

FINDING EVERY CHILD'S GOD GIVEN PURPOSE

DRIVEN

LOVING GOD

WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

LOVING KIDZ

CONNECT & SERVE

TELLING EVERYBODY

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



Children's Ministry Leader.

Over the next six weeks you are going to take the children in your ministry back to the basics. You will be tackling some pretty complicated words and will need God's help as you communicate these things effectively on a child's level. The best way to do this is to not get bogged down on "church" language. When you teach about worship you will want the children to understand what worship is, but more importantly, what worship means to them as it relates to their God given purpose. This series is designed so that every boy and girl involved in your services comes in expecting great things and leaves **DRIVEN** to do what God has called them to do.

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RealFun Curriculum Team

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Who:

The Presenter: RealFun curriculum presenter is someone who has the ability to connect to children. Depending on your group this can be a volunteer, staff person, or teen leader. This series also welcomes the use of multiple presenters as it offers multiple parts that can be presented by a variety of personalities. The Audience: *Driven: Finding Every Child's God Given Purpose* series is designed to be used for elementary children (grades 1 to 5).

What: *Driven: Finding Every Child's God Given Purpose* curriculum has several elements offered weekly. It offers powerpoint presentations, teaching aids, and step by step instructions on presentation.

The Big Idea: This is the main point of the weeks lesson. Say it, repeat it, and have the kids do the same. *The Toolbox Treasure:* Every wise person keeps an emergency toolbox in their car trunk. The toolbox treasure is an item that is connected with the day's lesson.

Memory Verse Activity: This activity is an interactive way to teach the weeks memory verse. It gets the kids moving and also remembering their verse.

Message/ Object Lesson: This portion offers a variety of ways to teach the lesson of the week. The message and object lessons will help drive home the point.

Game Time: Games are meant to be fun... so do just that. The games in this series relate to the lesson and are sure to get your children moving and laughing.

Review Game: This is offered in powerpoint and will again reinforce many of the elements of the service. It is also nice in case "big" church service goes long!

Weekly Schedule: *Driven: Finding Every Child's God Given Purpose* offers a suggested weekly schedule that will fit all the elements of the curriculum in the allotted time.

When: *Driven: Finding Every Child's God Given Purpose* is designed to be offered weekly in a children's church setting.

Where: *Driven: Finding Every Child's God Given Purpose* presentation is found most effective in an area that offers projection/ video capabilities.

Why: *Driven: Finding Every Child's God Given Purpose* takes the issue of purpose in the life of every child. Many times children battle with self esteem issues. This series is aimed at the heart of kids and will challenge them to work hard to accomplish their purpose with God's help.

How Long: *Driven: Finding Every Child's God Given Purpose* weekly service is designed to be from sixty to ninety minutes in length after adding a time for praise and worship, offering, etc.



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THE BIG IDEA

Refer back to the BIG idea often thru the service to remind the children what the lesson is about.

WEEK ONE

Loving God is Worship

What you need:

- Slide with Driven - Loving God: Worship on it
- Big Idea Slide
- Slide with picture of the church with “worship” across it

What it is : The Big Idea is used from beginning to end in the service. Each element of the service should be opened with “What’s the Big Idea?” and allow the children to repeat it back. The more you use the big idea and more it is said by leaders and children, the greater the chance for the children to retain what they have learned in the service.

What you say & do: **Put up the Big Idea slide.** Today’s Big Idea is *Loving God is Worship*. Let’s learn the Big Idea together right now. Yell out the Big Idea that is on the screen when I say “What’s the Big Idea?” Now here we go, What’s the Big Idea? (kids respond) I can’t hear you... (kids respond). Great now let’s talk about what this word worship means. Worship means to adore something. Worship is something you can do any time throughout your day. Today we are going to talk about how we can love God thru worship...during a worship service. Over the next few weeks we will be going through a series called:

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Today we are starting with *Loving God: Worship*. Let’s take a survey real quick. How many of you guys come to church every Sunday? (kids respond) Okay, how many of you guys get to choose if you go to church? (kids respond) Okay. The reason why I asked those things is simple. Going to church is a very important way that we can show God we love him. Going to church is also a part of God’s purpose for our lives. One more question. How many of you guys wake up in the morning on Sunday on time, get ready on time, and are excited about going to church? (kids respond) Good answer for many of you. **Put slide up of church with worship on it.** So on the screen we see a picture of a church with the word *worship* on it. So let’s get down to the nitty gritty! We can love God thru worship, right? (kids respond) Right. Worship is something we do at church in a worship service, right? Right. We should look forward to coming to church so we can worship, right? Right. Kids church is our worship service, right? Right. Soooo...the Big Idea is Loving God is Worship. Today we are learning that means for us to go to church, to a worship service. We want you to be Driven to Love God by going to a worship service every week. But, there is another huge part of worship. That is what we do to honor God. Worship can be singing, prayer or just thinking about how awesome God is.

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TOOLBOX TREASURE

Hints for the slide:

1. They are shiny
2. They make noise
3. They come in different sizes

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WEEK ONE

→ Ringing Bells

What you need:

- Slide with three hints
- A bell or string of bells

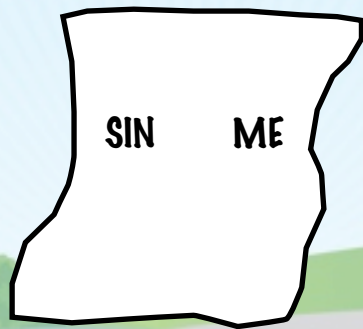
What it is : The Toolbox Treasure is the opportunity to bring an element into the service that peaks the curiosity of the kids. This element of the service will give your kids something to look forward to as it keeps them guessing how the Toolbox Treasure relates to the Bible Story or the lesson of the day.

What you say & do: **Prepare the Toolbox Treasure ahead of time and cover it up with some fabric or a towel to allow more mystery for this portion of the service.** Today we are talking about worship and we are also unveiling a brand new way to bring an object into our lesson. Boys and girls I would like to introduce the *Toolbox Treasure*. **Take the cover off of the toolbox.** This toolbox holds something that we will be discussing in our service today. Our new series is called *Driven*. Well, in order to be driven, you have to be in a car and every smart person keeps a toolbox in their car. So we have the toolbox here to help us with our lesson. I would like for you to look at the screen and let's see if we can guess what it is before I show you. **Put the slide up with the hints coming on one at a time. Pick a child to try to guess what it is. Give the child a guess after each hint is displayed.** Those were all good guesses. **Have the child sit down.** Now let's see what today's *Toolbox Treasure* is. **Take the bells out of the toolbox.** As you can see it is bells. Today's Big Idea is *Loving God is Worship*. How do these bells represent worship? (kids respond) **Allow some guesses. They will probably say something about music or noise.** Good guesses. Some of you may think that music and worship are the same thing. Today we are talking about how worship is going to church though. These bells represent something that was attached to the bottom of the high priests robe. For over a thousand years the high priest was the only one that could go into God's presence in the Most Holy Place. The high priest was the one that God chose to come into His presence. As you study the Bible you will see that this person was someone that God trusted and that the people trusted. So, what are the bells for? The bells were attached to the bottom of the robe of the high priest because that is what God told them to do. What the bells did was to let the people know that the high priest was still alive. If the people heard the bells, then all was well. But if the bells stopped ringing then something bad had happened. Every high priest had to make sure he had done certain things before he went into God's presence. One of the major things was to make sure that his heart was in the right place. Kind of like you guys having the right heart about coming to a worship service before you even get there. The good news is that God won't strike you down if you mess up, because of Jesus. Let's learn about that in our Bible story for the day.

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BIBLE STORY

Refer back to the BIG idea often thru the service to remind the children what the lesson is about.



WEEK ONE

Curtains

What you need:

- Slide with Matthew 27:51
- Piece of fabric like an old towel with "sin" written on one half and "me" on the other half
- Pair of scissors

What it is : The Bible story is the "meat" of the service. Children need to know that God's Word is full of stories that can be used in their everyday lives. It is the privilege of you as a ministry leader to show how these stories apply in a practical way to them in everyday life.

What you say & do: **Practice the towel trick ahead of time.** Wow! I am so glad that I live in today's day and age. I get to come to a worship service every week and be in God's presence. It would have been really hard to live in a time where the only person who could go into God's presence was the high priest. That is all different today. I am here to tell you why. Our Big Idea is *Loving God is Worship*. This Big Idea means a lot of things. Today we are focusing on going to church or should I say going to a worship service. The name of the Bible story today is *Curtains*. Curtains have been around as long as people wanted privacy. Even God used curtains in the tabernacle and in the temple for privacy. We just learned about the bells that the high priest wore as he went into the Most Holy Place. The reason he did that is because the people could not see him because of a curtain. It was actually several curtains that hung in between the people and the Most Holy Place. In the Bible we learn that Jesus came and died on the cross for our sins. The thing that kept the people from coming into the Most Holy Place was sin. When Jesus died for me and for you, He made it possible for everyone to go into God's presence. Here is a verse that tells us something very important that happened right after Jesus died. **Show slide with Matthew 27:51 then read it.** You see in this verse the heavy curtains were split from top to bottom. This show us today that we can come into God's presence because of what Jesus did. **Pick up towel.** Here I have an old towel. This is going to represent sin in our lives that separate us from God and the curtains in the temple that tore. **Act like you are trying to rip it but don't succeed.** I am just going to rip this just like the one in our story to show you that when Jesus died for us he can destroy, annihilate, completely remove our sin from our lives if we accept his forgiveness. **Keep trying to rip it while you are talking.** Kind of like this towel I am holding. It has "sin" written on one side and "me" written on the other side. When we ask Jesus to come in and to forgive us we are asking for His help. Just like I can't rip this by myself. I need help. **Pick up the scissors and cut the towel in half to separate the sin side from the me side.** We get to come to a worship service every week and experience God's presence in a very real way. We get to do this because of Jesus. I don't know about you but that makes me want to love God thru worship by going to church even more.

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

For where two or three come together
in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

What you need:

- PPT Slide of Memory Verse
- 2 Small trash cans full of balled up blank paper
- 2 copies of paper with one word of the memory verse on each sheet then balled up and mixed with the other paper.

What it is : The memory verse and the activity is designed to do two things: 1. To give you the opportunity to tie the days lesson into Biblical truths, 2. To get the kids moving and learning at the same time. Take this portion of the service to ensure that the children will memorize the weeks verse and understand what it means to them.

Treasure in the Trash

What you say & do: Set up the 2 trash cans with the blank paper and the paper with the words of the verse beforehand. Many people in the world today don't even realize that they are lost. It is up to us to understand that there are many people that are lost and that Jesus loves them and wants to save them. Just like the old hymn says, I once was lost but now I am found! It was Jesus who found me and it was Jesus who has found many of you and it is Jesus who will keep seeking those who are lost. Now it is time for our Memory Verse Activity! I need four volunteers. We are going to make two teams. Each team has their own trash can full of paper. Your job is to find the Treasure in the Trash. God's word is our treasure and after you find the words of today's verse you will need to lay them out in correct order. **Have both teams line up then give them a countdown to start. Have both teams work together and the first one finished begins to read loudly the verse they put together.** You can display the verse on the screen before and go over it and then take it away for added difficulty. **HAVE FUN!!**



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MESSAGE: OBJECT LESSON

WEEK ONE

→ When we get there!

What you need:

- Road Map
- Watch or clock

What it is : The object lesson is simply a lesson with an object (deep stuff right). The goal of every object lesson is to grab the children's attention to the item with a hint of mystery. As the children wonder how it is all going to tie together you can present the lesson of the day in a fresh memorable way.

What you say & **do**: What is our Big Idea? (kids respond) Nice job. Now it is time for our message and I have a couple of things here that will help us learn. We all know our big idea. Our memory verse says *where 2 to 3 come together in my name, there I am with them*. Look around and take a moment and count how many kids are in here. How many do you think is here? (kids respond) good guesses. So we all agree that there is more than 2 or 3 right? That's right. The other thing that we need to remember is that we have come together in Jesus' name. We have come to worship God. All this put together means that God is here with us. We can be here in his presence because of Jesus' taking our sin away when we accept him. Now this road map represents directions. For the next several weeks we will be finding God's purpose for us. It is my goal that all of you will be Driven to be all that God wants you to be. Part of becoming what God wants us to be is knowing what that is. This road map represents directions on a journey. **Hold up the road map**. If I am going somewhere that I have never been I need directions to find my way. Whether I have a map like this one, look it up on the internet or plug it into a GPS, I need help finding my way. God wants all of us to be with Him in Heaven one day. The directions on how to get there are in his word, the Bible. When we go to worship service every week we are preparing for the biggest worship service ever! The one that will be in Heaven. The Bible teaches us that one day every knee will bow in worship to God. It also teaches us that the saints (those who have received Jesus as Savior) will worship God face to face. Cool stuff, huh? Think about it there is going to be billions of people that will worship God in Heaven. I want to be one of the ones get to stay in Heaven and worship Him for eternity. The Bible teaches us that there are many that won't follow God's directions to Heaven. They won't get to stay there but will have to go to hell. Not ME! **Hold up the watch**. This is a watch. What is it used for? (kids respond) That's right. We use this to tell time. When someone gives me directions, that makes it possible for me to find my way. When someone gives me the time to be there, that makes it possible for not to miss out on something. God gives us the directions to Heaven in His Word. People have to believe in his Son Jesus and to accept Him as their savior. Have you ever been on a trip and asked "are we there yet?" Of course you have. That is talking about time. You want to hurry up and get there so you can enjoy wherever you are going, like vacation. The Bible teaches us that one day Jesus is coming back to get all the Christians and take them back to heaven with Him. It is called The Rapture. The Bible also teaches us that only those that have received Jesus get to go to Heaven. One more thing the Bible says is that no one knows when this is going to happen. I don't know about you, but I want to be ready when the rapture happens. I want to be ready to worship God in Heaven. But while I am here on earth I am going to love God thru worship and I am going to be Driven to fulfill God's purpose for my life.

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GAME TIME

WEEK ONE

Freeze Dance

What you need:

- Rockin' music (suggestions: *Gotta Worship by Virtuosity*)
- 5 to 10 kids at a time
- At least 2 judges

What it is : Game time is meant to be fun. Allow the kids to get loud as they cheer on their team for this part of your service.

What you say & do:

We are going to play a fun game called Freeze Dance. When you hear the music, you get to dance all around. But....when the music stops, you have to freeze in your spot and don't move. If the judges see you move after the music stops, you are out.

1. Pick 5 to 10 kids per round
2. When the music starts, the kids can dance around
3. Stop the music suddenly
4. Any kid that moves after the music stops is out
5. Play until all kids have been called out
6. The child that lasts the longest wins (you may want multiple winners)

For added fun let everyone in the room play. Spread your judges out and have all the kids compete from where they are sitting.

Play as long as time will allow. **Have FUN!!!**

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10 minutes

5 to 10
minutes

15 minutes

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To Be
Determined

WEEK ONE SCHEDULE

Welcome & Prayer: Take this time for announcements and opening the service with prayer

theBIGidea: Teach the Big Idea and kick off the lesson with a bang

Praise & Worship: Insert your own praise and worship music here

Offering & Visitors: Take this time to receive an offering and greet the visitors

Toolbox Treasure: Present the Toolbox Treasure and teach lesson that goes with it

Bible Story: Tell the Bible Story for today's lesson

Memory Verse & Activity: Teach today's Memory Verse and do the Memory Verse Activity

Message: Preach the Message using the materials provided

Altar Time

Game Time and Review Game: Use these resources as time would allow