

City LG-January 18th-19th, 2020

Bible Story: I'm Still Standing (Jesus Is Tempted in the Desert) • *Luke 4:1-13* (Supporting: *Matthew 4:1-11*)

Bottom Line: Discovering what's in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.

Memory Verse: *The LORD gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth.*
Proverbs 2:6 (NirV)

CG: Countdown Video

Worship: "Give My All" and "At the Top of My Lungs"

Worship Leader prays...

Supplies Needed: ABCD Answer Cubes (3 per Campus)

"Hi, everyone, and once again, welcome to everyone's favorite game show: The Big Quiz! Each week we try to show what we know through an exciting game of trivia!

(Normal voice) "It's super important for us to always be looking for knowledge.

CG: Knowledge Slide

"Knowledge is learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

CG: Theme Slide

"And here's the thing—you have to SEARCH for knowledge. If you want to grow stronger in your relationship with God, you've got to search for knowledge about HIM.

CG: "The Big Quiz: Battle of the Grades" Slide

"You and your Leaders have done a great job showing what you know, and today we have a new category. Today's topic is . . . candy! That's right—I'm talking about M&M'S[®], Skittles[®], Twizzlers[®], and more!

"If you're new to The Big Quiz, don't worry. We'll recap how the game works. First, we need one Small Group Leader and one kid to represent each grade.

Choose one Leader per grade, and have that Leader bring up one kid from his/her group. (Ideally, choose a Leader and kid who didn't play last week.) Have each pair of contestants stand behind the tapeline for their grade, at the back of the room. Give an answer cube to the pair representing each grade.

(To contestants) "Contestants, I'll ask you a series of candy trivia questions, and you'll use your answer cube to show your answer for each one. When every grade has an answer, I'll reveal the correct answer. Every pair that answered correctly will then get to move one step closer to the stage.

"Each grade has one lifeline, which is the question mark on your cube. If you choose the lifeline, then you'll get to ask your grade and see if THEY know the answer. Whoever chooses the question mark first gets to use it, and we'll do the lifeline AFTER all other contestants have chosen an answer. Whichever grade is closest to the stage at the end of the game wins!

(To audience) "Remember, audience, don't shout out the answers. That way our contestants can guess. But be ready to shout out your answer in case they need a lifeline! Let's begin.

CG: Upbeat music (instrumental)

Ask the questions, and give the contestants a few seconds per question to hold out a letter on their answer cube.

Once all contestants have chosen an answer, use your answer cube to reveal the correct answer. Let those who got it correct take one step forward.

Candy trivia questions:

- Which famous candy has the slogan 'taste the rainbow'?
 - SweetTarts®
 - M&M'S®
 - REESE'S® Pieces®
 - Skittles®**
- Which candy famously 'melts in your mouth, not in your hand'?
 - Hershey's® Kisses®
 - M&M'S**
 - Skittles
 - Nestle® Crunch®
- Which candy features the flavors watermelon, blue raspberry extreme, and Xploderz?
 - Sour Patch Kids®**
 - Starburst®
 - Skittles
 - PEZ®
- Which candy bar was named after a horse?
 - Mounds®
 - Mars®
 - Snickers®**
 - Milky Way®
- What did the person who invented cotton candy do for his job?
 - Lawyer
 - Baker
 - Teacher
 - Dentist**
- People wonder how many licks it takes to get to the center of THIS candy.
 - Jolly Ranchers®
 - Life Savers®
 - Tootsie Pop®**
 - Popsicle
- Which candy bar originally came in three different flavored parts?
 - Milky Way
 - Snickers
 - 3 Musketeers®**
 - Mounds
- Which of the following does not have peanut butter?
 - Butterfinger®
 - REESE'S Pieces

- C. REESE'S Cup
- D. Nestle Crunch

9. Which candy bar has a song asking for you to 'gimme a break'?
- A. Nestle Crunch
 - B. Butterfinger
 - C. Kit Kat®
 - D. 3 Musketeers
10. Which of the following is not in a Milky Way bar?
- A. Peanut butter
 - B. Nougat
 - C. Caramel
 - D. Milk chocolate

After you finish the questions, congratulate the Leader/kid pair that made it closest to the stage. Collect the answer cubes and dismiss the contestants to their seats.

"Great job, everyone. You really know your candy! Let's get started with our Bible Story today!"

"Today's story is about Jesus (*hold up Bible*) . . . and it takes place in the desert. Our story takes place when Jesus was 30 years old. He had spent most of His years growing up in Nazareth. While growing up, he must have worked in the carpentry shop with his father, Joseph, building things with wood. As He grew, Jesus would have studied the part of the Bible that we know as the Old Testament. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"People began to see that Jesus was special when He was baptized by John, and the voice of God declared:

Open the Bible to Matthew 3:17 (NIRV) and read.

"This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

"It must have seemed like the perfect time for Jesus to start doing miracles and gathering His followers. But hold on! Plot twist. That's not what happened right away. Instead, God's Spirit led Jesus to go into the desert for 40 days. That's a long time to hang out in a desert. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't last 40 minutes.

"While Jesus was out there in the desert, He ate nothing. He just focused on God. After 40 days, the devil came to Him to tempt Him. That's what our Bible Story Video is all about today. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 4:45)

"Did you notice that each time the devil tried to trick Jesus, Jesus answered with Scripture? (*Hold up Bible.*) Jesus had spent His whole life discovering God's words—the same words that we can read today in the Bible. Jesus was ready when it came time to **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice**. That way, the devil couldn't tempt Him to do something wrong.

"It's important for US to read the Bible, too. The words in the Bible can help us **make the wise choice**.

"Think of it this way:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Discovering what's in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.

"That's so important to remember. Can you say it with me?"

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Discovering what’s in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.”

(Hold up Bible) “God gave us the Bible so that we can learn more about how to follow Him. When we discover what’s inside these pages, we’ll know how to be wise whenever we feel tempted. Let’s pray.”

Pray: “Dear God, thank You for the example Jesus gave us when He was in the desert. He showed us throughout His life what it looks like to make wise choices. Thank You for giving us the Bible so that we can read and gain knowledge about You. Please give us Your wisdom so we know how to make choices that honor You. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“You can read the Bible a bunch of different ways. Some people have it in book form and read it that way. Others read using the Bible app on their phone or tablet. You can even listen to an audio version of it if you want. Ask your mom or dad how YOU can discover what’s in the Bible for yourself. The important thing is that you choose to discover what’s in it now, so that you’re prepared for the unexpected tests of life later on.

“The Bible can help you in all kinds of situations. It can help you remember to tell the truth, to forgive someone who has hurt you, and to remember that God is with you no matter what. “All wisdom comes from God. That’s what our memory verse is all about—Proverbs 2:6.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth, Proverbs 2:6 (NirV).

“So, it makes sense to read *(hold up Bible)* and find His wisdom for ourselves. You’ll get to talk about that some more in Small Group. Before we head there, let’s worship God with our offering!”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 2:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.