

REWARD

The REWARD for Everyone who Accepts Christ is Heaven

REACH Lesson #1

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Pray: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- 4 balloons for EACH SMALL GROUP OR EACH LARGE GROUP
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid, on CD ROM)
- MAP Books (1 per kid, on CD ROM)
- Prizes for the game winners (Optional)

You will need to:

- Prepare Story Time
- Make copies of Prayer Cards
- Make Copies of Map Books

PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your story telling more memorable:

- Use Props: stuffed animals, a rubber snake, an apple, plants, etc.
- Try inviting kids to recreate the sounds in the Garden (animals, wind, water, etc.)
- Use kids to play the characters

- Try sending the “Adam and Eve” characters out of the room to show how they were separated from God

Adam and Eve
(Paraphrased from Genesis 3:1-23)

Adam and Eve were friends with God. They lived in a beautiful garden God had created. They had total freedom to eat what they wanted and do what they wanted. God had one rule. He told them they could eat the fruit from all of the trees except one. Everything was perfect until one day, an evil snake in the garden convinced Eve that nothing would happen to her if she ate from the tree God put as off limits. In fact, the snake told Eve she would become like God and recognize the good and the bad in the world. Eve liked what she heard and liked the look of the fruit, so she took some and ate it even though God said not to. She even gave some to Adam. Suddenly, Adam and Eve realized they had made a terrible mistake by disobeying God. God came looking for Adam and Eve in the garden but they were hiding from him. Knowing they couldn’t hide from God, they told him what had happened. God was broken-hearted over their disobedience. He knew they had sinned and ruined their friendship with Him. Because they disobeyed God, Adam and Eve had to leave the garden and were separated from God.

PLAY
(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

“Friends Stick Together”

HOW TO START:

- **Small Group ONLY:** Kids find a partner.
- **Large Group ONLY:** Divide kids into 4 teams. Choose 2 kids from each team to compete for their teams in round #1.
- Give one balloon to each pair.

HOW TO PLAY:

- Each pair must keep their balloon in the air by tapping it with their heads. Partners **MUST HOLD EACH OTHER’S HANDS** during entire round. If partners let go, they are out of the round.
- The team that keeps the balloon in the air the longest, wins the round and gets a chance to answer the question.
- Read the question to the winning team (see questions below).
- The team that answers the question correctly receives 100 points.

PLAY OPTIONS:

- **Small Group ONLY:** Continue all steps for the next 5 rounds.
- **Large Group ONLY:** Choose 2 new kids from each team to compete in round #2. Continue all steps for the remaining 5 rounds. Hand out prizes to all players and 2 prizes to the winning team (optional).

QUESTIONS:

- **Round #1 – What is God’s REWARD that He wants all of us to have? (friendship with Him)**
- **Round #2 – How can you and I become friends with God? (by accepting Jesus)**
- **Round #3 – What kinds of things do you think God does for His friends?**
- **Round #4 – What keeps people from being friends with God? (disobedience/sin)**
- **Round #5 – Name 5 things that describe a good friend?**
- **Round #6 – What is this month’s memory verse: Romans 6:23? (Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”)**

PLAN

(Group commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your kids to make a commitment for the upcoming week. Write out the options on the board and ask your kids to each choose what he/she will do. Ask Kids to share his/her commitment choice with a neighbor.

Commitment Options:

- **Ask someone how he/she became friends with God.**
- **Write out a prayer thanking God for His gift of friendship.**
- **Tell someone about the time you accepted Jesus into your heart.**

PRAYER

- **Hand out Prayer Cards.**
- **Ask Kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided.**
- **Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided.**
- **Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids.**
- **Close in prayer.**

Thank you God for asking us to be your friends. Please help us to understand how we can become friends with you by accepting Jesus into our hearts. Teach us what it means to be friends with you. Please help us to complete the things we committed to do this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen

Remember to...

- **Hand out the Map Books.**
- **Encourage kids to complete it at home with an adult and bring back next week!**