

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #7 – “The First Miracle”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You should remember that Jesus’ way is the best way.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.
5. Children feed peanuts to their team’s elephant according to points earned in contest.
(Next week will be the last week for the contest.)

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “I Am Confident I Can Do Everything Because . . .”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #7 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

John 2:5 – “. . . Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“**Follow the Leader**” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Give simple commands for the children to follow as they repeat the verse with you (i.e., stand on one foot; place hands on your head; etc.) Let children take turns being the leader. After a few repetitions, take the visual away as the children say the verse.

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #7 – #12: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS: (6 minutes)

Teach information for Week #2. (See attached page.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #7. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (14 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #6. (See attached page.)
3. Pray for the missionary. (See attached page.)
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: (*In person*) *I Dare*, Week #6 - **OR** - (*Online*) *Doctor in the Pygmy Forest*, Week #10.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from "Involvement Helps for Younger Children."

"Find the Truthful Turkey" – Cut out and back for the flannelboard 15 turkeys. (See attached pattern.) Write the following on the backs of two turkeys: "Arf, Arf"; "Mew, Mew"; "Oink, Oink"; "Cluck, Cluck"; "Moo, Moo"; "Tweet, Tweet"; "Baa, Baa." Write "Gobble, Gobble" on the back side of only one. Divide your class into two teams. Put the turkeys on the flannelboard in random order. When a child correctly answers a review question, he may choose any turkey on the board. Unless the turkey has "Gobble, Gobble" written on the back, the turkey is placed back on the board. Continue playing until someone finds the truthful turkey. NOTE: If someone finds the truthful turkey early in the game, move the turkeys around on the board and play the game again. – By Elaine Dymond, *GIVE & TAKE*, November/December 1995.

Review questions for LIFE OF CHRIST #7:

1. **At what special event did we find the Lord Jesus?** (At a wedding.)
2. **Name some of the other people who were at the wedding.** (Jesus' mother, Nathaniel, and other disciples.)
3. **Why did they need the water jars at the wedding?** (The hands and feet of the guests were washed when they arrived.)
4. **If more guests came to the wedding than those who were invited, what kind of problem would this cause?** (There would not be enough wine.)
5. **When Mary learned that there was not enough wine, what did she do?** (She told Jesus.)
6. **Why was it a good thing to share this with Jesus?** (Because Jesus can help us with our problems.)
7. **What did Mary tell the servants?** ("Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.")
8. **What did the Lord Jesus tell the servants to do?** ("Fill the water jars with water.")
9. **What happened when they filled the water jars with water?** (It turned to wine.)
10. **Was this Jesus' first, third, or fifth miracle performed while He was here on earth?** (The first.)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)


SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, Life of Christ #7

PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #7

I Am Confident I Can Do Everything Because . . .

“I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

Who is the “Him” in this Bible verse? Find out by doing this puzzle.  **Write the words with numbers above them on the line with the same number.**

		1	_____	_____	
2	_____		_____	_____	_____
		3	_____	_____	_____
		4	_____	_____	
5	_____		_____	_____	_____
		6	_____	_____	_____

STRENGTH? LIKE
TO LIFT
WEIGHTS?

STRENGTH TO
DO THINGS,
LIKE ABILITY
AND POWER.



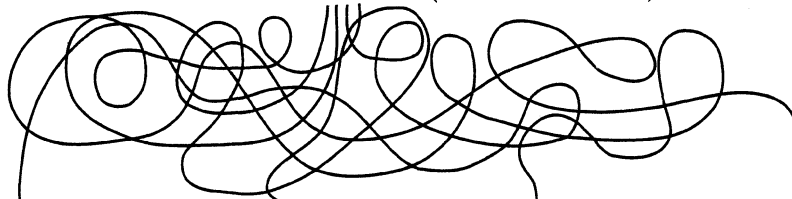
 **Write the letters in the box on these lines.**



I can do everything because
_____ gives me strength.

A person with CONFIDENCE can admit making a mistake. Can you? What do you do when you make a mistake?

I can admit I made a mistake because (follow the lines)



I have confidence in God and in myself.

1

Everyone makes mistakes sometimes.


2

Nobody makes mistakes all the time, not even me.

3

It is not wrong to make a mistake.

4

 **Think about a mistake that you have made or often make. Write the number of the statement you want to remember to say next time you make a mistake.** _____

Name _____

PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #7

Jesus went to a wedding.
When the wine ran out, Jesus turned water into wine.

Find 6 stone water pots.



“... Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.”

John 2:5

Life of Christ #7
THE FIRST MIRACLE

John 2:5

“Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.”

Introduction:

T.J. needed new shoes. His old ones were worn out. But after buying groceries and paying the rent, his mom didn't have enough money left for shoes. What should T.J. do? Should he worry? Steal? Expect God to supply his needs? Our memory verse today gives us a clue as to what T.J. should do.

Presentation:

Read the verse together from the visual. Then read the verse from the Bible.

Explanation:

John 2:5 – This is the address of the verse. It's where it's found in the Bible.

“Whatsoever He saith unto you,” – “He” is talking about Jesus. Whatever Jesus says to you through His Word, the Bible, especially to those who know Jesus as their Saviour . . .

“do it.” – Do what God tells you in His Word. He doesn't speak to you today in a voice that you can hear with your ears, but He speaks to you through the Bible. When you have a problem like T.J. had, you can find the answer in God's Word.

Repetition:

Follow the Leader

Give simple commands for the children to follow as they repeat the verse with you. (Ex. Stand on one foot, place your hands on your head, etc.). Let children take turns being the leader.

HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Life of Christ #7

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

John 2:5 – “Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.”

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Flashcard 1-3:

Children pretend to take off their sandals. Acting as a servant, you wash and dry the guest’s feet.

All pretend to be an upset servant. Have a worried face. Exclaim, *“Oh no! The wine is almost gone!”* Hit palm on forehead.

Flashcard 1-4:

Have children say the memory verse together.

Flashcard 1-6:

Have children pretend to dip water from the pot and carry it to the man in charge.

Have children pretend to take a drink. Everyone makes a big smile.

Bible Learning Game (Message Relay)

By Linda D. Ruth

Have children sit in a line, one next to another, on the floor. Helper, or older child, sits on a chair a short distance away.

Repeat a message from the Bible lesson to the whole group and have them answer the questions, “Who said it?” and “To whom did they say it?”

Then the first child comes and delivers message to person in the chair. He goes back and taps second child, who comes and delivers same message. He goes back and taps third child, etc. Encourage children to give message with expression. Play again with other messages.

Message #1: “They have no more wine.”

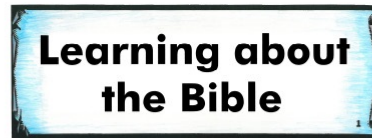
Message #2: “Do whatever He tells you.”

Message #3: “Fill the jars with water.”

Message #4: “Take some to the governor of the feast.”

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #2



Let's take a minute to learn more about the Bible. **(Place figure #1.)** Last week, we learned three different names for the Bible. What are they? The Bible is different from any other book that has been written. **(Place figure #5.)** It is God's Book—every word is from God Himself! Although God did not write the Bible with His own hand, He chose certain men to write His words. Second Timothy 3:16 says, “*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . .*” **(Place figure #6.)** *Inspiration* means “God helped the men to know what He wanted them to write.” They listened as God spoke to their hearts; then they wrote it down. The men who wrote the Bible were called *holy men of God*. That means “they loved God and obeyed Him.” Second Peter 1:20 says, “. . . *No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.*” **(Place figure #7.)** *Private interpretation* means “nothing in the Bible is what men made up on their own.” The Bible is God's Word, not man's word. Next week, we will learn how long it took to write the Bible.

A LETTER FROM THE JENKINS

GO AND TELL BOX – WEEK #6

Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a picture of an alligator.

What do you think this picture of an alligator has to do with going and telling? *(Let the children share their ideas.)*

Let’s read a letter from Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy *(show their picture)* to find out.



Dear Boys and Girls,

Thank you for praying for us! We enjoyed meeting some of you at camps in the past. We are so thankful you have the privilege of hearing God's Word. Do not forget to pray for other boys and girls in different countries who have not heard the Good News.

We are living in Florida where we have been contacting students from other countries that have come to study in America. The Lord has sent many university students into our home from all over the world. The pandemic has made it more difficult to meet the students. Yet, we continue to meet them when we can safely do so. Some students have been very friendly and love to invite us to their apartments too. We like to take them on what we call the "Alligator Cruise." They love seeing real alligators in the river, and sometimes we go at night and see their red eyes! But the most important thing is we can tell them about Jesus. Keep praying that they will want to accept Jesus as their Saviour. This is a hard decision for them because they know it will cause problems with their families.

God bless each of you and keep hiding God's Word in your heart.

With our love and thanks,

Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy

GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #6

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, give Mr. Jared wisdom as he talks to students about Jesus each day on campus, by email, or by telephone.

Dear God, help Mr. Jared to meet students and that they listen and choose to believe on the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

Dear God, thank You for the students who have already received Christ and pray that they will want to grow by reading God's Word.

LOC REVIEW GAME
Find the Truthful Turkey



**You should
remember
that Jesus'
way is the
best way.**



- The servants listened to Jesus and obeyed Him
- As soon as the governor had tasted what was in his cup, he probably got a big smile on his face
- “Usually people put out their best wine at the beginning of the celebration, and when everyone has had enough to drink, they put out the wine that is not as good.”
- “But you have saved the good wine until now!”
- The servants could hardly believe what they had heard, maybe they looked down at the container in their hands
- The liquid inside was no longer water; Jesus had turned it into wine!
- It was the best wine the governor of the feast had ever tasted!
- Jesus had done a miracle
- Since Jesus is God, He made something amazing happen that did not usually happen in that way
- This was the first miracle Jesus did as a Man here on Earth
- No one but Mary, the servants, and the disciples knew what He had done
- Now the disciples believed in Him even more; they knew He was Someone special

- Have you believed on Jesus? Not just that He can do miracles, but that He is the only One who can save you from the punishment of sin

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 – “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou (you) shalt be saved (from the punishment of sin)....”

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

**YOU SHOULD REMEMBER
THAT JESUS’ WAY IS THE BEST
WAY**

**R – Review PAS verse
John 2:5 – “Whatsoever He saith
unto you, do it.”**

O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #7

John 2:1-11

- It was a beautiful day for a wedding
- The bride, groom, & their friends & family were getting ready for this special day
- Busy with beautiful clothes, special food, music, & flowers
- Many were invited to gather to celebrate a man & woman who loved each other in a wonderful, special way
- It was a happy time. That’s what was happening one day in Cana

FLASHCARD 1-1

- Jesus was one of the guests invited to the wedding in Cana
- His mother Mary was going to help with the wedding; She must have been a friend or relative of the people getting married.
- Jesus’ disciples were invited to come along to the wedding too
- Jesus, Mary, & guests must have watched with joy as bride & groom promised to love each other for the rest of their lives
- Love between a man & woman is wonderful, but there is a kind of love more wonderful

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- God’s love is the most wonderful kind; love between a man & woman is special too
- When it was time for the celebration; guests walked with the groom as he took bride to their new home
- At the groom’s home they would all have a big meal

FLASHCARD 1-3

- As each guest came in, servants waited with bowls & towels. They filled the bowls with water from 6 big pots that were filled to the top
- In those days, everyone wore shoes like sandals.
- It was polite for a Jewish family to offer to wash guest’s feet after they walked on dirty, dusty roads
- Mary may have helped by organizing & telling people where to go & filling up bowls/trays of food to serve
- Then someone noticed a big problem; they were running out of wine!
- Maybe more guests came than they expected; it would be so embarrassing to run out of wine to serve them!
- It was a big problem!

- The people that day probably weren't thinking about it, but they had a bigger problem – sin!

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Proverbs 5:22 – “...And he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.”

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- The people at wedding that day weren't thinking about sin; the servants were thinking about problem of running out of wine
- Mary must have wondered how she could help; then she thought of Jesus
- Jesus was her Son, but she knew He was more than that
- She remembered the promises the angel had made to her about Him...
- He must know it was time to show everyone Who He really was – The Promised One – the Son of God

O

- Mary knew that Jesus was the Son of God. Perhaps now it was time for everyone else to know it too

FLASHCARD 1-4

- Thinking of this, Mary went to Jesus; “They have no wine.”
- She knew He could do something about the problem
- Perhaps she wanted Him to do something amazing in front of everyone so they would know He was the Promised One
- Perhaps she just wanted Him to help. We don't know for sure, but we know she went to Jesus for His help
- Jesus; “Woman, what do I have to do with you? My time has not yet come.”
- It was not unkind of Jesus to call Mary “woman”. It was more important that people knew He was God's Son rather than Mary's Son
- Jesus understood that He hadn't come to Earth just to prove Who He was
- He had come to give His life so all people could be forgiven of sin

FLASHCARD 1-2

P, E

1 Peter 2:24 – “Who His own self bore ours sins in His own body on the tree....”

FLASHCARD 1-4

- Jesus understood that He had come into the world so people could be forgiven of sin
- Mary did not understand all this
- She went right to the servants and told them, “Whatever He tells you to do, do it.”
- She was sure Jesus would do something amazing. She knew whatever Jesus did would be best

MT – YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT JESUS' WAY IS THE BEST WAY

- Mary believed that Jesus knew the best way to solve this problem. She told the servants to do whatever He said
- Jesus must have noticed that nearby were 6 big water pots
- They were probably the pots that had held the water used to wash the guest's feet. Now they were empty

FLASHCARD 1-5

- Jesus said to the servants; “Fill these pots with water.”
- Servants didn't understand how this would help; they needed wine for the guests, not water!
- But they remembered what Mary had said. They did exactly what Jesus told them to do

- They filled those 6 huge pots with water, right up to the brim
- Jesus; “Dip some out now, and take it to the governor of the feast.”
- The governor was the man in charge of making sure the meal was just right
- He would taste the wine first to make sure it was good enough to give to the guests
- He would not be happy if the servants gave him water instead of wine!

FLASHCARD 1-6

- Servants did what Jesus said. They filled a container, carried it to the man, & gave it to him
- The servant's trusted that Jesus way was the best way

MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT JESUS' WAY IS THE BEST WAY

John 2:5 – “Whatever He saith unto you, do it.”

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.