

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3



### **CHRIST CONNECTION**

In Jesus, we have everything we need to live a life that honors God. When we trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord, He rescues us from sin and death and gives us power to live joyfully for Him.

### **VBS MOTTO**

Gear Up! Get Ready! Game On!

# GAME PLAN FOR ELEMENTARY BIBLE STUDY

# **DAY 1- JESUS CARES ABOUT ME**



### The Lost Sheep

Many tax collectors and sinners came to listen to Jesus. This upset the Jewish leaders. So, Jesus told them a parable about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, but went searching for one that was lost. When the shepherd found the lost sheep he rejoiced. Jesus told this story to help the leaders understand that He cares about all people. (Luke 15:1-7)

**Missions:** Kids learn about the Hesskew family and how they use sports to tell people in Poland the good news about Jesus. They also learn about Jordan Spence and 10:12 Sports, a group in Baltimore, Maryland, that uses team sports to tell kids in the community how much Jesus cares about them.

## **DAY 2 - JESUS GIVES ME HOPE**



### The Resurrection of Lazarus

One day Jesus' friend, Lazarus, got sick. His sisters sent for Jesus to come and heal him. Jesus waited two days before leaving. He told His disciples that Lazarus' sickness would not end in death but would bring glory to God. As they were leaving, Jesus said Lazarus had died. The disciples were confused. Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb. Jesus prayed and called for Lazarus to come out. Lazarus came out alive! Everyone saw God's power over death. (John 11:1-44)

**Missions:** Kids discover how the Hesskew family builds relationships with the Polish people and shares the hope of Jesus with them. Kids also learn how 10:12 Sports uses football to introduce hope to kids in West Baltimore.

# **DAY 3 - JESUS HELPS ME BELIEVE**



### **Thomas Believed**

After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to His disciples in a locked room, but Thomas was not there. The other disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus. Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw Jesus and touched the nail scars in His hands. A week later, Jesus appeared to the disciples again. He invited Thomas to touch Him, and Thomas believed. (John 20:19-31)

**Missions:** Kids see how Coach Albert works with athletes on becoming physically stronger, prays with them, and reminds them that God can give them spiritual strength. Kids also see how 10:12 Sports uses Friday night meetings to get to know the kids in their community.

### **DAY 4 - JESUS LOVES ME**



#### John Wrote About Jesus

John was one of Jesus' disciples. John wrote about what he experienced. John was there at the Last Supper when Jesus commanded us to love one another. He was there at the cross when Jesus died. He was the first disciple to reach the empty tomb after the resurrection, and he ate breakfast on the seashore with the resurrected Christ. John wrote all these things down so that we can know about Jesus and His amazing love for us. (John 13:1-35; 19:25-27; 20:1-10; 21:1-14)

**Missions:** Kids discover how the Hesskew family follows the ultimate playbook, the Bible, when telling people about Jesus. Kids are reminded of the importance of memorizing Scripture to help themselves and others around them learn more about Jesus and how to live life following His plans and teachings.

### **DAY 5 - JESUS GIVES ME JOY**



## Paul and Silas in Prison

Paul and Silas were thrown in prison for telling others about Jesus. They even had chains around their feet. Instead of being angry, they prayed and sang joyful praises to God. About midnight an earthquake shook open the doors and broke away the chains. The jailer was afraid. Paul and Silas said, "We are still here!" Then they told the jailer about Jesus. The jailer and his family believed in Jesus and they were joyful, too! (Acts 16:23-34)

**Missions:** Kids review how the Hesskew family shares Jesus with others in Poland even in difficult circumstances. Kids are reminded that the joy of learning about Jesus lasts much longer than the excitement of winning or the sadness of losing a game.

# GAME PLAN FOR PRESCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

**PRESCHOOL SCRIPTURE:** God has given us everything we need. 2 Peter 1:3

# **DAY 1- JESUS CARES ABOUT ME**



# The Story of the Lost Sheep

Jesus told a story about a man who had 100 sheep and one got lost. The man looked and looked until he found his lost sheep. Jesus explained that God cares about people even more than a shepherd cares about his sheep. God cares about all people. God loves all people. Everyone is important to God. (Luke 15:1-7) **Preschool Focus:** I am important to God.

**Preschool Missions**: Kids learn about the Hesskew family and how they use sports to tell people in Poland the good news about Jesus. They can be a part of God's team by getting to know friends in their neighborhood and showing them that God cares about them.

### **DAY 2 - JESUS GIVES ME HOPE**



### Jesus Brought Lazarus Back to Life

One day Jesus' friend, Lazarus, got very sick. So Lazarus' sisters sent a message to Jesus. By the time Jesus got to their house, Lazarus had already died. Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb. Jesus prayed and called for Lazarus to come out. Lazarus walked out of the tomb. He was alive again! Jesus can do anything! (John 11:1-44)

Preschool Focus: Jesus can do anything.

**Preschool Missions:** Kids discover how the Hesskew family builds relationships with the Polish people and shares the hope of Jesus with them. They can be a part of God's team by spending time with friends who don't know Jesus and building trust so they will listen when they tell them about the hope Jesus gives to those who believe in Him.

### **DAY 3 - JESUS HELPS ME BELIEVE**



### **Thomas Saw Jesus Alive**

After Jesus had died on the cross and came back to life, He visited His disciples in a locked room. One of the disciples, Thomas, was not there. The other disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus. Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw Jesus with his own eyes. A week later, Jesus visited the disciples again. This time Thomas got to see with his own eyes that Jesus was alive again! (John 20:19-31) **Preschool Focus:** The Bible is true.

**Preschool Missions:** Kids see how Coach Albert works with athletes on becoming physically stronger, prays with them, and reminds them that God can give them spiritual strength. They can play their part on God's team by continuing to worship God and telling others about Him.

### **DAY 4 - JESUS LOVES ME**



### Babies - 2s Jesus Washed His Friends' Feet

John and Jesus were special friends. Jesus wanted to show John and His other friends how much He loved them. Jesus washed His friends' feet. Jesus told His helpers to do kind things for others. John wrote about the things Jesus did. We can read John's words in the Bible. (John 13:1-35)

#### 3s - Pre-K John Wrote About Jesus

John was one of Jesus' disciples and closest friends. He was with Jesus when many things happened. John heard Jesus tell His friends to love others just like He had loved them. John watched Jesus die on the cross. He was the first disciple to see the empty tomb. John saw Jesus alive again and ate breakfast with Him on the seashore. John

wrote all these things down so that we can know how much Jesus loves and cares about us.

Preschool Focus: Jesus loves me.

**Preschool Missions:** Kids learn about Jordan Spence and 10:12 Sports, a group in Baltimore, Maryland, that uses team sports to tell kids in the community how much Jesus cares about them. Coach Sean is like a father to the boys who do not have fathers at home. They go out as a team, as a family, and they love each other. And that's the biggest part of 10:12 Sports, being a family like Jesus would want them to be.

### **DAY 5 - JESUS GIVES ME JOY**



### Paul and Silas Praised God

Paul and Silas were thrown in prison for telling others about Jesus. They even had chains put around their feet. Instead of being angry, they prayed and sang songs to God. An earthquake shook all of the doors open and the prisoners' chains came loose. The jailer was afraid the prisoners had escaped. Paul and Silas said, "We are still here!" Then they told the jailer about Jesus. The jailer and his family believed in Jesus. (Acts 16:23-34)

Preschool Focus: I can praise God.

**Preschool Missions:** Jordan and Sean, team mates in 10:12 Sports Ministry, talk about the excitement of game day. They realize that helping others to see the plan that God has for their lives is more important than catching and throwing a football well.