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KNOW THE AUDIENCE

Tweens are a *segment buster* that have defined a new reality in our world. Our kids are getting older faster! It is a demographic that major businesses define as those kids between the ages of around 8 & 12 years old who have commonly been referred to as preteens.

KNOW THE TEMPLATE

When Jesus was 12 years old (a tween) he declared in Luke 2:49, "I must be about My Father's business." His parents found Him after being lost for three days in His Father's house. There was something different about this boy that can be a template for every tween to follow who is given the opportunity to be captivated by the culture of Jesus at 12.

KNOW THE CULTURE

At the age of 12, Hebraic children had learned to read and meditate on the Law. This guide will help "Greek minded" kids capture Hebrew disciplines and Jesus at 12 culture for making the Bible a daily delight.

KNOW THE GOAL

Luke 2:52 says that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. The goal of every leader and this manual is to see our kids learn to practice the values inside and INCREASE into the next season of fruitfulness in their lives!

UNIT 1: THE BIBLE

OVERVIEW

SUMMARY

Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day - teach 'em... and you know the rest. Let me say it this way, give a kid a Bible and they'll eat for a day - teach them how to use it and they'll eat the rest of their life! This unit will lay the groundwork for your kids to fall in love with the Bible. If a preteen can grasp how amazing the Bible is, they'll never hunger for what the world has to offer again.

Note: this guide is to be used in conjunction with the BBC for tweens as weekly homework and as context by the students.

SCOPE

(from study in BBC for Tweens pages 4-17)

Week 1:

The Bible is a truly amazing book

Week 2:

The Bible is God's love letter to us

Week 3:

The Bible is a library of stories

SET

We set our alarm clocks, we set our cruise control, and we even set our sprinklers, but seldom do we take time to get "set" ourselves.

Isaiah says those that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

At the beginning of this journey of teaching kids the importance and practice of studying the Bible, consider that you can only take people where you have been yourself.

Take some time to wait upon the Lord and commit to putting a greater priority on the Word in your life - not to teach a lesson, but to renew your strength in the Lord.

WEEK 1:

THE BIBLE IS A TRULY AMAZING BOOK

INTRODUCTION

Share an experience about a time where the Bible spoke to you in your situation to help you. Ask the kids to imagine how many people over the last 2000 years have had a similar experience. Ask them if the Bible has ever influenced them in a particular situation they were going through.

THE BIBLE'S INFLUENCE

Did you know that Christopher Columbus credits the Bible for the idea to sail to America?

W.E. Gladstone said,
"I have known 95 of the world's great men in my time and of these 87 were followers of the Bible."

Use a couple of quotes from the BBC for tweens and make your case why the Bible is so amazing just from the proof of how many important men were influenced by it in history.
(see also Luke 21:33)

LEADER HINT:
This guide is designed to aid you in the teaching segments of your service. If you would like service formats, craft ideas, game time solutions, or worship lists, check out Tag, You're It, J12's local church practical guide for leading tweens and conducting services.

THE BIBLE IS A MIRACLE

Have you ever looked at the author on a library book? What if instead of one author it listed 40 on the cover? Do you think they would have a hard time telling the same story all the way through the book? Did you know that the Bible was written by over 40 different guys?

What is even more miraculous was that this book was not written in 5 years or even 500 years? But these 40 guys kept the same story fitting together over a period of 1600 years.

Add to that the fact that they lived in different time zones-3 continents separated them in a time with no private jets to help them collaborate. But when you see the Bible in your language, you would have never guessed that some authors spoke Hebrew, others Greek, and still others spoke Aramaic.

Why? Because it flows together with unmistakable unity from start to finish unveiling the plan of salvation starting at the very first historic event in the garden of Eden to the historic day Jesus rose from the dead in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Make your case why the Bible ever coming together into one book that is so seamless is a good enough reason why this book is truly amazing.

(see also 2 Peter 1:21)

LEADER HINT:
Don't impress them with how much information you can download into them, focus on connection with facts.

WEEK 1: THE BIBLE IS A TRULY AMAZING BOOK CONTINUED

THE BIBLE IS A HISTORICAL FACT

Manuscripts and the understanding of scribes rewriting the Bible is hard for kids to get their minds around. Read through this section in the BBC for Tweens and then do the following.

- ~Explain what a Bible scribe did.
- ~Explain what a manuscript is.
- ~Note that there are more manuscripts of The Holy Scriptures than any other book in history.
- ~Explain that the number of manuscripts that the zealous scribes copied down through the years gives proof of the reliability of the Bible. (Suggested reading for further study on this subject, "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" by Josh McDowell)

THE BIBLE HAS STOOD THE TEST OF PERSECUTION

The Bible is a controversial subject because it centers around belief in God and His son, Jesus as the key to living forever. It is hard for people to accept the Bible, because this belief requires a radical change in the way we live our lives. Therefore, the Bible has been persecuted more than any other book in history. Do you know what persecution means? Allow for discussion.

Use a quote from the BBC for Tweens and state your case why even though man has been pecking away at the Bible for ages, the Word of God still lives on as the best selling book of all time!

Q & A CONCLUSION

The Bible stands alone in its influence on literature, law, politics, arts, music, and even other religions. Kings have studied it. Farmers and scientists are fascinated by it. The rich and the poor are blessed by it. You cannot study history without a understanding of it. You will never find another book as powerful, because it is God's book to man. The Bible is truly an amazing book.

Take some time right now to consider your thoughts about the Bible.

Knowing now, what you know about the many reasons why the Bible is such a special book, do you think you give this book the importance that it deserves? Why or why not?

Do you have a Bible? Where do you keep it? How often do you open it or even look at it?

What makes the Bible so amazing? Do we worship the Bible? Why or why not?

What did we say about why it is so hard for people to accept the Bible? Why is this obviously different from other books?

Have you come to the same conclusion that the Bible is truly an amazing book? Why? What questions do you have about this best selling book?

LEADER HINT:
The Q & A Conclusion is a great way to utilize your small group time. This can also be an effective outline for a ministry time in a big group setting.

Q & A is one of the values of J12 based on when Jesus was in the temple at 12 years old asking the church leaders questions and also replying with answers that they were amazed with. You will be amazed as well with your tweens as the Holy Spirit brings understanding to the lesson as they process the subject matter through Q & A.

LEADER HINT:
The CHALLENGE is on the following page. Feel free to photocopy this and give it to the students or download it online at www.j12.com/L1Challenge. Making it a part of YOUR challenge, not just something for them to read later will be the most effective way to see results.

WEEK 1



FOR TWEENS TAKE HOME CHALLENGE

Here is your challenge if you are brave enough to attempt it...

+ PLACE AN IMPORTANCE ON YOUR BIBLE

this week, not in a weird way -but to honor the God of the Word.

Find it in your bedroom, dust it off and
put it where you can see it everyday.

(If you don't have a Bible, buy one, ask your parents, grandparents, pastor,
neighbor, teacher, do whatever you need to do - just get one!

Getting a version you can understand will go a long way
towards having fun with the verses like we will talk about later on in this unit)

+ START BRINGING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH

every week if you don't already. Not because you may get a prize,
but because what is important to you is a part of you
everyday - everywhere - in every way.

+ SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE

you have learned this week about the Bible.
(amaze your parents, friends, and teachers!)

Weekly BBC for Tweens Reading Assignment: pages 11-12 "God's Love Letter to Us"
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