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LET'S GO! BACK TO SCHOOL - SAMPLE LESSON

WEEK 2: SEEK GOD

BIBLE: 1 Chronicles 16:11 – *“Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.”*

BOTTOM LINE: God wants us to love Him AND to know Him.

SUPPLIES

- Week 2 PPT
- Copies of Activity Sheets
- Crayons/pencils
- Small magnifying glass

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WELCOME

Welcome to Week 2 of our series called, “Let’s Go! Back to School.”

This week, every time I say, “back to school,” I want you to shout **LET’S GO!**

Why? Because I want you to be excited about going back to school! **(LET’S GO!)**

I’m sure that most of you have started getting your back-to-school **(LET’S GO!)** supplies and your back-to-school **(LET’S GO!)** clothes.

So... you’re almost ready to go back to school! **(LET’S GO!)**

Let’s start by going over some guidelines that will help us have an awesome day together...

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Unless we ask you to stand up, please stay in your seats.
- We will give you time to talk, but when a leader is talking, please listen.
- We want to keep your personal items safe, so keep your phones, toys, and fidget toys under your seat.
- And most of all, we want to take a moment to pray and ask God to help us learn something about Him that we've never known before.

If you don't know God at all, today will be your day to hear who He is.

Ask a leader or student to open in prayer.

WORSHIP

This would be a great time to open with a time of praise and worship.

OFFERING

Encourage students to give their offering willingly and with a grateful heart.

LESSON

Last week, we talked about how going back to school **(LET'S GO!)** is an opportunity to show God's love to those you see every day.

We also learned that as you give God's love to others, God keeps filling you with His love, which is pretty awesome!

You will never run out of God's love in your life.

God's love is amazing!

How many of you have someone who loves you?

Wait for responses from students.

Ask: Do the people who love you, know you or are they strangers?

Wait for responses from students.

If someone loves you, but doesn't know you, that's kind of weird.

I mean, imagine if some strange person at school walked up to you and said, "I LOVE YOU!"

That might be a little creepy!

So, let me ask you this... do you love God? *Wait for responses.*

But do you KNOW God?

And why is that important? *Allow students to respond.*

God wants us to love Him AND to know Him.

BOTTOM LINE

In fact, our bottom line today is - God wants us to love Him AND to know Him.

We should *seek* after God.

The word “seek” means to look for or search out with the hope to find something or someone.

So, let’s talk about SEEKING God.

If you have given your heart and life to God, and accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then you have FOUND God.

He wasn’t lost.

You were.

Think about this.

Have you ever been shopping at a store and gotten separated from your parents?

Does anyone want to tell me about a time when you were lost?

Wait for responses from students.

When you get lost in a store, you are looking for people to help you find your parents.

Maybe it’s a person that works there, or a security guard, but you need help to find your family because you are lost.

And as you are seeking to find your parents, they are looking for you too!

They want to find you and they appreciate the people who are trying to help you get back to them.

When you are reunited with your parents, then you are FOUND.

Can you see how that is very similar to seeking God?

God was never lost, but once you find Him, then YOU are found!

BIBLE VERSE

Our Bible Verse today is in **1 Chronicles 16:11**.

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Seeking God means that you are trying to learn more about Him, spend time with Him, and know Him better.

We seek God by reading the Bible (God's Word), praying and talking to God, and worshipping Him.

As you seek God, it changes the way you look at things because you start to see things the way God sees them – and He can see a lot more than we can!

ILLUSTRATION

Ask a volunteer to help with a quick illustration.

Have the small magnifying glass on hand.

Talk to the student: Have you ever seen a magnifying glass?

Have you ever used one before?

Wait for volunteer to respond.

Magnifying glasses are kind of cool to play with.

You can look at the ground and see bugs, or to look and see the really small parts of the inside of a flower.

I'm going to show you something, and I want you to read it by using your magnifying glass.

Show this paper to the volunteer and have them read this tiny print using their magnifying glass.

When you seek God, He shows you things that you wouldn't be able to see without His help!

Great job! You can sit back down. Thank you for your help!

Just like a magnifying glass helps you see things that you couldn't see without it, God shows you things you couldn't see without Him.

That is why you must seek Him.

Things like... how to know what is right and wrong.

He gives you wisdom in situations when you don't know what to do.

He can show you that something might be dangerous or give you a *feeling* that says not to go someplace or do something.

How? Because God knows everything!

I don't know about you, but I don't know ANYONE who knows EVERYTHING, besides God.

So, because God knows everything, we can trust Him to show us what we need to know.

Today, before we break into small groups, I want us to name a few more ways that we can SEEK God.

Allow the students a few more minutes to come up with ways to get to know God and then close in prayer.



SMALL GROUPS: LOWER ELEMENTARY

SUPPLIES

- Week 1 Activity Sheets
- Pencils/Crayons
- Small magnifying glass

SAY: Today, we've been talking about Seeking God—looking to Him every day for everything we need, learning more about who God is, and getting to know Him.

We're going to start our small group time by doing an Activity and then talking about it.

Hand out Week 2 Activity Sheets and pencils/crayons.

Read the instructions to students:

Have you ever thought about what God looks like?

Draw a picture of what you think God would be like.

Give students a few minutes to draw pictures and then allow them to share what they have drawn and explain it.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY

Instruct the students to sit in a circle and have the small magnifying glass on hand.

SAY: We're going to play a quick game of "I Spy" with a little bit of a twist.

I'm going to hand this magnifying glass to someone and then I will say a number.

You will pass the magnifying glass around the circle while we count to the number that I said before the game started.

When we get to the number, you will stop passing the magnifying glass.

The person holding the magnifying glass will look around the room, choose an object, and say, "I spy something (and name a color)..."

And then we will go around the circle, each person guessing what object they think the person has "spied."

If we go all the way around the circle and no one has guessed correctly, then the person holding the magnifying glass will reveal what the object was and take another turn "spying" something.

Only allow the “spy-er” to take two turns in a row or the students might begin to lose interest in the activity.

If someone guesses correctly, then I will say another number and we will begin to pass the magnifying glass again.

Play as many rounds as you would like, or until the Upper Elementary groups have finished their activity.



SMALL GROUPS: UPPER ELEMENTARY

SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Week 1 Activity Sheets
- Pencils/Crayons

SAY: Today, we've been talking about Seeking God—looking to Him every day for everything we need, learning more about who God is, and getting to know Him.

We're going to start our small group time by doing an Activity and then talking about it.

Hand out Week 2 Activity Sheets and pencils/crayons.

Read the instructions to students:

Have you ever thought about what God looks like?

Draw a picture of what you think God would be like.

Give students a few minutes to draw pictures and then allow them to share what they have drawn and explain it.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

Say: Did you know that the Bible tells us a lot about what God looks like?

Let's read the following verses to get a picture of who God is.

1. *John 1:18* Who has seen God?

No one has seen God... except for Jesus.

2. *Matthew 5:8* Who will see God?

The pure in heart.

3. *Hebrews 1:3* Who reflects God's glory?

Jesus.

4. *Exodus 33:20* What did God tell Moses about looking at Him?

No man shall see Me, and live.

5. *Revelation 1:14* How does the Book of Revelation describe God?

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

Ask students to look again at the pictures they drew of God.

After reading the Bible verses, would they have drawn their picture differently?

Ask for responses from students.

Take a minute to close in prayer, asking God to help us seek Him with all our hearts.