

# DIG IT

## Lesson #3 DIG: Into God's 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
Pray: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

### PREP

You will need:

- 11 popsicle sticks numbered 1-11
- 5 popsicle sticks with a cross drawn on each
- Bag or bucket
- Confetti or strips of paper (to fill bag/bucket)
- 1 popsicle stick per kid and markers (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:

- Try asking kids to play the characters: Paul, Silas, Jailer, Jailer's family
- Use Props: strips of cloth to use as chains, food for dinner, flashlight
- Maybe have all the kids "shake" during the earthquake
- Try singing a praise song with Paul and Silas in prison and during the rejoicing at the end of the story

**The Jailer Digs into the Truth**  
**(Paraphrased from Acts 16:25-34)**

**Paul and Silas were thrown into prison because they followed Jesus. One night Paul and Silas were praying and singing to God. The other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake and the whole prison started shaking and shaking. All the doors flew open and the chains fell off of all the prisoners.**

**The jailer in charge of watching the prisoners woke up and saw that all the prison doors were open. He thought all of the prisoners had escaped, and he thought it was his fault. He was so upset that he wanted to hurt himself, but Paul shouted to him, "Don't do it! We are all here!"**

**The jailer was so frightened that he was trembling. He asked for the lights to be turned on and ran down to the dungeon. There he fell on the ground in front of Paul and Silas. Then he asked them, "What must I do to be saved?" The jailer had figured out that God made the earthquake because Paul and Silas were in prison.**

**Paul and Silas said back to him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with your entire household." Then Paul and Silas told the jailer and his entire family about God. They were all baptized.**

**Paul, Silas, the jailer, and his whole family ate together. They all rejoiced in celebration because they all believed in 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.**

**"Dig it Up"**

**HOW TO START:**

- **Divide kids into 4 teams**

**HOW TO PLAY:**

- **Say, "This game is called "Dig it Up". This game will help us learn more about digging into the truth about Jesus.**
- **Begin round #1. One player from team #1 digs through the bucket and pulls out a stick. The player reads the number on the stick.**
- **Read the player the question that corresponds with the number on the stick.**
- **The player earns points equal to the stick number.**
- **If the player draws a stick with the cross on it, he/she can earn 12 bonus points by reciting today's memory verse.**
- **Repeat all steps for a three more rounds**

### **PLAY OPTIONS:**

- Give each player a popsicle stick at the end of the game.
- Ask them to draw a cross on it and carry it in their pockets this week as a reminder

### **GAME QUESTIONS**

- #1: What truth did the jailer find out about Jesus?
- #2: Why do we need Jesus to be saved?
- #3: What happens when we ask Jesus to come into our hearts?
- #4: If you are a Christian, what happens when you die here on Earth?
- #5: Why did Jesus die on the cross?
- #6: What happened after Jesus died on the cross?
- #7: What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- #8: Why was there an earthquake in the prison?
- #9: Who found the truth about Jesus after the earthquake?
- #10: How can we ask Jesus into our hearts?
- #11: Who can ask Jesus into their hearts?

## **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 the story of Paul and Silas again (Acts 16:25-34) Draw a picture of each part of the story and hang it up in your house
- Spend some time praying and thanking God for his gift of Jesus
- Dig a small hole at your house and make a cross to place in the hole.
- Look at it this week to remind you to dig into the truth about Jesus

## **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 sending Jesus to die on the cross and rise again for us. Help us to dig into the truth about Jesus and follow him everyday. Help us to remember to complete*

***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!**

# LIVE IT

Did you know Jesus wants to be your friend? If we dig into Romans 10:9, what does it say we need to do to have a friendship with Jesus? Why don't you invite Jesus into your life right now? Make sure you tell someone you decided to follow Jesus today!

Are you already a follower of Jesus but want to dig deeper into Him? Why don't you pray something like this:

"Jesus, today I want to make you the Lord of my life." Amen.

The more you make Him the Lord of your life, the deeper you will dig into Jesus.

For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
—Romans 10:9

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

YES, I, \_\_\_\_\_ your name here  
\_\_\_\_\_ have completed this week's M.A.P. book!

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# KIDMO!™

# M.A.P. BOOK

MISSION ACTION PLAN

# DIGGING UP FACTS

FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

# SUMMER SLAM!

KIDMO!

# LEARN IT LOOK IT UP

When you dig into the truth, you'll find that Jesus is the only answer. ✕

Look up Acts 16:25-34

## QUIZ TIME

Put what happened to Paul and Silas in the right order. Number them!

- paul and silas baptized the jailer and his whole family.
- paul and silas were praying and singing songs to God around midnight.
- All of the prison doors were opened.
- paul and silas cast a demon out of a slave girl.
- There was a great earthquake
- paul and silas were beaten and locked in the bottom of the prison.

Because the jailer discovered the truth about Jesus, he and his whole family became Christians and were baptized.

# LINK IT

The Bible shows us what is true about Jesus. The more you dig into the Bible, the more truth you can dig up about Jesus. In fact, Jesus even told us that He is the Truth.

Circle some words that can mean the same as truth:

- Banana
- Sir Bottomly
- Honesty
- Lie
- Fib
- Trustworthy
- Right

# COMPASS POINT

"\_atthew, Ma\_k, Lu\_e and J\_hn, these are the \_acts 1 focus on!"

r m o k i r f

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

Dig further!

**Digging up Facts from the Book of Acts**  
**Episode #3**  
**Lesson Outline**

**Theme: Dig into the Truth.**

**LEARN IT**

**When you dig into the truth, you'll find that Jesus is the only answer.**

**Paul and Silas helped the jailer dig into the truth about Jesus even though they were prisoners; and he and his whole family were saved.**

**Review: Acts 16:25-34**

**LINK IT**

**Do you know what is true and what isn't? Sometimes it is hard to tell right away, but the more you dig into Jesus, the more you find out He really is true. In fact, Jesus even told us that He is the Truth.**

**LIVE IT**

**Jesus wants to have a relationship with each one of us. If you haven't accepted the gift of salvation, today is the day.**

**If you have already accepted but want to live for Jesus even more; make Jesus the Lord of your life each day. Make sure you tell someone about what you did.**

**COMPASS POINT**

**"Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, these are the facts I focus on!"**

**MEMORY MAX**

**For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. —Romans 10:9**

# DIGGING UP FACTS

FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

## Q&A CARD

### EPISODE 3



**Why is it important to dig into the truth about Jesus?**

**DISCUSS** with the group what sin is and how it separates us from God. Talk about the reward of sin and how God has provided a way for us to be saved through Jesus' death and resurrection.

**ASK:** If your group knows the plan of salvation and go over that with your group.



**If you have never asked Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your life, would you like to do that today?**

Look up **Romans 10:9**.

**ASK:** "What do you think it means when it says, "...Jesus is Lord?"

**BRAINSTORM** some ways you can make Jesus the Lord (Boss) of your life.



**Do you know how to share Jesus with your friends who don't know Him?**

**ASK:** "Do you have friends or family members who don't know Jesus? What are some things you can do to tell them about Jesus?"

**REVIEW** this week's **Memory Max** (with the hand motions) For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.—**Romans 10:9**

**GO FOR IT!** Ask your group to make a commitment to **LIVE OUT** a changed life for Jesus by making Jesus the Lord (boss) of their lives each day. Have them make a commitment to start each day with the following: "Dear Jesus, today I want to make you the Lord of my life." Also have them commit to pray for their friends and family members who don't know Jesus. It is up to you.

Pass out the prayer cards and ask your group to write down the commitments they made, so you can pray for them this week.

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