

WEEK 3: AIM

Monday: Nehemiah

Memory Verse: I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

<p>LARGE GROUP BIBLE LESSON (12:30-12:45pm) Led by Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good summary to help with acting out and teaching this lesson: https://www.biblefunforkids.com/2017/04/nehemiah-rebuilds-walls-of-jerusalem.html• Nehemiah prayed and he followed God's ways. The wall was built in 52 days. Nehemiah had a clear aim to rebuild the temple walls. He saw the need, prayed to God, and accomplished his goal.
<p>SMALL GROUP (12:45-1:00pm) Led by Impact Interns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worksheet - How can you work for God: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3uNEVAAKowpV3d6b2RJWjNuckU/view• https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/nehemiah-bible-crafts-lesson.html• http://tncchurch.org/nehemiah-response-to-the-rubble-neh-2b/
<p>ROTATIONS (1:00-2:00pm)</p>	<p>The youth groups will plan and lead this time. There will be 3 rotations for the 3 younger color groups (red, purple, and green) and 3 different rotations for the 3 older color groups (orange, blue, yellow). So, there will be 6 rotations going on at the same time, but each VBS child will only go to 3 rotations a day.</p> <p><u>Listed below are suggested activities - you are welcome to come up with your own ideas. Do not feel bound by these ideas!</u></p>
<p>CRAFT (20 MINUTES) Led by Youth Group</p>	<p>Great wall of Prayer - Have each child write and decorate a "prayer brick" and build a "Great Wall of Prayer". Encourage them to focus their prayers on aiming toward God.</p>

	
<p>GAME (20 MINUTES) <i>Led by Youth Group</i></p>	<p>Build walls with dominos, boxes, jenga pieces, or other objects. See who can build the longest and highest wall. What objects build the sturdiest walls?</p>
<p>MEMORY VERSE/SNACK (20 MINUTES) <i>Led by Youth Group</i></p>	<p>Memory Verse: Write each word of the verse on a block or lego. Separate the children into groups and have them work together to put the verse in order. Relate the blocks to how Nehemiah rebuilt the wall.</p>  <p>Snack: Graham crackers to represent the city and marshmallows to represent the wall.</p> 

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Tuesday: Esther

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**LARGE GROUP BIBLE
LESSON**
(12:30-12:45pm)
Led by Youth Group

- This is a long story so you will have to summarize it to teach and act out for the children. Our main focus is that Esther's aim/goal was to save the Israelites and she was willing to risk her life to do this. Relate this to how Jesus risked his life for us.
- Good summary:
<https://www.biblefunforkids.com/search/label/Esther>
- Object lesson and questions:
https://www.futureflyingsaucers.com/esthers-courage-object-lesson/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=390228818_12870128_316913

SMALL GROUP
(12:45-1:00pm)
Led by Impact
Interns

- This link has good discussion questions towards the end:
https://www.futureflyingsaucers.com/esthers-courage-object-lesson/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=390228818_12870128_316913
- Activity page:
<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FREEBIE-Esther-activity-pack-for-Beginners-4093584#show-price-update>

ROTATIONS
(1:00-2:00pm)

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<p>CRAFT (20 MINUTES) Led by Youth Group</p>	 <p>Paper Plate Crown: https://meaningfulmama.com/paper-plate-crown-awana-cubbies-bear-hug-craft-10.html</p>
<p>GAME (20 MINUTES) Led by Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play hot potato but pass around a crown • Play relay races. Prepare questions about the story. Have the children stand in two groups on opposite ends. Have one group of children ask the questions. Everyone can take a turn and ask a question. Have the other group answer the questions. Everyone will take a turn answering the questions. When the group has an answer one team member must run to the other team and give the answer.
<p>MEMORY VERSE/SNACK (20 MINUTES) Led by Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Verse: Write or type the Bible verse on a sheet of paper, using fairly small print. Cut the words or phrases apart. Carefully roll or fold each word up and insert it into a balloon opening. Blow up the balloons and tie them. Place the balloons in a mixed up pile. Have the kids pop the balloons, get the words, and put them in order. To make it even more exciting, print the verse on several times. Insert the words for each memory verse into different colored balloons (for example, one verse into blue balloons, one verse into red balloons.) Divide the kids into teams and see which team can pop all of their balloons and assemble their verse first. • Snack: During snack time give the children an empty plate. Remind them that Esther asked Israel to fast and pray for three days. Ask them questions about the story and give everyone a small snack.

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Wednesday: Jesus Washing the Disciples Feet (John 13:1-17)

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LARGE GROUP BIBLE LESSON (12:30-12:45pm) Led by Youth Group	This is a great story to have your teens act out for the children. Focus on that Jesus's aim/focus was to serve others. He served his disciples by washing their feet and also set an example for all of us to serve others.
SMALL GROUP (12:45-1:00pm) Led by Impact Interns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brainstorm ways each of the kids can serve others. Make a big list on the board and then encourage them to do one of these things tonight.• Cool coloring page: https://www.childrens-ministry-deals.com/products/jesus-washes-his-disciples-feet-coloring-page?utm_source=Pinterest&utm_medium=Social
ROTATIONS (1:00-2:00pm)	The youth groups will plan and lead this time. There will be 3 rotations for the 3 younger color groups (red, purple, and green) and 3 different rotations for the 3 older color groups (orange, blue, yellow). So, there will be 6 rotations going on at the same time, but each VBS child will only go to 3 rotations a day. <u>Listed below are suggested activities - you are welcome to come up with your own ideas. Do not feel bound by these ideas!</u>
CRAFT (20 MINUTES) Led by Youth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have the children take off their shoes and trace their feet. Then they can paint inside outline of their feet• Or cut out feet with the memory verse and have the kids color them then glue inside a paper bowl with a napkin.

	
<p style="text-align: center;">GAME (20 MINUTES) <i>Led by Youth Group</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play a giant game of twister! The goal is for the children to help/serve each other by working together to fit on a circle of the color you call out. • Another idea is Shoe sort: Have children take off their shoes. Have them hand you ONE of their shoes and hold their other shoe. Place these shoes in a row at the other end of the room. The children all place their one shoe on the floor in front of them and sit down. Tell them when you tap their head, they should stand up. Tap every other child's head. Tell the children who are standing that they are going to serve one of their friends by finding their other shoe for them. Now, help that child to take off the shoe of the child standing next to them. Instruct them to now go to the other side of the room and find the matching shoe of their friend and bring both shoes back to their friends. They then help their friend to put their shoes on. That friend now takes their shoe and finds the correct match and helps them to put their shoes on as well.
<p style="text-align: center;">MEMORY VERSE/SNACK (20 MINUTES) <i>Led by Youth Group</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Verse: Write or type the Bible verse onto a sheet of paper. Cut the paper into odd shapes to make a puzzle. Have your child assemble the puzzle. Make copies of the puzzle before cutting them apart, so each child or team can assemble their own puzzles. • Snack: Teddy grahams and chocolate pudding (the kids can lick the "mud" off the bears feet)

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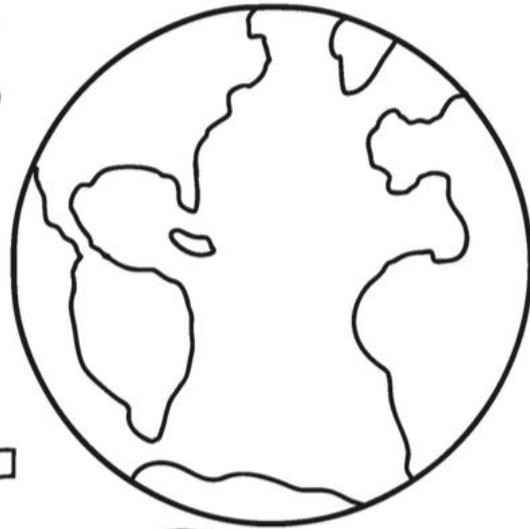
Thursday: Jesus's death and resurrection (Matthew 27:32-28:20)

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<p>LARGE GROUP BIBLE LESSON (10:30-10:45am) Led by Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a lot to cover in 15 minutes - summarize the lesson by acting it out for the kids. Then have a youth minister or well spoken leader recap what the kids just saw. Focus on the fact that God had a plan to send Jesus to die for our sins from the beginning. Jesus's aim/goal while on earth was to fulfill this plan. Jesus was always aiming for the cross to bring us new life.• Then in Matthew 28:18-20 - Jesus gives us something to aim for in our lives.
<p>SMALL GROUP (10:45-11:00am) Led by Impact Interns</p>	<p>Review this story using the beginners Bible and then read the great commission (Matthew 28: 18-20). Talk about how Jesus has given each of us an aim/goal to tell others about him. How can we do this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coloring sheet attached
<p>ROTATIONS (11:00-12:00 noon)</p>	<p>The youth groups will plan and lead this time. There will be 3 rotations for the 3 younger color groups (red, purple, and green) and 3 different rotations for the 3 older color groups (orange, blue, yellow). So, there will be 6 rotations going on at the same time, but each VBS child will only go to 3 rotations a day.</p> <p><u>Listed below are suggested activities - you are welcome to come up with your own ideas. Do not feel bound by these ideas!</u></p>
<p>CRAFT (20 MINUTES) Led by Youth Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cute cross craft: https://meaningfulmama.com/easter-cross-craft-for-sunday-school-classrooms.html

	
<p>GAME (20 MINUTES) <i>Led by Youth Group</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Gospels Game: This is really four corners but with the names of the four Gospels instead of numbers—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. One student stands in the middle and closes their eyes. They count to ten. All of the other students go into a corner. Once after counting to ten, the student who is it calls out a corner name. Students in that corner have to go sit down. • Refocus: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John went into all nations and told people about Jesus. We can do the same as them!
<p>MEMORY VERSE/SNACK (20 MINUTES) <i>Led by Youth Group</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Verse: Place words or phrases of the verse on slips of paper inside plastic eggs. Hide the eggs and let the kids find them and put the verse in order. Eggs represent new life - we have new life in Christ! Explain that we celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive! • Snack: Easter candy - some of the eggs you hide will have candy and some will have the words to the verses.

“GO therefore
and make disciples
of ALL nations,
baptizing
them in
the name
of the
Father
and of the Son
and of the
Holy Spirit”



Matthew 28:19