

Doing What Jesus Did

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Introduction

Our kids have never been more distracted: smartphones, cartoons, music, social pressure from peers at younger ages, and endless advertising. After a decade of youth ministry and another decade of raising my own children, I'm convinced that they are desperate for something real. It has been our experience that when you equip a child with the practical ways to live what Jesus said we could, they passionately engage with great faith; and notable miracles happen.

This resource is for you. Whether you're a parent, a teacher, or a weekend volunteer, we pray this resource will help you teach all of the kids in your circle of influence that they are not too little to make a big impact in their world.

"Doing What Jesus Did" was authored by teachers and evangelists, John and Sonja Decker. Over many years of traveling the world, they created resources that were practical, proven, and cross-cultural. Many reported astonishing miracles as a result of responding in simple faith to the truths from the Bible distilled in these lessons.

Through this ministry journey, we began to notice that many young people who were present in the training sessions were eager to participate. After witnessing many miracles manifesting through young children, we again realized that God is no 'respector of persons' and will work through any willing participant.

The resource you're now holding is an adaptation of training people to operate in the power of the Holy Spirit, specifically designed for children ages 6 - 12.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

1. Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ
2. Preparation in Prayer
3. Leading People to Christ
4. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
5. Hearing from God
6. Healing the Sick
7. Preaching the Full Gospel

PREREQUISITES:

It is strongly recommended that every teacher, parent, and volunteer take the adult practicum course Doing What Jesus Did online www.ministrytraining.org/course.

HELPFUL MATERIALS:

1. Children's Doing What Jesus Did Practicum notes.
2. Bibles for all students.
3. Paper and pencils or pens.
4. Optional helpful materials for bible memorization:
 - Fake money
 - Candy
 - Small dollar store prizes
 - Stickers
 - Bookmarks (or just a printed copy) of the Bible verses to be memorized throughout the week.

LESSON OUTLINE:

Each lesson should follow a similar outline... but first and foremost, be led by the Holy Spirit.

1. Start off with prayer. Look at "Preparation in Prayer" and follow along with the practicum portion of the lesson.
2. Begin the lesson by briefly introducing the topic to be taught.
3. Share one personal story.
4. Pick some kids from the audience to participate in an interactive skit, led by the teacher, and acted out by the children.
5. The entire group should practice memorizing the verse together.
6. Discuss the remainder of the verses. The verses can be used to teach biblical truths to your specific group of kids. Pray and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you as you teach.
 - Depending on the age of your audience, you may need to explain some terms (ex. trespasses, righteousness...).
 - Currently, for all bible verses found in this course, we use NLT.
7. Introduce the practicum.
8. After talking through what practicum time will look like, give an example using a child from the audience to show how it should look.
9. Break into groups, practicing the skill covered.
10. Save a little time at the end for a couple kids to go up to the front, to share about what God did.
11. Assign memory verses to be completed during the week.

Personal Relationship With Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is God's plan of redemption for everyone who believes in Him as Savior. Before beginning the Doing What Jesus Did children's practicum lessons it is important to give the children participating the opportunity to give their lives to Jesus. We acknowledge that some kids may not have made that decision, or may not have fully grasped what they have committed to when they confessed their faith in Jesus. We want every child to have the same starting place by being a follower of Jesus.

Just like King Josiah in the Bible, we believe God is calling out this next generation to live a life of whole-hearted devotion to Him. A life completely surrendered and submitted to God. The kind of devotion that realizes distractions for what they are, and wickedness for what it is, and refuses anything less than God's best.

Because of this, we feel that before we even touch on HOW to live like Jesus did, we have to teach them about what kind of life they are really agreeing to live for when they say "yes" to Jesus.

A child can spot "fake" miles away, and they are desperately looking for something real. As leaders we MUST live what we are teaching each child. We don't say this to condemn anyone, rather to remind us of our own purpose and call. After all, the kind of devotion King Josiah had, God is calling all of us to live. Let's begin to live it, for our children's sake.

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

I know about the best adventure you could ever have. This adventure is filled with mysteries to be solved, mountains to climb, friendships to be made, and giants to defeat. Choosing to accept this adventure will literally be the best choice you could ever make, and will lead you through a better life than you could even imagine.

Tell one or two stories of kids just like them, living for God, and the adventures they are having...

Briefly tell a couple more stories of kids in the Bible who God used to do something great. (David, Daniel, Miriam, Girl with Naaman, etc...)

Gospel message and Salvation Call

Teacher: Refer to “Preaching the Full Gospel Practicum” on page 36 for a guideline on how to present the gospel message.

FOCUS: God wants ALL of your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Preparation in Prayer

Start out with a few examples of times in your (the teacher) own life where you prayed, where you talked and listened to God, and what happened because of that.

WHAT PRAYER IS:

Prayer isn't complicated, but sometimes we can make it that way. The Bible gives us a really clear way to pray! Simply put, prayer is talking AND listening to God. Just like in a relationship with your parent, sibling, or friend, you have to have both parts (talking and listening) to have a real relationship. It would be really weird if you did all the talking when you went to hang out with a friend! It would also be really weird if you couldn't talk at all because your friend did all the talking! God is real, and WANTS a relationship with us, and that happens through communication.

WHY WE PRAY:

1. We pray so we can partner with God and what He wants to do in our lives, and the lives of the people around us.
2. We talk to God because He cares about what we are going through, and wants us to take all our good and bad, all our happy feelings, hurt feelings, and worried feelings to Him. No matter how you are feeling or what is going on in your life, God loves you, hears you, and cares about you.
3. We listen to God so we know what He wants! Would you know what your mom wants you to do, if you didn't take time to listen?

HOW WE PRAY:

Motive behind prayer:

Matthew 6:5-6 "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."

Matthew 6:7-15 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him! Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

*This is an outline that God gave us. Because it is an outline, that doesn't mean every time you pray you have to follow it exactly word for word.

Preparation in Prayer Practicum

As a whole group, set aside time now to pray through each item below. Through all the rest of the ministry skills, begin by going through this practicum. This is a chance to allow the Holy Spirit to lead and to get our hearts right with God. Depending on your group, it may work best to have everyone praying aloud at once, with the teacher leading through each bullet point, or it may work to pick a child for each topic to pray as everyone else follows along in agreement.

- 1. CONNECT with God** *“Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy.”*
 - When we pray this, we are saying who God is. God is holy. There is no one else like God. He alone is to be honored.
 - We connect with God by focusing on Him, thanking Him for what He has done, and praising Him for who He is.
 - *Psalm 100:4-5 “Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation.”*
 - *Psalm 95:2 “Let us come to Him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to Him.”*
- 2. REMEMBER that God is in charge** *“May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”*
 - God is powerful, and His ways are the best. When a leader at church or a teacher at school gives you the rules, you follow them, right? Why? Because they are in charge, and they want the best for you. The same is true of God... He is in charge and everything belongs to God. When we pray this way, we remember and declare that God has a kingdom, and His plans are better than ours.
 - Take spiritual authority over the room in Jesus’ name. Silence any spirit other than the Holy Spirit, and then yield to the control of the Holy Spirit over your life, the atmosphere and your time together.
- 3. CONFESS to God** *“Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”*
 - All of us have done something that disobeys what God has asked of us. Because of that, Jesus teaches us to ask for forgiveness. We confess our sin to God so we can be forgiven and clean. When we ask God to forgive our sins, He takes them completely away! They are gone. How cool is that!
 - *Psalm 139:23-24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.”*
 - *1 John 1:8-9 “If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts.”*
- 4. LIVE for God** *“And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”*
 - Put on the Lord Jesus Christ: *Romans 13:14 “Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don’t let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.”*
 - Put on God’s armor: *Ephesians 6:10-18 “A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against*

evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

- Use God's weapons: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 *"We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ."*

5. RESPOND to God:

- Take a moment to listen to what God is saying to you now in the quietness of your heart. Write it down, respond with obedience. Feel free to share with a leader if you are unsure you are hearing from God, or if you would just like someone to pray with you.

Additional notes and suggestions

In subsequent lessons, there will be many opportunities for the kids to memorize Scripture. For this lesson, we are doing it a little different. Because we recommend doing the prayer practicum at the beginning of every lesson, we feel the kids will begin to memorize most of the verses in this lesson due to repetition.

Leading People to Christ

(Join the BEST Adventure!)

As believers in Jesus, we know what it feels like to be forgiven and free from sin. Our life with Jesus doesn't stop there! Jesus calls all of us to share our God story with others, so they can know the same freedom and joy we do!

In a future lesson kids will learn how to preach the full gospel. This lesson is different in that today the kids are practicing how to share their story: how God changed their own lives! It is important to know how to do both preaching the full gospel and share their own personal God story.

In this curriculum, each lesson is designed as follows:

1. Teaching
 - Stories
 - Bible Memorization
2. Practicum
3. Additional notes and suggestions

Teaching

Start each lesson by going through the practicum portion of "Preparation in Prayer".

Stories:

Personal Story:

1. Start off this lesson with a story from your own life. These lessons will be hard to teach properly unless you, the teacher, are living it yourselves. Some components to consider including:
 - Talk about when you were a child, or a story of a child you know.
 - The story should talk about leading someone to Christ.
 - Include the truth that God wants all of you, your whole heart.
 - God uses us to help others believe in Jesus and be saved.
 1. Acts 8:29-30, 35-38
2. Repeat these truths throughout the teaching:
 - **We were all born as sinners in need of a Savior.**
 - **God sent Jesus to die for our sins.**
 - **God raised Jesus from the dead.**
 - **God has given us new life because of Jesus.**
 - **Because of Jesus, we can be close to God.**
 - **The Holy Spirit gives us POWER to be a witness.**
 - **We share what Jesus did out of love and compassion for others.**
 - **Jesus asks us to share our faith with others.**
 - **Being baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit is the next step.**

Bible Story:

1. Interactive Skit- Prodigal Son- Luke 15:11-32
 - Act out the story of the prodigal son using kids in the audience.
 - Points to include:
 1. God designed us, He knows us best!

2. We can try to live life without Him, but our life would never be the best that it could be.
3. *Psalm 103:11-12 "He does not punish us for all our sins; He does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For His unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth."*
4. What happened in the son's heart when he got to his lowest point?
5. What did the father do when his son came back?
6. What was happening with the eldest son while all of this was going on?
7. How can we sometimes act like the older son?
8. No matter how far away we are from God, He is ALWAYS waiting for us with open arms because He loves us!

Bible Memorization:

We believe strongly that the BEST foundation will be laid for our kids to grow up loving Jesus and doing what He says, by storing up the Word of God in their hearts. We encourage you to get creative with bible memorization. For ideas, see notes at the end of this lesson. Memorizing Scripture builds perseverance and character, all while storing up the Word in their hearts. There will be one "key" verse to memorize in class, and will give the leaders the opportunity to show "how" to memorize. The rest of the verses can be memorized as extra credit (with a prize for completion) during the week, or whatever works best for you. The verses to memorize are found below, and are organized into sections based on topic:

Memorize in class: *Romans 10:9 "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

The Gospel is Good News

1. We were all born as sinners in need of a Savior.

- *Romans 5:12 "When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."*

2. God sent Jesus to die for our sins.

- *Acts 4:12 "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."*
- *Isaiah 53:5-6 "But He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all."*

3. God raised Jesus from the dead.

- *Romans 10:9 "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*
- *Romans 6:9 "We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and He will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him."*

4. God has given us new life because of Jesus.

- *Romans 8:11 "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."*

- *Romans 6:4-8 “For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with Him in his death, we will also be raised to life as He has. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him.”*
- *Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10 “But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)... God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”*

5. Because of Jesus, we can be close to God.

- *2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 20 “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’”*
- *1 John 1:7-8, 10 “But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth... If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts.”*

6. The Holy Spirit gives us POWER to be a witness.

- *Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

7. We share what Jesus did out of love and compassion for others.

- *John 3:16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”*
- *Matthew 9:36-38 “When He saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields.’”*

8. Jesus asks us to share our faith.

- *Matthew 28:19 “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”*
- *Mark 16:15 “And then He told them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.’”*

9. Being baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit is the next step!

- *Acts 22:16 “What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.”*

- Acts 2:38 *“Peter replied, ‘Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*
- Acts 1:5 *“John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

Leading People to Christ Practicum

(supplies: Blank 8 1/2 x 11 white papers, pencils, Bibles)

Explain the practicum and invite one of the kids up to demonstrate in front of everyone. Then break the kids up into groups to practice themselves.

All of us who are following Jesus have a God story. We are going to take the next half of our time together and practice sharing our God story in this room right now. By sharing our God story with the people around us, we are obeying Jesus' command to go share His message with the whole world!

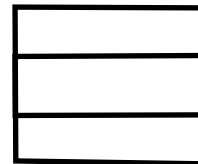
Practicing now, in a safe room, will help us figure out exactly HOW to do that. How many of you play a sport? What happens if you showed up to the game but never went to any practices? You could probably still do it, but you wouldn't be confident. What we are doing right now is like practicing before a game. We could have chances to talk to people who don't know Jesus any time! It might be right after you leave today. It could be at school, at the park, with a family member, or at practice for a sport you are playing. Since we don't know when it will be, let's be prepared and ready for whenever it will happen.

As a follower of Jesus you have a God story. I have a God story. What is a God story? It is the story of how we decided to follow Jesus, and how Jesus changed our life.

Hand out pieces of paper...

By the end of our time together, you will be able to share your God Story with someone in 1-3 minutes.

Hold up your paper in front of you, and fold the top down, and the bottom up, until you have made three even sections on your paper.



While your paper is still folded, write your name and the words "God Story" on the outside. Ex: Stacey's God Story. Now on the inside in the top section, write "**Before**" in small print. In the middle section write "**Jesus!**" in small print. In the bottom section write "**Today**" in small print.

Let's start in the middle section titled "**Jesus!**". Think about that moment that you believed in Jesus for the first time. What details do you remember? Did it happen today a few moments ago? Was it at a church service? At home? What was said? Why did you decide to believe? What prayer did you pray?

Now let's move to the section titled "**Before**". What was your life like before Jesus? Were you angry, sad, or stressed all the time? Or maybe you never felt like going to church? Maybe you felt empty inside? Or lied all the time? If you can't think of anything, or can't remember, write about how you know Jesus is real. What has God done for you that you know He is the one true God?

And finally, let's finish in the section titled **"Today"**. How does your life look different today because of Jesus? What is different? Have you seen God do really cool things? Does your life feel full? Do you have peace now instead of anger? Do you feel joy?

Now that you have your God Story written out, it's almost time to share. We are going to break up into small groups (three or four kids, one leader). In these groups, everyone will take turns in a circle sharing their God Story with the person to the left. When it is your turn, you will start off by saying " *I started following Jesus when I was ___ years old. He has been so real in my life, may I share my story with you? ...*". At this point you would share, starting with the "Before" section and working down, your God Story. When you finish, say " *Jesus did this for me, and he can do this for you too! Would you like to make the decision to believe in and follow Jesus for the rest of your life, starting today?*" Last, lead them in to the sinners prayer.

Example Sinners Prayer:

"Jesus, I choose today to give my whole life to You. All the good, the bad, everything... I give it all. Thank You, God, for sending Your only Son, Jesus, to this earth, to die on a cross and rise three days later so I can be forgiven and free. Please forgive me for my own sins, and please help me to live for You every day for the rest of my life. Amen."

At the very end of this lesson, before dismissing, invite one or two (or more if there is time!) of the kids to share their God Story they just practiced in front of the whole group.

Additional notes and suggestions

Be ready all the time! You have everything you need to share your faith in Jesus with your friends, your family, your neighbors, anyone! LOOK for opportunities. Ask God to put people in your path that are ready to hear.

Encourage water baptism as the next step. Talk to their parents and get them on the schedule for the next baptism at church.

Encourage kids to invite their friends they share their God Story with to church the following weekend.

For older kids, after they practice their God Story, you can take it one step further. Have them pray and ask God which friend they are to share their God Story with and invite to church. There is something pretty powerful that happens when there is immediate action to what they just heard and practiced.

Encourage younger kids to share their God Story with their family that night.

The following week of class or church, have time for kids to share any cool stories that happened during the week when they had opportunities to share their faith. This builds faith!

Kids- don't go off by yourself without an adult present when leading strangers to Christ.

Always pray first!

Bible memorization ideas:

1. Turn verses into songs. Can even have the kids break up into groups, come up with their own songs, and then teach everyone else. Repeat seven times.
2. "Prize box" for memorizing. Can pick one prize out of the box for each verse they memorize.
3. Use "fake money" for memorizing, and when all are done they can turn the money in for a prize.
4. Practice memorization in class. Use a certain amount of time in class to set the example for HOW, then assign the rest to practice at home.
5. Give a prize. The following class, review previous weeks verses, and reward the kids who memorized it all.
6. Be creative. Add your own ideas, and share them with the Children's Doing What Jesus Did team! :)

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

(Live with Power)

When Jesus came, died, rose again, and ascended to heaven, He told everyone He would send a helper... the Holy Spirit. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us to help us live differently than the rest of the world.

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1. Start off this lesson with a story from your own life. These lessons will be hard to teach properly unless you, the teacher, are living it yourselves. Some components to consider including:
 - Story of a child you know who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit and is walking in power.
 - A time in your own life where you were able to stay away from temptation, or be more like Jesus in a situation that was difficult, because of the Holy Spirit.
 - Story of you being baptized in the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, and prophesying.
 - Story of you, or a child you know, operating in one of the many gifts of the Spirit.
2. Repeat these truths throughout the lesson:
 - **The Holy Spirit is God.**
 - **God sent the Holy Spirit to us.**
 - **When we are filled (baptized) with the Holy Spirit, we can live a POWERFUL life.**
 - **All we have to do is ASK.**
 - **The gifts of the Spirit are available to us today.**

Bible Story:

1. Interactive Skit: Acts 2
 - Using the kids, act out the story of the Holy Spirit coming down in the upper room.
 - Some points to include through the skit:
 1. Jesus had just ascended into heaven.
 2. In Acts 1:4-5, Jesus had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Helper, the Holy Spirit.
 3. What were the disciples feeling?
 4. What was going on outside of the upper room?
 5. What entered the room at Pentecost?
 6. What was the immediate response from the people in the upper room?
 7. What changed in Jerusalem and that region because of that moment?
 8. How are our lives different today because of what happened?

Bible Memorization:

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Memorize in class: *Acts 2:38-39 “Peter replied, ‘Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.’”*

WHO is the Holy Spirit?

We believe that God is three parts: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three are God but each of them have different jobs. Jesus was God in person, who came to live on the earth and be our Savior. Today we are learning about the Holy Spirit, God that lives in us. It is through the Holy Spirit in us that we have power to live differently. Through the Holy Spirit, we have power to be a witness, live a holy life, be more like Jesus, and endure suffering.

The Holy Spirit is God. He was sent by God the Father to give us POWER to live differently than the world. Before we became followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was with us. When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and lives in (within) us. When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit comes upon us.

Before Salvation: The Holy Spirit WITH us.

1. *Mark 1:8 “I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”*
2. *Luke 24:49 “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as My Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”*
3. *John 14:16-17 “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn’t looking for Him and doesn’t recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.”*

After Salvation: The Holy Spirit WITHIN us.

1. *John 14:17 “...But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.”*

Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit UPON us.

1. *Acts 10:44-47 “Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, ‘Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?’”*
2. *Acts 19:5-6 “As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.”*

The Holy Spirit gives us power to:

1. Be a witness

- Acts 1:8 *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*
- John 16:7-14 *“But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in Me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no more. Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged. There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can’t bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring Me glory by telling you whatever He receives from Me.”*

2. Live a Holy life, to stop doing the things we know are sin but feel stuck in.

- Galatians 5:24-25 *“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.”*
- Galatians 5:16-17 *“So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.”*

3. Be more like Jesus (fruits of the Spirit)

- Galatians 5:22-23 *“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”*
- John 13:34-35 *“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.”*

4. Endure suffering... We don’t have to go through hard times alone!

- Romans 8:16-17 *“For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering.”*
- Psalm 34:19 *“The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.”*
- John 14:26-27 *“But when the Father sends the Advocate as My representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”*

The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts:

ALL are available! Explain how speaking in tongues works, and how it's just one gift out of many, but it allows us to pray the perfect prayer to God.

There are at least ten different gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1. Tongues (1 Cor. 14:14-15; Jude 20)
2. Word of Wisdom (1 Cor. 12:8; Luke 6:9)
3. Word of Knowledge (1 Cor. 12:8; Luke 18:22)
4. Faith (1 Cor. 12:9; Acts 3:6)
5. Healing (1 Cor. 12:9, 28; Acts 28:1-10)
6. Working of Miracles (1 Cor. 12:10; Acts 6:8)
7. Prophecy (1 Cor. 12:10; 1 Thes. 5:20-21; Eph. 4:11)
8. Discerning of Spirits (1 Cor. 12:10; Luke 8:29)
9. Different Kinds of Tongues (1 Cor. 12:10; Acts 2:6-12)
10. Interpretation of Tongues (1 Cor. 12:10; 14:13-33)

Summary of speaking in tongues from 1 Corinthians 14:

1. Real language.
2. Personally builds you up.
3. You are speaking a perfect prayer to God.
4. Your spirit is praying.

HOW do I receive?

Free gift! We ask!

God gives good gifts to His children...

Luke 11:10-13 "For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

Baptism in the Holy Spirit Practicum

Supplies needed: Bibles.

Explain the practicum and invite one of the kids up to demonstrate in front of everyone. Then break the kids up into groups to practice themselves.

Give an opportunity for any child who hasn't received the Holy Spirit to do so now. This practicum will be three-fold:

1. Anyone who hasn't received, will have an opportunity to receive.
2. All will have a chance to write down how they received the Holy Spirit.
3. All will have an opportunity to practice leading someone in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in their small group.

During small group time, every child's story should contain all of these components below:

1. **SHARE** your story.
 - Explain how you were filled with the Holy Spirit, **BRIEFLY** what your life was like before, and how your life has changed since.
2. **ASK** if they would like to receive too (make sure they have received Jesus as their Savior first).
 - Give whomever you are speaking with a chance to receive this free gift too.
3. **PRAY** with them to receive the Holy Spirit, and any gifts the Holy Spirit wants to give.
 - "Do you want to receive this gift?" **(Yes)** "Then I would like to pray with you to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit."
 - "Have you received Jesus as your Savior?" **(Yes)**
 - "We believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a free gift, when we ask, we will receive. Is it ok if I put my hand on your shoulder to pray?" **(Yes)**
 - "Repeat after me, 'Jesus, baptize me in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Spirit so I can be a better witness for you. Thank you Lord, I receive Your free gift now, and any gifts You want to release in me.'"
 - Explain the gift of speaking in tongues, ask if they would like to receive this gift. Explain that you are going to start speaking in your prayer language, and whenever they are ready to jump in and start praying in their new language too.
4. **LISTEN** to the Holy Spirit together, asking for the Lord to give you someone to share what you just experienced with someone else.
5. **PRACTICE** speaking in tongues and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit every day! Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you as you learn how to live with His help daily.

If there is time at the end of the lesson, invite one or two (or more!) kids up to practice leading someone in the baptism of the Holy Spirit in front of the group.

Additional notes and suggestions

It may be a good idea to assign “homework” by having the kids practice leading their family members in the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the lesson, emphasize practical ways the kids can operate in gifts of the Spirit during daily life. Explain that this isn’t a “every once in a while” kind of thing, but that they can operate in the power of the Holy Spirit every day!

*****Always bring an adult with you before going to do ministry with a stranger!**

For a visual illustration when teaching about the Holy Spirit, we sometimes use a jacket or poncho. When explaining the section about the Holy Spirit being with, within, and upon us, we move the jacket from being held in our hand (with), to being tucked under our shirt (within), to wearing it the right way (upon). At the end we talk about which way was the most helpful (wearing the jacket the right way, and the Holy Spirit being upon us).

Some kids may experience some hesitancy when receiving the gift of tongues. Sometimes, just by having them start praying in words they are used to, they will naturally begin to speak in tongues. As you minister, remember never to force anything on them, but allow the Holy Spirit to lead. Be sensitive to what He is trying to do in each individual child.

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6. Be creative. Add your own ideas, and share them with the Children’s Doing What Jesus Did team! :)

Hearing From God

(God still speaks to us today!)

It's true. God, the same One who created the world we live in, wants to speak to us! There is power when God speaks. The same God who created everything we see today just by SPEAKING, wants to speak to YOU and use YOU to speak to others.

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Personal Story:

1. Start off this lesson with a story from your own life. These lessons will be hard to teach properly unless you, the teacher, are living it yourselves. Some components to consider including:
 - Tell a story of a time when you heard God speak... focus on HOW you heard, and what changed because of what you heard.
 - Tell a story of a child you know who heard from God.

Bible Story:

1. Interactive Skit- Samuel and Eli: 1 Samuel 3
 - Act out a skit using the kids as actors, of the story of Samuel and Eli.
 - Backstory: Hannah praying, crying out to God for a son. Eli's response.
 - Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.
 - He had favor with God and man.
 - Eli's sons die because of their wickedness. A prophet tells Eli that He is going to raise up a faithful priest.
 - God calls out Samuel in a day when hearing the word of the Lord was rare... there was no vision. (Tie in Joel 2:28 here.. young men shall see visions...)
 - Where was Samuel when he heard from God? Significance of Eli's sight dimming, lamp of God not going out, and Samuel being in the temple near the ark of God.
 - Samuel heard God so clearly he thought Eli was speaking.
 - At this point, even though Samuel had grown up near the presence of God, but he didn't know God yet.
 - "Speak, for your servant hears."
 - Describe what happened when God spoke. (To Samuel, to Eli, and to the people around them...)

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Memorize in class: *John 10:27-28 “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from Me...”*

In what ways does God speak to us?

1. Through the Bible:

- *Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”*
- *Joshua 1:8 “Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”*

2. Through the Holy Spirit:

- *John 16:13 “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.”*
- *John 14:26 “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”*
- Some of the gifts given by the Holy Spirit help us hear God's voice better: Words of Wisdom, Words of Knowledge, and Discerning of Spirits.

3. Through angels:

- *Acts 8:26 “As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, ‘Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.’”*

4. Through dreams and visions:

- *Acts 18:9-10 “One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, ‘Don’t be afraid! Speak out! Don’t be silent! For I am with you, and no one will attack and harm you, for many people in this city belong to Me.’”*

5. Through the council of others:

- *Proverbs 15:22 “Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.”*
- *Proverbs 24:6 “So don’t go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers.”*

Different Voices

There are three different voices that we can hear, and whichever one we feed will be the loudest. We make those voices louder or quieter based on what we watch, listen to, talk about, think about, or do.

1. Our own flesh (selfish)

- This “voice” will sound a lot like our own thoughts...because they are! They will most often be self-centered, and self-justifying.
2. The Demonic (evil)
 - These kind of voices can be random thoughts in your head, or voices that you can hear that no one else can (teacher: watch for mental health issues). These voices will condemn us, make us feel guilty, be extremely negative, tell us to hurt ourselves or others, tell us to believe lies or tell lies, tell us that we aren't good enough, that we aren't loved by God, and that there is no devil, hell, heaven, or God.
 3. God (all good and all knowing)
 - Gods' voice is described in lots of different ways in the Bible. Some examples are below...
 1. In 2 Samuel 22:14 it talks about God's voice thundering down from heaven.
 2. In 1 Kings 19:12, God's voice was a still small voice.
 3. In Psalm 29, the voice of the Lord is described as powerful, loud, and something that causes action.

As people who believe in Jesus, we need to train ourselves to hear God's voice. How do we do that?

1. Spend time with God. Use analogy of how we recognize our parent's voice in a crowd of people.
2. Keep trying, even if you think you heard from God about something, and it turns out to be wrong, we have to keep trying.
3. The more we practice hearing God's voice, the better we will become at it. Use analogy of a muscle getting stronger and stronger the more we exercise.

God can speak to us about a lot of different things, and once we start to listen, we get to partner with God! Here's what that means for us:

1. When God speaks to us about our own lives, we can make adjustments in our character, the direction we are headed in (think long-term), and our day to day decisions (like when God reminds us to apologize and ask forgiveness of someone we have wronged).
2. When God speaks to us about someone else, we can ask God if that is something we are supposed to share with the other person, or if we are supposed to just pray.
3. When God speaks to us about something going on in the world today, we can better understand God's plan in what we see around us, and know how to pray God's will be done.

Hearing From God

Practicum

Supplies needed: Paper, pens, pencils, Bibles.

Red Light - Yellow Light - Green Light

Below are some guidelines to help with the times God speaks to us about another person. We will be practicing this in small groups in the practicum part of this lesson. When we share a word from God with someone else, use these colored lights to decide if the word is ok to share right away, or if you need to talk with a parent or leader first.

NOTE: Sometimes when God speaks to us about someone else, the words He speaks are just to help us pray for them, not to share with them. Not every word we receive from God is to be shared. When we hear something from God, we also ask Him what he wants us to do with that information. As you learn and grow in your ability to hear the voice of God, have a parent, leader, or teacher help you discern what to do with the words you hear from God.

1. **Red Light (STOP):** Something bad is going to happen. If you think God is telling you a message like this, check with a leader before sharing it to see what they think. They will ask God with you if this is something to share, and then if it is, will go with you while you share it. A message like this should never be delivered without checking with a parent or leader, and IF it is delivered, should be done so with love.
2. **Yellow Light (CAUTION):** Correcting someone or telling them they've done something wrong. God might be showing you this about the person, but talk to a leader before sharing to be sure. They will ask God with you if this is something to share. Once again, if it feels like the Lord, have the adult go with the child to deliver the word, and do so with love.
3. **Green Light (GO):** Something encouraging, a blessing, telling them what God thinks about them that is kind and good or sharing a bible verse. These are words that are acceptable to share right away.

Remember: when we share a word from God for someone, the word doesn't have to make sense to us, because it isn't for us. Be diligent about saying ONLY what God says, even if it's just one word. Be careful not to add or take away anything in an attempt to bring clarity to yourself.

Group Breakout

1. Kids will break up in groups of no more than five plus a leader.
2. Have each group leader remind the kids to filter what they think they are hearing through the Red Light, Yellow Light, and Green light filter.
3. Each child will take a turn sitting in a chair in the center of the group.
4. Everyone else will ask the child in the chair if they may place their hands on their shoulder to pray.
5. They will all then take a few moments (as much time as they need) to pray in the Spirit or in English, waiting on God and asking the Lord what he wants to say. Pay attention to what you see, hear, or feel. As they hear, they are free to sit down in their seat until everyone has heard.
6. Each child will write down whatever God said, and take turns sharing out loud to the person in the chair. After sharing, hand all the written words to the child in chair.

7. After everyone has shared, give the child in the middle time to talk about what was said: Did anything resonate with them? Did God speak the same thing to more than one person?
8. After that, have one or two kids pray those specific things that were confirmed by the person in the middle.
9. Then switch, until everyone in the group has had a turn in the chair.

Leave a few minutes at the end of the lesson for kids to share some testimonies of what happened during the practicum time.

Additional notes and suggestions

As you teach this section, it would be helpful to some ages to have some props. Here are our suggestions:

1. When communicating about the three different voices we can hear, it may be helpful to associate each voice with a sound. For example, every time you talk about the voice of our own flesh talking, have a “beep beep” sound play loudly for a brief moment. Every time you talk about the voice of the demonic, sound a horn loudly. Every time you talk about the voice of God sound bells jingle.
2. When talking about the Red Light, Yellow Light, and Green Light words, you could have a red, yellow, and green circle you hold up each time. Allow three kids to participate by each holding up one colored sign as you teach on that topic. Another suggestion would be to use a picture of a stoplight, and point to each one as you talk about it.

At the end of this lesson, before dismissing everyone, take some time to explain what hearing from God can look like in real life. Especially communicate with the kids to never go off by themselves to share a word from God with someone. Always include an adult (someone they know and can trust) to ‘judge’ the word, and then also go with the child to share the word.

Note: make sure to discuss that we should ask God to confirm the words we feel we are hearing from Him and HOW we should ask God to confirm.

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Healing the Sick

(God makes the impossible, possible!)

Jesus promises us in the Bible that we will do even greater things than He did. Jesus came to heal our whole person: our body, spirit, and soul. There is a lot of brokenness in our world today, but God wants to use YOU to pray for those people experiencing brokenness, and in the name of Jesus, they will be healed!

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 - A story about a time when you prayed for someone to be healed, and they weren't. Explain what you learned through that process.
 - A story of a child you know who is praying for the sick.

Bible Story:

1. Interactive Skit: Jairus and his daughter, Mark 5:21-24
2. Act out a skit, using the kids as the actors, of the time Jairus went to Jesus for the sake of his daughter's life.
 - Jairus was a Jewish leader, one of the rulers of the synagogue. He was probably well respected. Most Jewish leaders of that time didn't like Jesus.
 - Jairus was desperate for a miracle... his 12 year old daughter was dying.
 - Finding Jesus, Jairus fell down at Jesus' feet, asking for His help. He did this in front of a huge crowd of people.
 - Jairus had faith that Jesus was able to heal his daughter.
 - Jesus went with Jairus to his house.
 - Jesus has the power to help when no one else can.
 - On the way to his house, some from his house came saying his daughter was already dead.
 - Jesus immediately confronts their words with “Do not fear, only believe.”
 - Jairus had a decision to make in that moment... would he believe the news, or the Healer?
 - Even the people at Jairus' home didn't understand what was happening... When Jesus said she was only sleeping, they all laughed.
 - All Jesus did was speak, then take her by the hand, and the girl got up.

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Memorize in class: *Isaiah 53:4-5 “Yet it was our weaknesses He carried; it was our sorrows that weighed Him down. And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins! But He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.”*

1. Because of what Jesus did, we can be healed.

- *Matthew 8:16-17 “That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and He healed all the sick. This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, ‘He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.’”*

2. Jesus is willing and able to heal.

- *Mark 1:39-42 “So He traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. ‘If You are willing, You can heal me and make me clean,’ he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. ‘I am willing,’ He said. ‘Be healed!’ Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.”*
- *Acts 10:38 “And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*

3. Jesus healed the sick.

- *Matthew 9:35 “Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And He healed every kind of disease and illness.”*
- *Matthew 14:14 “Jesus saw the huge crowd as He stepped from the boat, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick.”*

4. Jesus responds to faith.

- *Mark 2:4-5 “They couldn’t bring Him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above His head. Then they lowered the man on His mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.”*
- *Matthew 9:28-30 “They went right into the house where He was staying, and Jesus asked them, ‘Do you believe I can make you see?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ they told him, ‘we do.’ Then He touched their eyes and said, ‘Because of your faith, it will happen.’ Then their eyes were opened, and they could see! Jesus sternly warned them, ‘Don’t tell anyone about this.’”*

5. In the name of Jesus, we have power and authority to heal the sick.

- *Luke 9:1-2 “One day Jesus called together His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. Then He sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”*
- *Mark 16:17-18 “These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.”*

6. God will speak to us about what He wants to do.

- *Acts 9:10-12 “Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, ‘Ananias!’ ‘Yes, Lord!’ he replied. The Lord said, ‘Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again.’”*

Why doesn’t healing always happen?

Jesus only did what He saw His Father doing.

John 5:19-20 “So Jesus explained, ‘I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him everything He is doing. In fact, the Father will show Him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.’”

Healing the Sick Practicum

Get in groups of four or five kids plus a leader.

Each child takes a turn in the “hot seat” (seat in the middle). The child in middle will give a brief explanation of what they would like prayer for (spiritual, physical, or emotional healing). Everyone else will gather around, ask if they can place their hand on the child’s shoulder, and then follow this pattern. In this practicum, every single child will repeat all the script below.

1. Ask: “Can I pray for you? I believe that God heals. I have read about Him healing in the Bible, and I have seen Him do it in my own life.”
2. Ask: “Do you believe that God can heal you?” (YES)
3. Ask: “When do you believe God will heal you?” (NOW)
4. Ask: “Is it ok if I place my hand on your shoulder?” (It may be appropriate to place hand directly on the place that is in pain, but if not, or if unsure, put had on recipients shoulder.)
5. Take a couple seconds and pray quietly in your regular or spiritual language, asking God what He wants to do.
6. Pray directly to the pain or sickness. Say “In the name of Jesus Christ, I command (the pain or sickness) to leave this body now. Amen.”
7. Ask “What is happening in your body?”

***DO NOT ASK HOW THEY ARE FEELING... FEELINGS CAN BE MISLEADING AND HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT GOD IS CURRENTLY DOING.**

People may experience a complete healing right there and will instantly feel better! When that happens, praise God with them! If the person you are praying for is not yet a Christian, ask them if now that they have experienced the healing power of God, they want to follow Jesus. If they do, lead them to Jesus (they must confess and believe).

Others may feel warmth in the area of their body you prayed for, or a tingling or relaxation feeling. You can ask to pray again, or explain to them that it sounds like God is doing something and to wait with a thankful heart for the healing to completely manifest in the natural.

Sometimes God does not heal right away. In moments like this, we encourage the person to keep praying and trust that God is close to them. Remember to continue to pray for this person.

Remember, as we step out in faith and pray for people, leave the results up to God!

Additional notes and suggestions

Bible memorization ideas:

1. Turn verses into songs. Can even have the kids break up into groups, come up with their own songs, and then teach everyone else. Repeat seven times.
2. “Prize box” for memorizing. Can pick one prize out of the box for each verse they memorize.

3. Use “fake money” for memorizing, and when all are done they can turn the money in for a prize.
4. Practice memorization in class. Use a certain amount of time in class to set the example for HOW, then assign the rest to practice at home.
5. Give a prize. The following class, review previous weeks verses, and reward the kids who memorized it all.
6. Be creative. Add your own ideas, and share them with the Children’s Doing What Jesus Did team! :)

Preaching the Full Gospel

(Hope to the World!)

As Christians, it's important for us to know how to share the full gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. Preaching the full gospel should come easy to us. The purpose of this lesson is to give you the tools you will need to know how to share the gospel with anyone, anytime, anywhere. This skill could be used in a one-on-one setting with someone, or in front of a group of people.

In this curriculum, each lesson is designed as follows:

1. Teaching
 - Stories
 - Bible Memorization
2. Practicum
3. Additional notes and suggestions

Teaching

Start each lesson by going through the practicum portion of "Preparation in Prayer".

Story:

Personal Story:

1. Start off this lesson with a story from your own life. These lessons will be hard to teach properly unless you, the teacher, are living it yourselves. Some components to consider including:
 - Share about a time when you shared the gospel with someone.
 - Tell a story about a time when a kid you know preached the gospel.

First of all, what IS preaching the full gospel?

Definition of preaching: to herald divine truth (the gospel), to proclaim, publish.

1. Proclaiming the TRUTH of what God did, what Jesus did, and how that changes EVERYTHING. God sent that which was MOST precious to Him to rescue US.
2. This is different than sharing our God story, although sharing our God story can (and should) have parts of the full gospel in it. Preaching the full gospel isn't our story, it's the story of Jesus saving humanity.
3. Whenever Jesus and the disciples preached the full gospel, we can see a pattern for how it should look: Jesus being the hope of the world was explained, and signs and wonders followed. It is the only gospel that is POWERFUL.
4. Jesus came to heal ALL of us. Our bodies, minds, hearts, and even rescuing us from death itself.

Bible Memorization:

We believe strongly that the BEST foundation will be laid for our kids to grow up loving Jesus and doing what He says, by storing up the Word of God in their hearts. We encourage you to get creative with bible memorization. For ideas, see notes at the end of this lesson. Memorizing

Scripture builds perseverance and character, all while storing up the Word in their hearts. There will be one “key” verse to memorize in class, and will give the leaders the opportunity to show “how” to memorize. The rest of the verses can be memorized as extra credit (with a prize for completion) during the week, or whatever works best for you. The verses to memorize are found below, and are organized into sections based on topic:

Memorize in class: *Matthew 28:19-20 “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

WHY is it important that I do this?

1. Before Jesus went up to heaven, He gave all His followers a command in Matthew 28 to GO and make disciples.
2. All over the New Testament we can see Jesus’ command to preach the gospel:
 - *Luke 9:1-2 “One day Jesus called together His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. Then He sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”*
 - *John 20:21 “Again He said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you.”*
 - *Mark 16:15 “And then He told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”*
 - *Acts 10:42-43 “And He ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in Him will have their sins forgiven through His name.”*
 - *Romans 10:13-15 “For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?”*
3. It is a sign of obedience to God.

HOW do we preach the full gospel?

1. In Love:

1. Jesus WILLINGLY gave His life for us. That is the greatest act of love the world has ever seen.
 - *1 John 4:9-10 “God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”*
 - *Isaiah 53:5-6 “But He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all.”*

2. In Power:

- *Luke 4:8 Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say, You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.”*

- *1 Corinthians 2:3-5* “I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.”

3. God’s power (signs and wonders) confirms the truth of the gospel.

- *Mark 16:20* “And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.”
- *1 Thessalonians 1:5* “For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you.”
- *Romans 1:16* “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.”

Preaching the Full Gospel Practicum

During the practice portion of this lesson, every child will have a chance to preach the full gospel to their friends and leaders in small groups (three to five people max.). We have included a basic outline to follow below, along with a list of verses that would be beneficial to memorize.

One of the best ways to be ready to preach the gospel is to memorize a list of bible verses, with words to prompt you to remember which ones go first. The word of God is living and active (it's a live book). Because of that, when we memorize bible, God will bring to memory the right ones when we need it, that will be the perfect fit for what your audience needs to hear (prompted by the Holy Spirit). The more you memorize, the better prepared you will be to preach to anyone, anytime, anywhere. For this practicum, have kids look up these verses, but only use two or three of them in their sermon:

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- Isaiah 53:5-6
- Romans 10:9
- Acts 4:12
- Acts 2:38-39
- Acts 3:19-20
- 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
- Acts 2:38
- Acts 1:8

Points to include:

1. The Problem:

- God created the world and everything in it.
- Because of Adam and Eve's sin, God's perfect world became a sinful world, and we are all born into it, making us all sinners.
- Sin=anything against God's word. God hates sin. Sin brings death.

2. The Solution:

- But God had a plan! He chose to send His only Son, Jesus, into this sinful world, to save us.
- Jesus lived a perfect life, and died for our sins. He rose three days later, defeating sin, so...
- When we confess and believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we can be saved.

1. The ABC's

- A: Admit that you're a sinner and ask God to forgive you of your sins and decide to turn away from anything that goes against God.
- B: Believe in Jesus. Believe He came and died for you, rose again, and is alive today.
- C: Commit your life to follow Him forever.
- Because we believe, when we die someday we will spend forever in heaven with Jesus.
- Water baptism is an act of obedience and declaring to all the decision we've made.
- We can receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us.

Give time before breaking into groups for each child to write out a "preaching the full gospel" sermon.

1. Make sure to use Bible verses.
2. Stay away from using words that only Christians would know.
3. Invite the person or group of people to receive Jesus as their Savior at the end of the message.
4. Before you start, pray that the Holy Spirit would anoint you to preach and say exactly what He wants you to say.
5. Have someone in each group use a timer to time the person preaching... Don't exceed ten minutes.
6. After each child in your group preaches, everyone else in the group share one thing they liked about the way the child presented the gospel. Then lay hands (with permission) on that child and pray that God would use them mightily to preach to their family, friends, neighbors, etc.
7. Practice often!
8. Have fun!

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