

Believe on Jesus, God the Son, to save you from sin!

Memory Verse: John 3:36 “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

Main Teaching: Believe on Jesus, God the Son, to save you from sin! **Word Up:** Believe God’s Promises

Supplies:

- Word Up Visual – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “Let’s Get Started” and “Jesus is the Good News” - Worship (Sing About the King 4 CD)
- Optional Song Visuals for “Let’s Get Started” and “Jesus is the Good News” (cefpres.com)
- Religious Color Your Own Slap Bracelet or Religious paper bracelet for each child – Small Group (Oriental Trading)
- Markers for the slap bracelets – Small Group
- Tape Measure – Object Lesson
- Memory Verse Visual – Memory Verse (Resource Pack)
- White Paper for snowballs (about one per child - Activity)
- Memory Verse Token John 3:36 for each child – Dismissal (Resource

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

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



SMALL GROUP

Trust God Slap Bracelets

Give each child a slap bracelet or paper bracelet and markers to color. If using the paper bracelet, have them write “Trust God” on the bracelet. Talk about ways they can trust God as they color their bracelets.

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to <https://www.cefcmi.com/lessons/song-demos>

“Let’s Get Started”

“Jesus is the Good News”

CLUB RULES

Review the Up Rules reminding the kids that following the rules helps everyone be able to feel safe and learn. If there is a particular rule the children are having trouble with, do a skit to highlight that rule and why it is important.

**WORD UP!****“Believe God’s Promises!”**

God always keeps His promises. We can trust that if the Bible says God will do something, He will do it. Even though you can’t be perfect like God, if you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, you should try to keep your promises too. Do what you say you are going to do so people will know they can depend on you because you speak the truth. If you tell a friend you will help them, make time to help them – even if something more fun comes up and you are tempted to cancel on your friend that needs help. We can know that God always keeps His promises. Word Up – “Believe God’s Promises”!

OBJECT LESSON**Tape Measure Eternal Life**

I’m going to need two helpers today. (Choose helpers that won’t let the tape measure snap back in.) Can you hold the end of this tape measure? Your friend is going to hold the other end and start walking away, stretching out the tape measure. Wow, that is a really long tape measure. Now show us where the one inch mark is. That is a really small distance. That one inch is going to represent 100 years. Some people can live on earth up to 100 years. Some people don’t live on earth that long, and some live here a little longer. But you can see that that is just a little tiny portion of life. The Bible says we have eternal life. Life that goes on forever and ever – even after our life on earth is done. Imagine the tape measure just keeps going and going forever. That is what it would be like to have eternal life. Our Bible verse today is going to tell us what we need to do to be prepared for eternal life.

**MEMORY VERSE**

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall now see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” (John 3:36)

INTRODUCTION

What are some promises people make? (*Allow response.*) People don’t always keep their promises but God does! Do you know any promises God has made? (*Allow response and share a few promises that mean a lot to you.*) Everything God says is true! Our verse today tells us something God promises will happen.

PRESENTATION

(*Read John 3:36 from Bible and have children follow along on visual.*) Last week you learned the first four books of the New Testament. Say them with me again. (*Say with children.*) Later in John’s life he became a leader of those who believed on Jesus. God also used John to write about the life of Jesus. God also used John to write three other smaller books of the Bible—we call them First, Second and Third John. These books are part of God’s true Word, the Bible. Then John wrote one more book in the Bible called Revelation that tells about what will happen in the future. God has kept the Bible safe for thousands of years so we can learn from it today about Jesus. We have learned John 3:16-17. Now we’re going to look at a verse a little bit further in the book of John. John 3:36. (*Say verse with children from visual.*)

EXPLANATION

Whoever believes in the Son—This verse is talking about anyone who chooses to believe (trust completely) that Jesus is God's Son who died for sins.

has eternal life—When you choose to believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, your sin is forgiven and you receive eternal life. Eternal life is a new life that begins now and will continue forever with God.

whoever does not obey the Son—This part of the verse talks about anyone who refuses to believe that Jesus is God the Son, who died for sins.

shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him—Anyone who chooses not to believe in the Lord Jesus as his Savior will not be forgiven for his sins. He is separated from God now and instead of going to Heaven, he'll be forever separated from God in a place of punishment. When you believe in Jesus, you won't be separated from God but will have new life that starts now and lasts forever!

APPLICATION

Saved: If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, then God has kept His promise and given you eternal life! That means you are not separated from Him but instead you have a close relationship with Him. God keeps His other promises too. If you have believed in Jesus, **believe what God has promised you in His Word.** Spend time reading God's Word so you can find other awesome promises God has for you. You can trust He will keep His promises.

Unsaved: If you have not believed in Jesus as your Savior, this verse has a promise in it for you but only if you do something first. What does this verse say you need to do? (*Allow response.*) You need to believe. If you believe, what does God say He will do? (*Allow response.*) He promises to give eternal life. God always keeps His promises! Have you believed in Jesus as your Savior? Will you believe today?

INVITATION

The Bible says in John 3:36 "*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.*" When you believe in Jesus, trusting that He died on the cross for your sins and came alive again, you will have eternal life with God forever and ever. You will start a friendship with Him right now that will go on and on with Him in Heaven someday. Will you turn from your sin and believe in the Lord Jesus today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you believed in Jesus for the very first time today, or you want to talk to someone more about doing that, please show me by raising your hand. If you raised your hand, please meet me (*designate location*) and I'll show you more from God's Word how you can have eternal life.

REPETITION**Crazy Phrases**

Divide the class into three or four groups. Assign each group a section of the memory verse. Point to groups one at a time to recite their section. After each group says their section a few times, assign them an action to do while saying it. Suggested actions: snap your fingers, turn in circles, whisper, etc. Repeat the verse several times, changing each time so each group gets to say each section and do each action.)

MISSIONS STORY

Guess who you can tell about Jesus?

Every week in club you learn more and more about Jesus. But many people—adults and boys and girls—don't know who Jesus is. They haven't heard about Him. Even though they don't know Jesus, He knows them and cares about them. Turn to the person next to you and say the names of two or three people you could tell about Jesus. *(Allow a few seconds for children to talk.)* An easy way to tell people about Jesus is to tell them the memory verses we have learned (John 3:16-17, 3:36). Let's see how you could tell someone about Jesus using John 3:16. *(Hold up verse visual for John 3:16, talk through it phrase by phrase and have children tell you how they could explain the phrases to tell someone about Jesus.)*

For God so loved the world—God loves everyone in the world! He made you and loves you.

that he gave his only Son—God's Son is Jesus. Jesus is perfect and never sinned. He was born as the Savior. Jesus died on the cross and came alive again so you can be forgiven of your sins.

that whoever believes in Him—whoever trusts completely in Jesus.

should not perish—Because you and I have thought, said and done things that do not please God (sin), we deserve to be punished by being separated from God forever. But when you believe in Jesus, you will not be punished!

but have eternal life—Instead of being away from God you can be close to God now on Earth and forever with Him in Heaven!

God, who is omnipotent (all powerful), can help you tell your friends and family about Jesus. Will you ask God to help you tell someone about Him this week?

ACTIVITY

Snowball Fight

Materials: White Printer Paper

How to Play: Give each child 1-2 pieces of paper and have them crumple it up into a ball. Divide the kids into two teams and have each team move to opposite sides of the room. Decide on a line for the middle of the room and mark it with masking tape or an object on the floor. (You can make a "no man's land" in the middle if you want to separate the teams more.) Using the paper balls as "snowballs," kids will throw the snowballs to the other side of the room when music is playing. As soon as you stop the music, all kids must FREEZE. (Kids who do not freeze are OUT, and must sit out of the game for the next round.) Once kids freeze, have each team count up how many snowballs there are on their side of the room. Whichever side has LESS snowballs on their side of the room wins! Start the music back up and continue playing.



SMALL GROUP / WONDER TIME

“God’s Promises for You”

When Jesus turned the water into wine, He was showing that He is almighty God and has power over the world He created. When He healed the man’s son, He was showing He is God the Son, who has power over sickness and death. In this case, it was God’s will to heal the boy. God has not promised to heal everyone but He has promised to be with those who have believed on Jesus as Savior, and help us.

(Read Hebrews 13:5b-6a then show children how they can use their hands to remember these promises:

Have the children hold up their left hand, fingers outstretched, as they say the phrase “Jesus will never leave me.” Have them put down one finger per word, starting with the pinky. When they get to “me” have them point their thumbs to themselves. Have them hold up their right hand for the phrase “The Lord is my helper.” Have them put down one finger per word as before but for the word “helper” have them give a “thumbs up.”)

Whatever Jesus promises, He will do—you can count on it! Say with me, **“Believe God’s promises!”** (Say with children.) Jesus is God. God always speaks the truth—God cannot lie because He is holy. (*Titus 1:2.*) God speaks to you and me through His Word, the Bible. This week as you spend time with God, look for promises in God’s Word that are for you. You can even make a list of the special promises you find. Next week we’d love to hear about promises you found in God’s Word. When you have your Quiet Time, also remember to pray and talk to God about the promises you find in His Word. Thank Him that you can trust what He says is true. If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, **believe what God has promised you in His Word.** (Close in prayer, thanking God that you can trust what He says.)

DISMISSAL

Hand out memory verse token to each child and encourage them to memorize the verse and bring the token back completed next week. Remind the kids that Jesus has promised he will never leave them.