

## LESSON 3 SNAPSHOT

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**SUMMARY:**

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**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

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*Help us to remember to read the Bible each day so we may know and share Your truth, Jesus.*

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Amen*

## MEMORY VERSE

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*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19 (KJV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Read the verse once to remind the kids how it goes. Then do a challenge where you ask all of the boys to say the verse out loud together. Next ask all of the girls to say the verse out loud together. Finally have everyone say the verse together one more time.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Give each student a piece of paper and a pencil, then ask them to write down as much of the verse that they can remember. Even if it's just a few words in the middle. (For younger children who can not write, another option would be to ask them to say out loud as much of the verse as they can remember.) Once everyone has written down all that they know, read the verse out loud and ask them to fill in the blanks that they missed. Then encourage your students to take it home to read and help them remember.

## SKIT PAGE 1

### WE'RE GOING FISHING (Part 3)

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Book, Green and Brown Shredded Paper or Crepe Streamers to look like Seaweed,  
Clothing with "Seaweed" attached to it for Captain Fin

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

1 Boy  
1 Girl  
1 Sea Captain

#### CHARACTERS:

Jack – boy  
Lauren – girl  
Captain Fin – Sea Captain

(Lauren is mopping the ship deck center stage. Jack enters.)

JACK: Where is Captain Fin?

LAUREN: I haven't seen him since lunch.

JACK: What is this? (Jack picks up a book off of the floor.)

LAUREN: I don't know!? I haven't seen it here before.

JACK: It says "How to Navigate" on the cover

LAUREN: Maybe Captain Fin left it here for us to read.

JACK: Yeah, I think it's all about how to be a fisherman.  
(Lauren points out to the imaginary ocean.)

LAUREN: WHAT IS THAT?

JACK: Where?

LAUREN: In the ocean.

## SKIT PAGE 2

JACK: I don't know! It looks like lots of green glop. Let me see if there is anything in this book about it.

LAUREN: Good idea, because it doesn't look good for fishing.

JACK: It says here that it's seaweed.  
(Lauren pulls a glob of paper "seaweed" up for everyone to see from "the ocean.")

LAUREN: Eww! There is so much of this. I can't see the water.

JACK: It says that we need to steer the ship out of the seaweed because it makes it difficult to fish. It is challenging to see where the fish are and if your net gets filled with seaweed, it can even break!!!

LAUREN: Oh, wow. Ok, I'll steer the ship away.  
(Lauren gestures by turning an imaginary wheel to steer the ship.)

JACK: This book has a lot of good advice. It even talks about people's past mistakes and warns against them.

LAUREN: So, it's like a history book?

JACK: Yeah.  
(Lauren points over to stage right.)

LAUREN: Does your book tell us anything about THAT?!

JACK: What?

LAUREN: That SEA CREATURE over there!

JACK: Oh, wow. I don't think we have time to look that one up. RUN!  
(Jack and Lauren run off stage left. Captain Fin, with seaweed on his head and stuck to his clothes, enters stage right looking confused.)

CAPTAIN FIN: Where did everyone go?! I was just out for a swim. Wonder why they were in such a hurry...? Oh well.  
(Captain Fin exits stage left.)

## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Bible

Does anyone recognize this book? This is the Bible. It is filled with God's truth to us. That's why it's called God's word. When we try to go through life without it, it's so easy to make mistakes and have difficulty. The Bible has a lot of stories that we can learn lessons from. Let's look at one example now. I am going to read a story straight from the Bible.

### READ LUKE 5:1-11

There were no fish and then there were so many fish that it began breaking their nets! Jesus performed a miracle right in front of Simon's eyes. Something we can learn from this is that God can do anything because He is all-powerful. Then Jesus told Simon that he will be a fisher of men the way he was of fish. This story is amazing! It was the beginning of Simon becoming a disciple and following Jesus. Later when Jesus went to heaven, Simon would be one of the ones spreading the news about Jesus. We can also learn that God is all-knowing. He knew that Simon would one day bring others to Christ the way he used to catch fish.

Let's be honest though...sometimes I look at this Bible and I think, "WOW! This is A LOT to read." But we don't have to read it all at once. A wonderful way to read the Bible is by doing a Bible study with a group of friends or family. You can study a part of the Bible, talk about what it means together, and then see how it applies to your life. Another great way is to read one story at a time, like we just did today. Every time you read your Bible you will learn something new, even if you've read the story before. There are so many things we can learn from God's Word!

One last thing. If you don't have a Bible, let us know. We will make sure that you get one because it is the most important thing that you'll ever read.

## LARGE GROUP GAME

### **BIBLE DELIVERY!**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

1 Bible for every kid in the room

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

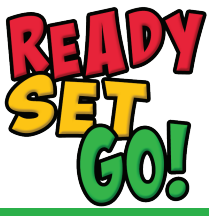
The object of the game is to get all of the Bibles delivered so that everyone has one. Assign one student to be a delivery man/lady. Have everyone else spread out all over the room; as far away from one another as they can. Tell the delivery man/lady to take just one Bible at a time and give them out to everyone as quickly as they can. Use a stopwatch to time how fast they can make all the deliveries. Next, get three different deliverers and time them. Finally, ask ½ of the students to deliver to the other half of the kids. Compare the times.

#### **VARIATIONS:**

If you don't have enough Bibles, you can use something to represent a Bible, like a piece of paper or a music hymnal.

#### **WHAT'S THE POINT?**

God's word is so important for us all to read and to hear. Part of sharing the good news of Jesus is making sure that everyone has a Bible so that they can read God's truth for themselves! The more of us sharing about Jesus and giving out Bibles, the more people that will know about God! Today you were spread out all over a room. Imagine being spread out all over the earth.



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## **INTRO:**

(Teacher has sunglasses or reading glasses on top of their head ahead of time.)

Guess what? I have a problem today. It's a very difficult problem. Do you all think you can help me solve it? Ok, so my problem is that I've been looking everywhere...I MEAN EVERYWHERE for this. I looked in my car. I looked in my house. I looked at my desk. I looked all over and I can't find ...my glasses.

Do you know where they are? Oh, you see them now? They are on top of my head?!? I always think I've lost things and they are right there in plain sight! Thank you! You guys are life savers.

Life can be full of problems and challenges. Does anyone remember what problem Lauren and Jack came across while on the fishing boat today? That's right...yucky, slimy, green seaweed. Seaweed can make it very difficult for fishing. Do you remember what they did to solve the problem? Yes, they looked in the book to find the answer. Guess what? We can do the same thing with our problems. God gave us a book to help us navigate through our troubles in life. The Bible is full of so much wisdom and truth!

**READ 1 PETER 3:13-16**

## LARGE GROUP LESSON

### MAIN POINT:

Sometimes people might make fun of us or think we are strange because we are different from them. In 1 Peter it explains that if we read God's Word, we can be ready to explain the reason that we have God's hope in us. Since we are filled with the love of Jesus, others who don't know God might not understand why we are so loving and kind. They might not understand how we can be so different from them.

Jesus also said "In this life you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) We know that life will sometimes be challenging. It is so nice to know that we aren't alone trying to figure it out. Last week we learned about how we can talk to God by praying to Him anytime! We can also read what God has to say to us in the Bible. These are both so helpful as we live for Jesus. They keep us connected to God and they help us make wise choices.

Some of our problems have to do with our siblings, friends, or maybe a challenge at school. Sometimes we run into others not accepting us because we are different from them. Raise your hand if you had any problem so far today. Now raise your hand if you had any challenges in the past week. How about sometime in the last year? Everyone has problems sometimes. We can always go to the Bible for the help that we need.

### DRIVE IT HOME:

So, just how important is it to read the Bible? It is the most important thing that you'll ever read! This is because it is from God, to us! I'm going to yell out some problems and see if you can help me solve them by telling me where to go to get help with this problem. Ok, are you ready?

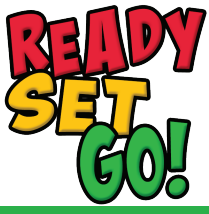
If I am having problems with telling others lies so that they like me, where can I go to get God's truth about this problem? Yes, the Bible.

If I am having trouble because I am afraid of what will happen in the future, where can I go to get God's truth about this? Yes! The Bible!

If I am telling my friends about Jesus and they have lots of questions for me but I don't have all the answers, where can I go to get the answers? Yes, the Bible!

And, God gives us His word to help us GET SET to share the good news about Jesus! The more we know about God, the more we can be prepared to tell others.





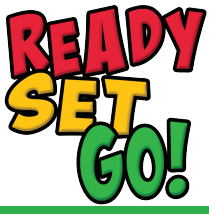
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### CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear Jesus,*

*Help us to remember to read the Bible each day so we may know and share Your truth, Jesus.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever eaten seaweed?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Matthew 28:19

Give each student a piece of paper and a pencil, then ask them to write down as much of the verse that they can remember. Even if it's just a few words in the middle. (For younger children who can't write, another option would be to ask them to say out loud as much of the verse as they can remember.) Once everyone has written down all that they know, read the verse out loud and ask them to fill in the blanks that they missed. Then encourage your students to take it home to read and help them remember.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play Fish, Fish, Seaweed! (the same as you would in duck, duck, goose)

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

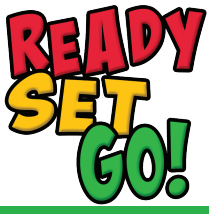
- READ 1 PETER 3:13-16
- When we have problems, where can we get answers?
- Who can we trust with our troubles?
- If you can't read yet, who can you ask to read the Bible to you?
- What is a loving way to tell someone about Jesus?
- What is one place you like to read stories at home? The Bible is full of helpful stories!

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for giving us Your Word, the Bible.*

*In Jesus' name,  
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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

### ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever eaten seaweed? If so, did you like it?

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Matthew 28:19

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### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- READ 1 PETER 3:13-16
- What kind of problems do you have with other people?
- How does reading the Bible help us to solve our problems?
- How does reading the Bible help us to "always be ready to make a defense for the hope that is in you?"
- Why is it important that we do this with gentleness and respect and not yell at others?
- What is one way you can share the love of Jesus with someone through your words or actions?
- Do you have any challenges right now?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### REVIEW

1. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. A made-up story  
B. God's Word and the truth \*  
C. A short book
2. If I have a problem, it is good to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Read God's Word  
B. Pray to God  
C. Both A and B \*
3. Reading God's Word is good to do \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Never  
B. Just when I am asked to  
C. Daily \*
4. From reading the Bible I can better learn how to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Brush my teeth  
B. Go to the beach  
C. Share the good news of Jesus with others. \*
5. God's word is full of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Wisdom \*  
B. Theories  
C. Ketchup

# MAKE IT STICK

READY, SET, GO! LESSON 3

5 SIMPLE WAYS  
YOU CAN MAKE  
THIS LESSON STICK  
WITH YOUR KIDS

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON:



### IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week: Why is it good to read the Bible? The Bible is full of God's wisdom to help us navigate through our life. It also teaches us how to be prepared to share the good news of Jesus with others!

1 Peter 3:13-16



### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Take a look at the Book!

Share a favorite Bible story with your child. Do it in the form of a Bible study where you read, discuss, and apply it to your lives! Ask some questions about the story and what they have learned from it.



### AT DINNER:

- Here are some great discussion starters:
- What did you read about in your Bible today? (Or if they are beginner readers.) Would you like me to read you a Bible story today?
- What are some good times of the day that we can read the Bible?
- Where is a nice quiet place you can read?
- Is there something cool that you've learned from God's Word lately?



### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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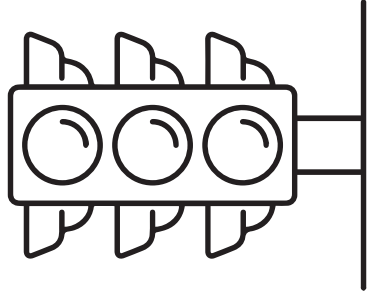
### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

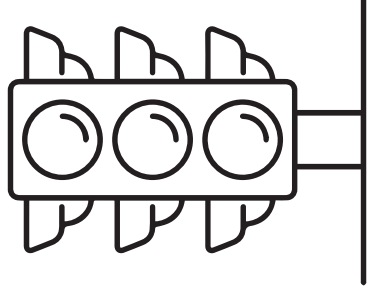
God's Word is where we go to get the truth! It is so crucial that we are reading it, just as much as it is for us to pray to God every day. Reading God's Word to your child and doing a daily devotion is a good way to lead by example in this area.

## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

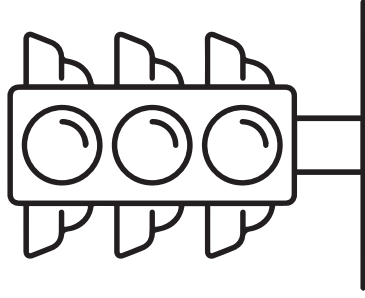
Create a comfy corner with your child! Find a designated space either in your child's room or somewhere else in the house for Bible reading. Gather extra pillows, blankets, a small table, desk lamp, journal, pen, stuffed animals, and more to make an inviting space for your child to read their Bible. This can be their own personal place to go when it's time to read God's word, do devotions, practice a memory verse, etc.



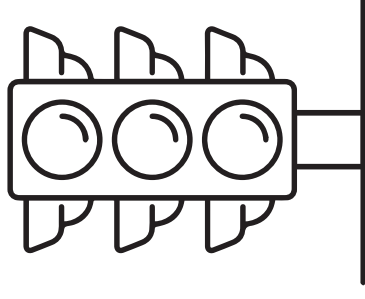
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