

ACCEPTS

The Reward for Everyone who ACCEPTS Christ is Heaven

REACH Lesson #3

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:

- Story Props (Optional)
- Paper and pencil/marker for each team to write guesses
- 4 brown lunch bags with items (see below)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid, on CD ROM)
- MAP Books (1 per kid, on CD ROM)

You will need to:

- Prepare Story Time
- Make copies of the MAP Books
- Make 4 bags. Place the following items (or pictures of the items) into the 4 brown lunch bags: Bag #1: a shirt, Bag #2: a ball, Bag #3: candy, Bag #4: AAA Prayer cards
- Make copies of the AAA Prayer sheets (1 per kid/master is at the end of this lesson)

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 the kids will understand and remember. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your story telling more memorable:

- Try using a marker to draw holes on your wrists when you say, "Look at the nail marks..."
- Use a blanket to cover yourself up when you say, "But those who have not seen me."

Jesus Appears to Thomas
(Paraphrased from John 20:24-29)

One of Jesus' followers named Thomas didn't believe Jesus had come back to life. Even though the other followers told Thomas they had seen Jesus, Thomas said, "I won't believe it until I see it for myself!" About a week after that Thomas and some other followers of Jesus were hanging out in a house when Jesus showed up. He stood in front of Thomas and said, "Look at the nail marks in my hands, see the wound in my side." To that Thomas replied, "Jesus! It's really you!" Then Jesus told him something incredible. Jesus told Thomas, "Because you have seen me, you now believe, but those who have not seen me like you have and still believe will surely be blessed."

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

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

"Guess the Gift"

How to Start:

- **Divide kids into 4 teams.**

How to Play:

- **Begin round #1**
- **Hold up bag #1 (with the shirt in it)**
- **Say, "Inside this bag is a gift. See if you can guess what it is."**
- **Tell the kids CLUE #1 (see clues below)**
- **Each team writes down what gift they think is in the bag**
- **Tell the kids CLUE #2**
- **Each team writes down what gift they think is in the bag now**
- **Tell the kids CLUE #3**
- **Each team writes down what gift they think is in the bag now**
- **Open BAG #1 and show the kids what is in the bag**
- **Continue all steps for bags 2, 3, and 4**
- **When you open BAG #4 say "JESUS" and give one AAA sheet to each kid**

Game Clues:

Bag #1 (The shirt)

- **Clue #1: This is something you wear**
- **Clue #2: This may or may not have buttons on it**
- **Clue #3: This covers the back of a boy or girl**

Bag #2 (The ball)

- **Clue #1: This is a type of toy**
- **Clue #2: This can come in all different shapes and sizes**
- **Clue #3: Different kinds of these are used in sports**

Bag #3 (The candy)

- **Clue #1: This is sweet**
- **Clue #2: Different kinds of this can be hard or soft**
- **Clue #3: This is bad for your teeth**

Bag #4 (JESUS – AAA Prayer sheets)

- **Clue #1: This is the greatest gift of all time**
- **Clue #2: God gives this gift to every single person**
- **Clue #3: If you accept this gift, you will become friends with God**

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 their commitment choice with a neighbor.

Commitment Options:

- **Read the AAA Salvation Prayer and think about accepting Jesus into your heart.**
- **Use wrapping paper to wrap a box, give the gift to an adult, and tell him/her it is a free gift from God.**
- **Memorize the words Admit, Ask, and Accept from the AAA Salvation Prayer.**

PRAYER

Salvation Prayer:

- **Read the 3 step prayer together off of the cards.**
- **Say: “Today we are going to pray together. If you want to accept Jesus today for the first time, you can by praying with me and believing it in your heart.”**
- **Ask: “Does anyone have any questions about ACCEPTING Jesus?”**
- **Pray the 3 step prayer together (use the words on the card).**
- **Say: “If you have accepted Jesus into your heart today, I would like you to tell me or your parents about your choice. I want to celebrate with you.”**
- **Kids fill out commitments and prayer requests.**
- **Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids.**

Remember to...

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

JESUS - The Greatest Gift
I can ACCEPT Jesus by praying the 3 step prayer

ADMIT

I ADMIT that I have disobeyed you God

ASK

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