

GOOD NEWS BEARS CLUB
BIBLE DISCOVERY
"God's Thoughts of You"

Recommended for: Elementary, Junior

* Use this lesson in conjunction with "Don't Be Afraid" for Preschoolers

LESSON AIM: That each child will know Satan is a liar and understand how God views them.

MEMORY VERSE: *"All you say can be trusted; your teachings are true and will last forever." Psalm 119:160 - Contemporary English Version*

SUPPLIES: Photocopies of the memory verse handout. 12 or more large round balloons, straight pins to pop balloons, soft-tipped permanent marker, Bibles for class use, large sheets of construction paper or 3" x 5" index cards for each child, pens, pencils, clear contact paper (for index cards), glitter or other optional items for posters.



Preparation: Photocopy and cut out the Bible references from the Bible Reference Sheet (master provided). Prepare the balloons so that God's Truth is on the inside of the balloon and the Lie of Satan is written in felt pen on the outside of the balloon.

Lies of Satan:
(printed on balloon)

"I am worthless."
"I was just a big mistake from the beginning."
"Nobody loves me."
"Nobody wants me."
"I can't do anything right."
"I'm all alone."
"There's nobody to protect me."
"I can't trust anybody."
"Nobody cares about me."
"Nobody listens to me."
"I'm no good."
"Nobody knows how I feel."

God's Truth:
(inside the balloons)

Matthew 10:29-31
Psalm 139:13-18
Jeremiah 31:3
Ephesians 1:4-5
Romans 8:1
Hebrews 13:5,6
Psalm 46:1
Proverbs 3:5,6
I Peter 5:7
Psalm 34:15
II Corinthians 5:17
Psalm 139:1-4

Solve the Bible Code: As the children arrive, pass out the memory verse activity sheet and have them begin cracking the code to discover the memory verse.



BIBLE DISCOVERY: Explain what Jesus said about Satan in John 8:44b. Jesus tells his followers that Satan is a liar and a murderer. He does not want us to feel loved. Have the children pick one or more balloons that describe how they sometimes feel. Let some of the children talk about how they feel and why. Explain that these are LIES of Satan and that we can't believe him or anyone who represents him. This is not what God's Word says about them. The Bible always tells us how much God cares for us. Let's pop the balloons representing the lies of Satan, one by one and read what God thinks about us from the Bible reference inside.



Poster: Have the children pick one of the verses as a theme for the week ahead and have them make a poster to keep in their room. Example: "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).

Carry-along-card: Another option is to make pocket-size verse cards (3x5). They may laminate them with clear adhesive paper and carry the cards with them wherever they go.

Snack: Popcorn and caffeine/sugar free drink.



CLOSING: Close by praying for the children allowing them to pray for understanding of how God loves them. He cannot and will not lie. He is truth. Believe Him, not Satan.

Bible References Sheet

Matthew 10:29-31 - "Not one sparrow (What do they cost? Two for a penny?) can fall to the ground without your father knowing it. And the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't worry! You are more valuable than many sparrows."

Psalm 139:13-18 - "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body, and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous - and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed and in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your Book!"

Jeremiah 31:3 - "For long ago the Lord had said to Israel: I have loved you, O my people, with an everlasting love; with lovingkindness I have drawn you to me."

Ephesians 1:4-5 - "Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy, and innocent and loving people. God was kind and decided that Christ would choose us to be God's own adopted children."

Romans 8:1 - "So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus."

Hebrews 13:5-6 - "For God has said, 'I will never, never fail you or forsake you.' that is why we say with confidence, the Lord is my helper so I will not be afraid."

Psalm 46:1 - "God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in time of trouble."

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust the Lord completely; don't ever trust yourself. In everything you do put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

I Peter 5:7 - "Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watches everything that concerns you."

Psalm 34:15 - "For the eyes of the Lord are intently watching all who live good lives, and he gives attention to them when they cry to him."

II Corinthians 5:17 - "When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. An new life has begun!"

Psalm 139:1-4 - "O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit or stand. When far away you know my every thought. You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am. You know what I am going to say before I even say it."