

BUGS

small creatures...big lessons



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The Elements

The BIG IDEA:

This is the main thought you want to get across to the kids during the week's lesson. Most of the BIG IDEA is a simple statement that sums up the entire week's lesson. Sometimes it rhymes, sometimes it relies on rhythm, and other times it is just crazy! The plan is to have the kids learn the BIG IDEA by repetition. Included on the CD is the soundbyte "Hey! What's The Big Idea?" (track #1). This is a soundbyte that your sound engineer can play as many times during the service as desired. Each time the kids hear the soundbyte, they should stand up on their feet and say the week's BIG IDEA.

The Bug Man:

He's wild! He's wacky! He introduces the Insect we will be tackling each week. Each week's lesson includes a Bug Man segment on the DVD. We suggest you open your service with this segment to help set the tone for the rest of the time. The Bug Man also teaches the BIG IDEA each week!

Game Time:

Each lesson is reinforced by a game. Since most children's church services make use of the natural rivalry of "boys vs girls," that is the way most of the games are set up. Materials are listed and games are explained for each weekly game. There are also high energy instrumental game songs included on the "BUGS" Music CD. Some of them are 60-second versions (to be used for games with a one-minute time limit), and some of them are extended versions. More music can be found on the Crazy Kids Game Music Vols. 1, 2, & 3 CDs (*available online at www.highvoltage-kids.com*).

Puppet Skits:

Use your favorite puppets to perform these skits. Most of them are puppets interacting with humans, which can be you or any member of your team. Names can be changed for each specific church and situation.

Illustrated Messages:

Because kids tend to learn best if you combine speaking the truth with visual illustrations, we have written an illustrated sermon to be used each week. Materials are listed, and manuscripts are provided. Each illustrated sermon comes with a PowerPoint presentation for each main point.

The DVD:

Multi-media is the way to go for the kids of the 21st century! Included on the DVD are the "Bug Man" segments, Video Illustrations, a five-minute countdown to begin each service, plus two bonus video songs (*additional songs can be found on our "High Voltage Power Praise" DVD and additional countdowns can be found on our "Countdowns and Transitions For Kids Ministry" DVDs available online at www.highvoltage-kids.com*).

The Music CD:

Contained on this music disc are game songs, the BIG IDEA soundbyte, the world famous "OFFERING TIME" song, plus two songs from our "High Voltage Power Praise" CD (*available online at www.highvoltage-kids.com*).

The Data CD:

This CD contains graphics and artwork of the "BUGS" logo for you to use for promotion. Also included are PowerPoint games, slides for use during illustrated sermons, and PowerPoint slides for each Big Idea and Power Verse.

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Main Focus

We must make the right choice to have the right attitude!

POWER VERSE

"Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had."

Philippians 2:5

BIG IDEA

"I've Got A New Attitude!"

Leader's Info

All of us have bad days. Sometimes our hair won't cooperate. Other times, we face difficulties with people we work with. Every day we are tested to see if we will have a Godly attitude or not.

Too often, we let our attitudes be determined by what our day is like. If things go well, we have a great attitude. If things go badly, we have a stinky attitude.

This week, we will use the stinkbug to help us remember that we have a choice whether or not we have a stinky attitude. Our attitude is a choice. It is not determined by others. We should have the same attitude that Jesus had.

☀ Bug Man Video
"The Stinkbug"

☀ Puppet Skit
Mr. Crabbe has a stinky attitude

☀ Offering Time

☀ Praise Songs

☀ Game Time
"Wake Up Sleepy Head!"

☀ Power Verse
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Philippians 2:5*

☀ Worship Songs

☀ Illustrated Message
"Don't Be A Stinkbug!"

☀ Review Questions

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Review Questions

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Puppet Skit

Character: Mr. Crabbe is a grouchy old man puppet. *(You can use any puppet your kids are familiar with in your services)*

Leader: That Bug Man is a funny guy! I can't wait to learn today about "Don't be a stinkbug!"

Mr. Crabbe: *(pops up)* Stinkbug? I knew something smelt funny. I thought it was you.

Leader: Mr. Crabbe! That's not very nice.

Mr. Crabbe: Well, I can't help it. I'm having a bad day.

Leader: What's wrong?

Mr. Crabbe: Everything. First of all, my alarm clock didn't go off this morning, so I was late for church. The clothes I wanted to wear were dirty, so I had to wear this ugly thing. The little bit of hair I have won't cooperate. It's going crazy! To top it all off, I had to bump into Silly Willy this morning, and he's being annoying as usual. I am just not having a good day!

Leader: Well, I understand things aren't going well for you, Mr. Crabbe. But, that's no reason to have such a stinky attitude.

Mr. Crabbe: Well, of course it is. I can't help it if I have a stinky attitude. I am having a stinky day, so my attitude's not my fault.

Leader: Well, actually it is. You see, we are learning today about the stinkbug. When someone does something it doesn't like, it lets off a really bad odor...it stinks. A lot of times, when things don't go the way we want, we choose to have a stinky attitude. But, you see, it really is our choice. We don't have to have a stinky attitude. We can choose to have the same attitude that Jesus had.

Mr. Crabbe: I don't know what you're talking about. If you want me to have a good attitude, then you better fix all my problems.

Leader: I don't think that's what Jesus was like. You know, things didn't always go perfectly for Him either. Some days people followed Him and listened to Him. Other days, people were angry with Him. One day, people even got so mad at Him that they beat Him and nailed Him to a cross. But, He never ever treated them bad or had a stinky attitude.

Mr. Crabbe: Really? Well, I don't know if I can do that. Having a good attitude is not easy.

Leader: I know. But, just because it's difficult doesn't mean we can't do it. I want you to stick around

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Puppet Skit (Continued)

and listen to what we learn today. I think you will find out that our attitude is our choice, and we should always have the same attitude that Jesus had. It's not easy, but He can help us.

Mr. Crabbe: All right, I guess. But, I am not sure this will work for me. I'm Mr. Crabbe remember?

Leader: I know it won't be easy, but I think God can take care of even the stinkiest of attitudes.

Mr. Crabbe: All right, fine. But, in the meantime can you tell the boys to keep their shoes on? Otherwise, there'll be more than attitudes that are stinky.

Leader: Oh, Mr. Crabbe. Say goodbye.

Mr. Crabbe: Goodbye, stinky boys!

Leader: Goodbye, Mr. Crabbe. I tell you what, kids. Today's lesson is going to help us a lot. We all struggle with our attitudes from time to time. I think today will help us to focus on having the right attitude, not a stinky one.

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Game Time

“Wake Up, Sleepyhead!”

Setup: Say, “You know kids, one of the hardest times of the day to have a good attitude is when we first get up in the morning to get ready for school. We’re tired, we’re cranky, and our attitudes can be pretty stinky. So, let’s play a game called, ‘Wake up, sleepy-head!’”



Items Needed For Game: The Music CD (*play one of the extended versions of one of the game songs*), 2 sets of oversized pants, 2 oversized shirts, 2 pop tarts, 2 glasses of milk, 2 backpacks filled with books

How To Play: Choose two kids to compete in the game. Have the kids lie down as if they are asleep in bed. When the alarm clock goes off (*music begins*) they are to get up, put on their clothes, eat breakfast (*pop tart and milk*), get their backpacks and rush off to school. The first one to make it through all the tasks and to the finish line is the winner. The key is: They **MUST** have a smile the whole time (*no stinkbug attitudes*)!

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Illustrated Message

“Don’t Be A Stinkbug!”

Materials Needed: The Data CD (*PowerPoint presentation Lesson Two, beginning with the sermon title slide “Don’t Be A Stinkbug!”*)
Choose several of your leaders or children to play the parts that will be acted out in the message.

Preparation: Prepare each of your leaders or children by rehearsing with them the parts they are acting out. Make sure they know their cue when to come on and off the stage. Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled “Lesson Two,” begin with the slide titled “Don’t Be A Stinkbug.” There is a slide for each point in the message.

The Message: *(title slide)*

Today we are learning about the Stinkbug. When the stinkbug has something or someone that does something it doesn’t like, it lets off a smelly odor. That’s how it got its name. You know, sometimes we also have stinky attitudes.

If we are going to have the right attitude and not a stinky attitude, we need to be able to tell the difference, right? We need to be able to identify when we see a Godly attitude and when we see a stinky attitude.

So, we’re going to do a little exercise to help us do just that. I have a few helpers who are going to act out scenes from our lives and we are going to decide whether they have a Godly attitude or a stinky attitude.

(First person comes up with a large sucker.)

Attitude #1: “Hey Mom. I know we are about to eat dinner, but could I have this sucker? *(pause, then begin to complain)* But, Mom, why not? That’s not fair! I want to eat it! I want to eat it!”

Well, what do you think? We are going to vote. If you think it was a Godly attitude, say, “WOO HOO!” *(wait for response)* If you think it was a stinky attitude, say, “PEE YEW!” *(wait for response)* That’s exactly right. That was a stinky attitude. We shouldn’t argue with our parents or complain when they tell us to do something we may not agree with. That’s not what Jesus would have done.

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(Second person comes up with a band-aid on their finger.)

Attitude #2: "It's OK, Randy. I know you cut my finger, but I am sure it was an accident. I forgive you."

How about that one, kids? WOO HOO or PEE YEW? *(wait for response)* That's right! That was the right attitude, so we give it a WOO HOO! Even though the friend had accidentally hurt his (her) finger, he (she) still had the right attitude and forgave them.

(Third person comes up with a video game controller in his or her hands, acting like he or she is are playing a game.)

Attitude #3: *(Off-stage a woman yells, "Jeffery?")* "Yes, Mom?" *(Voice says, "I need you to take out the trash for me, please.")* "But, I am playing a game." *("I need you to do it anyway, please.")* "But, MOM! I don't want to take out the trash!" *("Jeffery, NOW!")* "Man, it's so dumb that I have to do everything all the time."

How about that one, kids? WOO HOO or PEE YEW? *(wait for response)* That's right! That was a rotten attitude, stinky as they come. When we are asked to help around the house, we should be willing to do whatever it takes to help our family. Well, how about one more. You want one more? OK, here it is.

(Fourth person comes up with a pile of books in his or her hands.)

Attitude #4: "I wanted to go over to my friend's house this weekend, but Mrs. Barnes gave us a whole lot of homework. I am really disappointed, but I know my schoolwork has to come first. I can go over to my friend's house another day."

How about that one, kids? WOO HOO or PEE YEW? *(wait for response)* That's right! That was the right attitude so we give it a WOO HOO! Even though he (she) was disappointed about having so much homework, he (she) didn't complain and made the right choice. Let's give a hand to our helpers today!

Well, now that we know the difference between a Godly attitude and a stinky attitude, the BIG question is HOW do we make the right choice and choose the Godly attitude. It's not the easy choice, but it is the right choice.

You must remember three things if you are going to make the right choice and have the Godly attitude and not the stinky attitude.

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Illustrated Message

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1. Bad Days WILL Happen *(slide #2)*

There's no way to avoid problems. Your hair is going to mess up, people are going to get mad at you, and things are not going to always go your way. A lot of people think that just by becoming a Christian you end up having a perfect life. Not so. Problems come to Christians just like they come to everybody.

I wish I could tell you that the moment you ask Jesus into your heart everything will be perfect, but it just isn't true. Even Jesus Himself had bad days. There were days that people treated him unfairly. There were days when His own disciples disobeyed Him and turned their backs on Him.

2. Your Attitude Is Your Choice *(slide #3)*

Many people are just like Mr. Crabbe and try to blame their bad attitude on others. They say, "Well, so and so made me act that way." Or they might say, "Well, if such and such hadn't happened, I would've had a better attitude today." Basically, they are saying they have no control over their own attitudes and that everything is determined by someone else.

The truth is, our attitude is our choice. Nobody can choose your attitude for you. It's like the little boy who was sitting down in church and his mom told him to stand up. He said he would rather sit down. She told him he had to stand up. He stood up and told her, "I may be standing up on the outside, but I am sitting down on the inside." You see, his mom could make him act as if he had the right attitude by standing up, but she could not choose his attitude for him. On the inside he still had the stinky attitude.

We must make the right choice every day to have the same attitude that Jesus had.

3. Jesus Had The Right Attitude *(slide #4)*

Our Power Verse today says, "Your attitude should be the same as Jesus Christ had." What kind of attitude was that? Well, when His disciples turned away from Him and disappointed Him, He didn't get mad at them and scream at them. He forgave them.

When He was a little boy and His parents asked Him to do things He didn't want to do, He didn't kick and scream and throw a fit. He obeyed. The Bible says He never once sinned by disobeying His parents.

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When people came against Him and arrested Him, beat Him, and nailed Him to a cross, even though He was innocent and had done nothing wrong, He didn't get angry with them, He prayed for them.

You see, it's not easy to have the right attitude when things don't go our way; but, if we are going to do what God wants us to do, we have to make the right choice and choose to have a Godly attitude, not a stinky attitude. Is that easy to do? No, we need God's help to do it. But, with His help we can make the right choice for the right attitude.

ALTAR TIME: *(play soft music) Lead the children in a prayer of repentance for having the wrong attitudes at times. Pray that God will help them to choose the right attitude, just as Jesus did. Pray that with God's help, they will make the right choice for the right attitude and never ever be a stinkbug.*

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Review Questions

- 1. What bug did we talk about today?**
Answer: *The Stinkbug*
- 2. Why did Mr. Crabbe say he was late for church this morning?**
Answer: *His alarm clock did not go off*
- 3. Is having the right attitude always easy?**
Answer: *NO!*
- 4. True Or False: It is not our fault if we have a bad attitude.**
Answer: *False.*
- 5. What's today's Big Idea?**
Answer: *"I've Got A New Attitude!"*
- 6. Does everything become perfect when we become a Christian?**
Answer: *No*
- 7. Our attitude is supposed to be the same as whose?**
Answer: *Christ Jesus*
- 8. Whose choice is it whether or not we have the right attitude?**
Answer: *It is our choice*
- 9. What did we say during the lesson when we saw someone with a stinky attitude?**
Answer: *Pee Yew!*
- 10. What did Jesus do for those who beat Him and nailed Him to a cross?**
Answer: *He prayed for them (forgave them)*