

DIG IT

Lesson #1

DISCOVER: Who Jesus Is

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
Pray: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- Posters with “true” on one side and “false” on the other (1 per team)
- Bibles (1 per team)
- 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 retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, 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:

- Ask kids to play the characters: Peter, Jesus, crowd of people
- Try holding up the sin poster on and off throughout the story – asking the kids to turn away from the poster each time
- Use props: throne in heaven, sign that says “sins”

Acts 2:32-38

Peter speaks to a Crowd

“This prophecy was speaking of Jesus , whom God raised from the dead, and we all are witnesses of this. Now He sits on the throne of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father as he had promised, gave Him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit in honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet’

So let it be clearly known by everyone in Israel that God made this Jesus whom you crucified to be both Lord and Messiah!

Peter’s words convicted them deeply, and they said to him and to the other apostles, ‘What must we do?’

Peter replied, “Each of you must turn from 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 and to your children, and even to the Gentiles – all who have been called by the Lord our 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.

“TRUE OR FALSE”

HOW TO START:

- **Divide kids into 4 teams**
- **Give a “true/false” poster and a Bible to each team**

HOW TO PLAY:

- **Say, “This game is called True or False. This game will help us learn how to dig into the Bible and discover who Jesus is.**
- **Begin round #1. Read the first statement about Jesus.**
- **Let each team discuss and decide if they think the statement is TRUE or FALSE.**
- **Ask each team to hold up their posters displaying TRUE or FALSE.**
- **Give the Bible verse reference where the answer can be found.**
- **Ask the teams to each look up the verse.**
- **Choose a volunteer to read the verse out loud.**
- **Determine if the statement is TRUE or FALSE.**
- **Award 1 point to the teams who guessed correctly.**
- **Repeat all steps for the remaining statements**

PLAY OPTIONS:

- **Hand out game prizes (optional)**
- **Younger kids: Find and read the verses together**

JESUS STATEMENTS

- **Jesus was born in Nazareth (Luke 2:4-7)**
- **Jesus healed Simon's mother in law (Luke 4:38-39)**
- **Jesus said, "Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on a rock" (Matthew 7:24-27)**
- **Jesus asked Paul to walk on the water (Matthew 14:25-31)**
- **Jesus asked the kids to leave him alone because he was teaching important things to all the people (Matthew 19:13-15)**
- **Jesus was nailed to a cross (Mark 15:24)**
- **Jesus rose again on Tuesday morning (Mark 16:9)**
- **If you believe in Jesus, you will have eternal life (John 3:16)**

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:

- **Read Matthew chapter 2 and make a list of all the new things you learned about Jesus**
- **Decorate your own treasure box to keep in your room.**
- **Keep your Bible in it to help remind you that you can Dig into the Bible to find God's treasures**
- **Ask 2 Christians you know to pray that you will learn more and more about Jesus everyday as you grow up**

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, thank you for the Bible that lets us DISCOVER more and more about who Jesus is. Help us to read the Bible and learn everything in It as we grow older. We want to know Jesus and follow him everyday. Help us to remember to do the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remember to...

- **Hand out the MAP Books**
- **Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!**

KIDMO!™ M.A.P.# BOOK

MISSION ACTION PLAN

DIGGING UP FACTS

FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS



LIVE IT

One of the ways to figure out if you are getting to know Jesus is if you start to act like him. This week, go out of your way to do something nice for someone. Write down that person's name below and a nice thing you did for him.

name: _____

your nice act: _____

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock."

— Matthew 7:24

MAX MEMORIZED THIS VERSE.
Now it's your turn! Check the box to the right when you finish.

YES, I, _____ have completed this week's M.A.P. book!

your name here

Parent's Signature _____

LEARN IT

LOOK IT UP

When you do the research to find out who Jesus is, you'll discover He is exactly who He claims to be, God's Son.

Look up Acts 2:22-41

Let's look some of true/false questions, circle the right answer.

- The earth is round** true/false
- Peter denied Jesus three times** true/false
- The earth goes around the sun** true/false
- About 3,000 people became Christians after Peter's first sermon** true/false
- Jesus died on the cross** true/false
- Jesus rose from the dead** true/false

We can know that the book of Acts is accurate because people were really there to see what happened and wrote it down so we could know as well. The more you read God's Word, the more you'll discover.

LINK IT

Have you ever had to do a report about something you thought you already knew, but then learned something you didn't know before? Well it's like that with Jesus. The more we read about Him, the more we discover. In the space below, circle the words that describe Jesus.

- god's son
- tall
- liked pop tarts
- savior
- did miracles
- played pro football
- raised from the dead
- coming back again
- loved people
- drove a cool car
- crucified
- worked at the mall

COMPASS POINT

"Don't say 'up,' until you look it up!"

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Dig further!

Help Sir Bottomly pick the correct letters to complete today's Compass Point.

**Digging up Facts from the Book of Acts
Episode #1
Lesson Outline**

Theme: Discover Who Jesus Is

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Peter was changed after Jesus rose from the dead, he wasn't afraid anymore; instead he was bold for Jesus.

Review: Acts 2:22-41

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DIGGING UP FACTS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS Q&A CARD EPISODE 1



What are some ways we can discover who Jesus is?

DISCUSS with the group the things they think they already know about Jesus. Make sure to help them along if any of their thinking is not in line with what the Bible says about Jesus.

ASK: "Why is it so important to discover who Jesus is?"



Have you discovered whom Jesus is in your own life?

Look up **Matthew 16:15b-16**.

ASK: "What do you think this verse means when it says, "...you are the Christ, the Son of the living God?"

BRAINSTORM things in your life you want Jesus to change. Share some of those things with the group so they can pray for you.



So what do you do once you have discovered who Jesus is?

ASK: "What things should change in your life once you've discovered who Jesus is?"

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GO FOR IT! Ask your group to make a commitment to **LIVE OUT** a changed life for Jesus. Just as Jesus changed Peter, He can change you too. Make a commitment to ask Jesus to change those things you talked about and ask each other how you are doing. It is up to you. Pass out the prayer cards and ask your group to write down the commitment they made, so you can pray for them this week.

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