

## *Faith is trusting Jesus alone to be saved!*

**Memory Verse:** I Corinthians 10:31 “So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

**Main Teaching:** Faith is trusting in Jesus alone to be saved. **Word Up:** Trust in Jesus Alone!

### Supplies:

- Word Up Visual – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “Jesus is the Good News” and “He is God” - Worship (Sing About the King 1 CD)
- Optional Song Visual for “Jesus is the Good News” (cefpress.com)
- Object Lesson – Piece of colored paper and pair of scissors
- Memory Verse Visual – Memory Verse (Resource Pack)
- Map of Kenya, Africa - Missionary Story
- Blindfold – Wonder Time
- Card with Romans 4:20-22 written out – Wonder Time
- Memory Verse Token I Corinthians 10:31 for each child – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

### Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Word Up / Worship
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Memory Verse
- 10 min – Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group Wonder Time

## INTRODUCTION

Living by faith—that isn’t as easy as it sounds. In today’s lesson you will share what living by faith looked like as God called Abram to follow Him. Help saved children see that they can trust in the Lord, who knows everything about them. The memory verse and *Wonder Time* will continue to build on what it means to live by faith every day. The Bible lesson is an **Evangelistic Doctrinal** lesson geared to help the unsaved children see that God provided a Savior through Abram’s family. As you share the Gospel throughout the lesson, help the children understand they must trust in Jesus alone for salvation. As you prepare this lesson, be encouraged that God cares for you and you can depend on the Holy Spirit to help you live by faith.

Concepts covered in this lesson include:

- **Salvation:** Faith vs. works—I can be saved if I trust what Christ did for me.
- **Man:** Glorifying God—I can glorify God by enjoying Him, loving Him, trusting Him and obeying His will, commands and law.
- **Bible:** Theme of Redemption—From the beginning to the end, the Bible tells of God’s plan to redeem people from sin and Satan.



## SMALL GROUP

**Name Game** “My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I like to \_\_\_\_\_”

Sit in a circle with your small group. One person starts telling their name and one fact about themselves. “My name is Laura and I like to play pickleball.” The group says “Her name is Laura and she likes pickleball”. After you have gone all around the circle, the leader can call out what a person likes and everyone has to say the name of the person that liked that and point to them. For example, if the leader says ‘pickleball’ the group would say “Laura” and point to me.

**WORSHIP**

*"Jesus is the Good News"*

*"He is God"*

**CLUB RULES****Up Rules**

"When you are driving in a car, why is it important to follow the traffic rules? You might crash, hurt someone etc. In Good News Club it is important to have rules too. That way everyone can learn about Jesus and have fun, and no one gets hurt." If you know the rules for the school you are in, you can use those, or you can use the Up Rules. Take some time to go over each rule and role play what the proper behavior for each rule looks like.

**WORD UP!**

**"Trust in Jesus Alone"**

Who do you trust when you are afraid? Who do you trust to help you with your homework? (Allow responses.) There are different people in our lives who we trust in different situations, but there is only one you can trust to save you from your sins—He is the Lord Jesus. When you hear one of your teachers say "Word Up!" in club today, shout **"Trust in Jesus alone!"** (Say with children.)

**OBJECT LESSON****Paper Gospel**

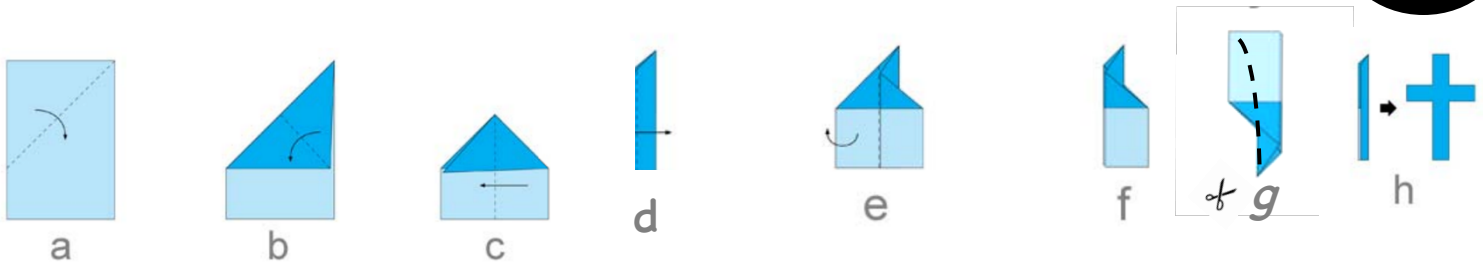
Materials:

- Piece of Paper (colored paper is best)
- Scissors

What you do:

With the piece of paper, you will perform a series of folds and cuts to tell the Gospel story. The paper will take on the shape of a house, airplane, rocket, and finally a cross. Follow the figures below and watch the YouTube to learn how to fold the paper to make each item. Practice this illustration a few times before presenting at club.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13gFOX7cKnc&t=2s>) or go YouTube and search Crossroads Church Paper Gospel



What you say:

Did you know that Jesus came to rescue you? I want to tell you a little bit more about that today, and all I'm going to need is a piece of paper. (Begin to make folds as shown in image A and B as you talk.) In God's true Word the Bible, we learn that Jesus wants to make his heart your home (paper should now look like a house). That's right – He wants to rescue you from your problem of sin so that He can live within you and save you from that sin. Sin is anything we think, see, say, or do that makes God sad or breaks His laws. Sin can be something like lying to your mom about taking some money out of her wallet, or even thinking something mean about someone in your class at school. We all sin – I sin, you sin, your mom and dad sin. The Bible says "For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23) And that sin separates us from God, because God is holy which means perfect.

God is the Creator. He made everything. He made every animal and all of the plants. His most special creation is you. God loves you and I so much, and He had a perfect plan to rescue us from that problem of sin. In fact, when Jesus left this earth, He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." That place is heaven, and heaven is where God lives. God wants to have a relationship with us right now, and someday, when our life here on earth is done, we can go live with God in heaven.

God could've chosen to rescue us from our problem of sin in many different ways. He could've done something like this...(Begin to make folds as shown in Image C, D, and E). God could've chosen an airplane to bring us to heaven! He could've picked all of His people up on an airplane and flown us straight up into heaven...ZOOM! That would've been an awesome way to rescue us, right? But, that's not what God did. He could've done something else...(Begin to make folds as shown in Image F and make the cut shown in Image G. After cutting, unfold to reveal the rocket shape.). He could've sent a rocket ship. I don't know about you, but I would LOVE to get on the heaven rocket ship that takes me up to heaven! 5...4...3...2...1...BLASTOFF!! Wow – that would've been awesome! But, did God send a rocket ship? No – He sent something much better.

You see, God, in His perfect plan from the moment Adam and Eve sinned, had a plan to rescue us. It wasn't an airplane, and it wasn't a rocket...it was even better. (Begin to unfold paper as shown in Image H to reveal the cross.) When I unfold my paper, it makes a cross! This was the one and only way for us to get to heaven. God sent His son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and rescue us from that problem of sin. Jesus is God the Son. He came to earth as a baby, but He was different than the other kids. He never did anything wrong. When He grew up there were some mean men that didn't like Jesus and they took Him and nailed him to a cross. That day Jesus gave His perfect blood to take the punishment for our sins. But Jesus didn't stay dead. Three days later Jesus came back to life. And now He is up in Heaven preparing a place for those who believe in Him. The Bible says "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31) That means that if we admit we have sinned, believe that Jesus really did die on the cross and come back alive again after 3 days, and choose to follow Him, we can be saved! We can be rescued from the punishment of sin. Jesus will be with you here on earth, and

you will get to live in heaven with Him some day when your life on earth is done. What about you? Have you ever decided to follow Jesus and make your heart His home? Everyone, bow your head and close your eyes. If you have never believed in Jesus and would like to talk to someone about doing that for the very first time today, please show me by raising your hand. If you raised your hand, meet me in the back and I'll show you from God's Word the Bible how you can be saved.



## MEMORY VERSE

*"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."  
(1 Corinthians 10:31)*

### INTRODUCTION

Raise your hand if you have ever seen an awards program. (*Allow response.*) When a name is called, everyone claps while the winner walks to the stage to accept the award. Sometimes the winner brags, "Look at me! I'm so great!" But other times a winner will say something like, "Thank you. God helped me to do this well." Using our words is one way you can bring honor or glory to God. You can also honor God by the way you act. The Holy Spirit can help you be like Jesus and bring glory to God in all you do. That is what our memory verse is about.

### PRESENTATION

(Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 from Bible, then from visual with children.) The Bible is God's Word. It is what He wants us to know. We call it "inspired" because God is the author of the Bible. That's why we call the Bible God's Word. God spoke through men who then wrote down what He wanted them to write. One of the men was a man named Paul. He wrote letters to help the first followers of Jesus know how to live for Him. Paul wrote nine letters to churches in different cities. If you lived in Corinth, you would be called a Corinthian. That is why this letter is called Corinthians. When you see a number one before a book of the Bible, you say "first." If there's a first, then there is also a second. Our verse is 1 Corinthians chapter 10, verse 31. That is the address of the verse so that we will know where to find it in the Bible. Let's say the address in a whisper; next in a really loud voice; and again, in a normal voice. When I want to find this verse where should I look in the Bible? (say the address together)

### EXPLANATION

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do*—In everything you do, even when you are eating breakfast, riding your bike or doing your homework!

*do all to the glory of God*—When you do things in a way that pleases God you show everyone else how wonderful and important you think God is. This verse says you can give God glory with your actions every day.

### APPLICATION

**Saved:** If you have trusted in Jesus to save you from sin, you can live in a way that glorifies God and shows others how wonderful He is. When you are eating, you can be thankful for your food and not complain. When you are doing your homework, you can do your best even if the assignment is hard to understand. When you are riding your bike, you can glorify God by obeying your parents—like by wearing your helmet and not going places they have told you not to go. God the Holy Spirit lives in you and will help you. **Depend on the Holy Spirit to help you live by faith every day** in a way that will please God.

**Unsaved:** Maybe you haven't trusted in Jesus to save you and you live every day to bring glory to yourself instead of God, who deserves all the glory. When you put your faith in Jesus alone to save you, your sin will be forgiven and you can start living your life to bring glory to God. (Say **"Word Up"**) **"Trust in Jesus alone!"** (Say with children.)

## REPETITION

### "Verse in Motion"

Have the children help you make up motions for the verse, one part at a time. After each motion repeat the verse, adding new motions as you go. Suggested motions if the children need help or if you wish to use the motions that correspond with the song videos are below.

*So, whether you eat* (bring fingers to mouth)

*or drink* (bring imaginary glass to mouth)

*or whatever you do* (spread arms, palms up)

*do all to the glory of God* (raise arms to God)

**Sing Memory Verse Song** – *"Do All to the Glory of God"*

## ACTIVITY

### Know Your Leader Pointing Game

Go around the room and introduce all of the volunteers. Say a leader's name, and everyone points to them. If your club is small, you can do this with everyone. Say the names faster and faster to keep the kids engaged.

## MISSIONS STORY

### What is a Missionary?

Does anyone know what a missionary is? A missionary is someone who tells other people about Jesus.

Sometimes missionaries go to a different country to tell others about Jesus. They have to learn a new language, learn a new culture, and meet lots of new people. If you moved to a new country, what are some new things you would need to learn? (How to speak and read the language, how to get around town, how to cook new food, how people in that country worship God.)

A missionary doesn't have to move to a new place to tell people about Jesus. If you have believed in Jesus, you can tell other people about Him right where you are. How many of you can think of someone who doesn't know Jesus? Could you tell them that Jesus loves them or invite them to Good News Club?

Each week we are going to learn about a child named Adhiambo (Ah-thee-AHM-bo). She lived in Kenya. Does anyone know where Kenya is? It is in East Africa (Show Kenya on a map.) I wonder what language Adhiambo speaks. I wonder what she eats. I wonder if she goes to school and what she does for fun. What is life like for a little girl in Kenya, East Africa? You will have to come back next week to find out!



## SMALL GROUP / WONDER TIME

## "Living by Faith"

(Choose a child, blindfold him, hand him a Bible and ask him to read Romans 4:20-22.) Why can't he read what it says? (Allow response.) He can't see! (Take the blindfold off and have him sit back down.) Reading the Bible without depending on the Holy Spirit is like reading it with a blindfold on. The Holy Spirit helps you understand what God's Word says. You can have faith every day that the Holy Spirit will help you know what the Bible means.

Listen to these verses about Abram. These are the same verses I asked (*child's name*) to read. (Read Romans 4:20-22.) Abram was living by faith. Living by faith every day means that you know what God has said in His Word and you are sure it is true. You know that what God promises, He will do. You can **depend on the Holy Spirit to help you live by faith every day**. One way He helps you do this is by helping you understand the Bible. Every day when you read the Bible, you can also talk to God in prayer, asking Him to help you live by faith.

Say "Word Up!" "Trust in Jesus alone!" (Say with children.)

What is something you have to trust God for? Maybe it is something you are waiting for, or something you are worried about. (Have kids share.) Pray about those things.

## DISMISSAL

Hand out memory verse token for I Corinthians 10:31 to each child and encourage them to memorize the verse and bring the token back completed next week. Remind the kids to be quick to forgive others this week and to thank God for showing us mercy.

Ask if there is a friend they would like to invite to Good News Club next week. Give them registration forms to share.