

# DEEP

## Lesson #1 What is Truth?

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

### PROGRAM

| Activity                | Length of Segment | Running Time     |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Q Card: Discussion      | 15 minutes        | Start-15 minutes |
| Picture: Bible Story    | 5 minutes         | 15-20 minutes    |
| Play: Learning Activity | 10 minutes        | 20-30 minutes    |
| Plan: Group Commitment  | 5 minutes         | 30-35 minutes    |
| Prayer: Prayer Cards    | 5 minutes         | 35-45 minutes    |

### PREP

You will need:

- Game Cards (Master at the end of this lesson plan)  
One set of cards for each small or large group  
12 cards per set
- Tape (optional - for large groups only)
- Bibles (one for every 2 or 3 kids)
- Game Prizes (optional)
- Story Props (optional)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

### PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to review the Bible verses presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When reading the verses, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- You could ask the kids to act out the story as you read it aloud
- The characters in the story are: Jeroboam, God's prophet, Old Prophet, Old Prophet's Son
- You might use props like: altar (two pieces of wood), donkey (stick to ride), table setting, food
- Try asking the kids to listen carefully and to say "LIE" if any character tells a lie

### 1 Kings 13:1-21

One day, Jeroboam was standing at the altar in Bethel, ready to make an offering. Suddenly one of God's prophets arrived from Judah and shouted: "The Lord sent me with a message about this altar. A child named Josiah will be born into David's family. He will sacrifice on this altar the priests who make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on it. You will know that the Lord has said these things when the altar splits in half, and the ashes on it fall to the ground."

Jeroboam pointed at the prophet and shouted, "Grab him!" But right away, Jeroboam's hand became stiff, and he could not move it. The altar split in half, and the ashes fell to the ground, just as the prophet had warned.

"Please pray to the Lord your God and ask him to heal my hand," Jeroboam begged. The prophet prayed, and Jeroboam's hand was healed.

"Come home with me and eat something," Jeroboam said. "I want to give you a gift for what you have done."

"No, I wouldn't go with you, even if you offered me half of your kingdom. I won't eat or drink here either. The Lord said I can't eat or drink anything and that I can't go home the same way I came." Then he started home down a different road.

At that time an old prophet lived in Bethel, and one of his sons told him what the prophet from Judah had said and done.

"Show me which way he went," the old prophet said, and his sons pointed out the road. "Put a saddle on my donkey," he told them. After they did, he got on the donkey and rode off to look for the prophet from Judah.

The old prophet found him sitting under an oak tree and asked, "Are you the prophet from Judah?"

"Yes, I am."

"Come home with me," the old prophet said, "and have something to eat."

"I can't go back with you," the prophet replied, "and I can't eat or drink anything with you. The Lord warned me not to eat or drink or to go home the same way I came."

The old prophet said, "I'm a prophet too. One of the Lord's angels told me to take you to my house and give you something to eat and drink."

The prophet from Judah did not know that the old prophet was lying, so he went home with him and ate and drank.

During the meal the Lord gave the old prophet a message for the prophet from Judah:

Listen to the Lord's message. You have disobeyed the Lord your God.

## PLAY

(Learning Activity)

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

### "Match the Map"

#### HOW TO START:

- For Small Groups only:
  - Ask kids to sit in a circle on the floor or at a table
  - Divide kids into 2 teams
  - Place one set of game cards (12 cards total) FACE DOWN in the middle of the circle
  - Hand out the Bibles
- For Large Groups only:
  - Divide kids into 2 teams
  - Ask each team to sit together on the floor or at a table
  - Use tape to hang one set of game cards FACE DOWN on a board or the wall
  - Hand out the Bibles

#### HOW TO PLAY:

- Say, "This game is called Match the Map. This game will remind us to look for truth in the Bible. Truth always matches the map."
- Start the game
- The first player from team #1 turns over a game card
- Player reads the statement and reference verse on the card
- Team #1 looks up the reference verse in the Bible
- Team #1 decides if this statement is true or false after reading the verse
- If the card is false, the player must turn the card back over and leave it on the playing board
- If the card is true, the player may take the card for his/her team
- Remind the kids to remember the location of the false cards so they can avoid choosing the lies
- The first player from team #2 takes a turn
- Repeat all steps, taking turns until all the true cards have been chosen. The team with the most cards at the end wins the game

The Game Cards will read:

- If you are a good person, you will go to Heaven no matter what you believe (Reference Verse: John 3:16)
- Every single person has sinned (Reference Verse: Romans 3:23)
- God will reward you if you trust him and follow him (Reference Verse: Hebrews 11:6)
- Every Christian is an important part of the body of Christ (Reference Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:27)
- If people are mean to you, it's okay to hate them (Reference Verse: Matthew 5:44)
- God created the Heavens and the Earth (Reference Verse: Genesis 1:1)
- If you hang out with friends who do bad things, it won't hurt you (Reference Verse: Psalm 1:1)
- You don't need to listen to your mom because you don't agree with her (Reference Verse: Exodus 20:12)
- Jesus can give you power to do the right thing (Reference Verse: Philippians 4:13)
- God cannot forgive you because you have done too many bad things (Reference Verse: 1 John 1:9)
- God loves you more than you can imagine (Reference Verse: Ephesians 3:17-19)
- God created you to be unique and special (Reference Verse: Psalm 139:13)

PLAY OPTIONS:

- Hand out game prizes to all players
- For younger kids: Look up the verses and read them together

## PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- Write down 3 questions that you have about God and the Bible. Bring your questions to church next week and ask your leader to help you find the answers in your Bible.
- Make a picture of a map. Look up Bible verses and write them on your map to remind you that the Bible is your map for life.

- Read a Bible passage. Think about how the verses can help you to make good decisions. Talk about the Bible verses with an adult.

## PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

*God, you are truth. Thank you for giving us your Word, the Bible, as a map for life so that we will know the things that are true and the things that are false. Help us to always read the Bible so that we will know the truth and so that we will know what decisions to make in our lives each day. Give us the strength to study the Bible and to follow your directions. Help us to understand when we are confused and have questions. Help us to seek your truth no matter what we are going through in our lives. And help us to complete the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Remind the kids to complete them and bring them back next week

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Romans 3:23

Every Christian is  
an important part  
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Reference Verse  
1 Corinthians 12:27

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Reference Verse  
Hebrews 11:6

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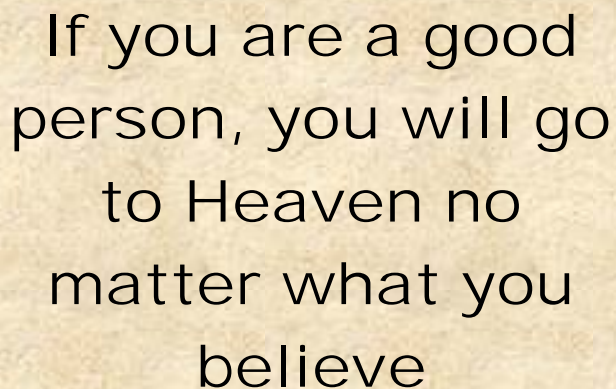
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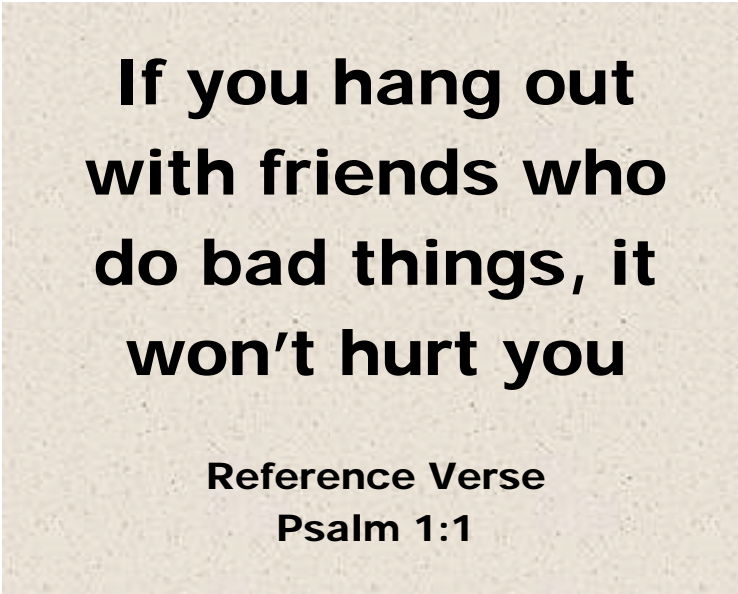
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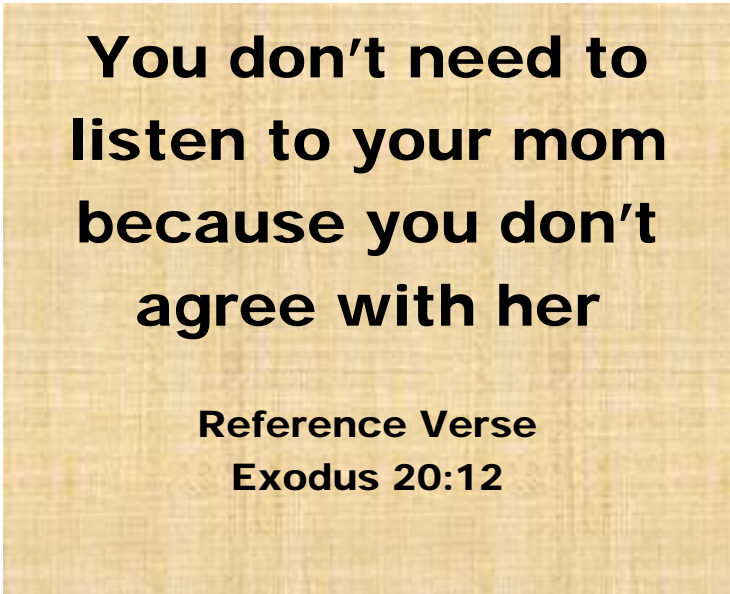
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Reference Verse  
Exodus 20:12



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