arms, point to me) and God loves you (cross arms, point to class)

Open Shut them:

Hold hands in front as you open and shut them while saying:

Open shut them, open shut them, give a little clap

Open shut them, open shut them, lay them in your lap.

Creep them creep them, slowly to your chin

Open wide your little mouth (pause), but do not let them in!

Active Preparing to sit and listen:

I stomp my feet, I clap my hands, I jump up from the ground.

I stomp my feet, I clap my hands, I turn myself around.

I stomp my feet , I clap my hands, I sit myself right down

I stomp my feet (*while sitting*) , I clap my hands, I do not make a sound (*finger over lips, spoken in a whisper*).

Age Appropriate Bible Story

Use your own words—Trust the Holy Spirit to speak through you!

Deborah —Judges 4-5

The Israelites forgot about God again and again. One time, God allowed the king of Canaan to overtake Israel. The king was cruel to the people. The Israelites remembered how good life was when they loved and obeyed God. They cried out to God, “Save us!”

At this time, Deborah was the judge over Israel. One day, Deborah sent a message to a man named Barak (BAY rak). “Come here, Barak,” she said. Barak came to Deborah, and Deborah said, “This is what God wants you to do: Gather an army of men. Lead them to Mount Tabor (TAY bawr). God will help you win the battle against the army of Canaan and their leader, Sisera (SIS uh ruh).”

Barak said to Deborah, “I will go if you will come with me.”

“I’ll go with you,” Deborah said, “but you will not get the honor when Sisera is defeated.”

So Deborah, Barak, and all the men in the army went to Mount Tabor. Sisera took his chariots and army toward the river to fight.

“Go, Barak!” Deborah said. “God will help you beat Sisera today.” Barak and his men moved down the mountain toward Sisera and his army.

The Lord made Sisera and his army very confused. Sisera ran away. Barak and his men defeated Sisera’s army, but Sisera escaped.

A woman named Jael let Sisera hide in her tent, but God used her to defeat Sisera.

Barak came, looking for Sisera. Jael greeted him and said, “The man you are looking for is inside.” Barak went into Jael’s tent and saw Sisera lying dead.

The Lord gave His people victory over their enemies! Deborah and Barak sang a victory song. They praised God for helping them beat the people of Canaan. The land was peaceful for many more years.



10 Min

Journey

Where we travel into God's word

Introduce the Bible Story

Use our Bible Finger play each week to transition to the Story.

- The Bible is called "the Word of God" because it contains God's words to us. Everything that God says is true, and all the words of the Bible are true. Today's story is from the book of the Bible called Judges.

Point to the Bible story picture on their timeline. All of our stories this Summer remind us that the Lord is trustworthy.

Tell the Bible Story

Using the Pictures, tell the Bible Story or watch the video (*not in classroom Bible*). Tell the story using your own words keeping eye-contact with the children.

- The people of Israel forgot God and made bad choices. God used Deborah to help the people. God forgave the people and helped them. Deborah trusted in the Lord!

Talk about the Bible Story

Show the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions.

1. **Who was the judge over Israel in this Bible story?** (*Deborah*)
2. **Who helped Deborah, Barak, and all the men in the army?** (*God did. He confused Sisera and his army.*)
3. **What did Deborah and Barak do?** (*They praised God with a victory song*)
4. **What is repentance?** (*turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.*)
5. **Why I trust the Lord in every situation?** (*I can trust in the Lord because I know His character and He is God.*)

God's attributes- helping the children understand what God is like, shown to us in the Bible. In today's story we see that God is:

- In Control - Trustworthy

Have a student place the story picture on the 'timeline'

Picture Card Lesson

Use your own words—Trust the Holy Spirit to speak through you!

Deborah —Judges 4-5

Card 1: The Israelites forgot about God again and again.

They did wrong things – that is called sin. One time, God allowed the king of Canaan to overtake Israel. The king was cruel to the people. The Israelites were sorry. They cried out to God, “Save us!”

Card 2: Deborah was the judge over Israel. Deborah helped the people love and remember God. One day, Deborah sent a message to Barak. Deborah said, “This is what God wants you to do: Gather an army of men. Lead them to Mount Tabor (TAY bawr). God will help you win the battle against the army of Canaan and their leader, Sisera (SIS uh ruh).” Barak was afraid. He wanted Deborah to go with him. Deborah went with Barak to the battle.

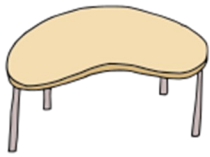
Card 3: Deborah, Barak, and all the men in the army went to Mount Tabor.

Sisera, the king of Canaan took his chariots and army toward the river to fight. Deborah said. “God will help you beat Sisera today.” Barak and his men moved down the mountain. The Lord made Sisera and his army very confused. Sisera ran away. Barak and his men defeated Sisera’s army

Card 4: The Lord gave His people victory over their enemies! Deborah and Barak sang a victory song. They said thank you to God for helping them beat the people of Canaan. The land was peaceful for many more years. God forgave his people and helped them win the battle.

Card 5: God used Deborah, Barak, and the army, but it was God who gave them victory. God’s people knew that God had saved them. Deborah trusted that the Lord would protect the Israelites, and He did! The Lord is trustworthy!

[Click here to view the story pictures](#)



15 min Flight lab

Learning the story in an interactive way

Choose from below or use your own idea-however the Lord leads. Then go into free-play.

Make a thank-you card

Encourage children to name people who help them and tell them about Jesus such as parents, teachers at church, or a pastor and other church staff. Invite children to fold a sheet of construction paper in half and make a card for one of the people they named. Provide markers or crayons for the children to decorate their cards.

- The people we named help you learn the stories in the Bible and that God loves you. You can say “thank you” by giving one of them the card you made. **God used Deborah and Barak to rescue His people.** God also uses people to help us and teach us about Jesus. God sent His Son, Jesus, to do what is very good for us: to save us from sin.

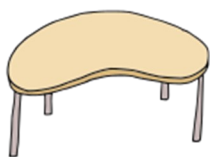
Drive a chariot

Remove the top and one side of a large box to create a chariot. Draw spokes on large paper plates and glue them to two sides to serve as wheels. Allow children to take turns pretending to drive the chariot. You may also provide pieces of shiny wrapping paper for children to glue to the chariot.

- The army from Canaan was a strong army. Sisera, their leader, probably drove a fast, beautiful chariot. The Israelites may have been afraid because they didn’t have a strong army with chariots and horses to pull them, but **God used Deborah and Barak to rescue His people.** If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us. Everything God does is for His glory and our good. Because the Israelites repented and turned from their sins, God helped them defeat the army.

Sing and wave scarves

Give each child a scarf or a crepe paper streamer. Play familiar praise songs and encourage children to sing along and wave the scarves or streamers to the music. Choose songs with happy, victorious melodies.



5 Min Pilot's Log

Where we prepare to go home

After flight lab, allow the children to play. **When congregation begins last song, move to the tables.**

Pause and settle

- Signal the end of free play, (use the time-timer to count down)
- Sing the clean-up song and guide children to clean their areas. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer if needed.
- Have children sit around the table.

ALWAYS CLOSE THE MORNING WITH PRAYER

This is how we model incorporating prayer into their lives

- After prayer, hand out the activity/coloring page. Direct children accordingly to complete the page. Remind children of what they can take away from today's lesson.

If a child finishes the activity/coloring page while waiting for mom and dad or is not interested, only offer options that can be completed at the table (playdough, puzzle, select a book to examine, practice the verse, etc) **Keep children at the table to maintain a calm and quiet environment for easy transition to mom and dad.**

When parents pick up their children, as appropriate share something their child enjoyed doing or did well during the morning.

Be sure that the Co-Pilots hand out the Activity sheet to each child or to parents. Have your Co-Pilot encourage parents to use this to talk to their kids about what they learned in class today.

PREK/K Prayer Extra Ideas:

Prayer Chain — in small groups, ask children for their prayer requests and have the Pilot or Co-Pilot write them on a few strips of paper. Connect paper strips into a chain and display our growing conversation with the Lord. Feel free to revisit old prayer requests as well.

Pointing to a Globe — Have a child or Co-Pilot spin the globe and place their finger on a country. Place a star sticker on the place(s) and pray over it as a group. We will provide a PreK/K age geography book to help guide discussion and prayer. Even if you don't know anything about the country, we can lift up the people, pray for Jesus, light to shine there, the Gospel to be active there, and churches to grow, etc.

Looking out the Window — Grab a dry-erase marker, have the kids gather at the windows, and look outside. Ask the children to look for 3 things they can see out of the window to pray over. Using the dry-erase marker, write or draw these things on the window then pray over them.

Preschool Carpet Bag Prayers— Choose an item(s) out of the carpet bag. Discuss the item and different people/things the item could represent (car—driving safely, mechanics, trips, first responders, etc) Encourage kids to “think outside the bag” and help them make connections. Pray over the people, places, and things that were discussed.

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes—Pray through the song.

- Head (mind, imagination, thoughts, creativity)
- Shoulders (physical strength, things we might be dealing with)
- Knees (dancing, playing, jumping, etc.)
- Toes (walking and following after Jesus, standing strong in our faith)
- Eyes, ears, mouth & nose (seeing goodness, listening to Him, speaking truthful words, our senses, etc.)