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YOUR LOGO HERE



YOUTH GROWTH GROUP BOOKLET

- 1** where am I?
- 2** how hard is forgiveness?
- 3** how big is your love?
- 4** am I your Lord?
- 5** where is your faith?
- 6** who do you say I am?
- 7** why do you worry?
- 8** what do you really want?

SAMPLE

WELCOME

THIS IS A SPACE TO WRITE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

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PHOTOS

**THIS SPACE CAN BE USED FOR PHOTOS FROM YOUR MINISTRY
OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD**

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GETTING INTO THE WORD



1 Samuel

Every week we are giving you the challenge of getting through 1 Samuel to be finished by the end of this year. It is an exciting book, packed full of drama, war, friendship, hatred, and the ever present power of God.

BACKGROUND: 1 Samuel comes after Judges which ends, "everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Jud. 17:6, 21:25). Remember the downward spiral? Now we follow Israel and their transition of leadership from judges to kings.

CHARACTERS: Samuel, Saul, David and God (the main character)

CHALLENGE FOR THE KEEN BEANS: See if you can spot some similarities and differences between the stories you read in 1 Samuel and the stories you can find in Luke.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

COME TO GOD

Worship him for his power and majesty.
Give your feelings and needs to God.
Ask for his Holy Spirit to help you understand and respond to what you're about to read.

READ

1. What is the **CONTEXT**?
2. What else can you **OBSERVE**? (God, Others, You)
3. What could it **MEAN**?
4. How can you **APPLY** it to your life?

TALK TO GOD

Thank God for his word. Tell him what you've learnt.
Ask for his guidance to be with you today.
Try find a key thought or phrase for the day. Maybe even share it!

WEEK 1

The birth of Samuel

DAY 1	1:1-11
DAY 2	1:12-20
DAY 3	1:21-28
DAY 4	2:1-11

- What similarities are there to the birth story of Samuel and the birth story of Jesus?

WEEK 2

Eli's Family

DAY 1	2:12-21
DAY 2	2:22-26
DAY 3	2:27-36
DAY 4	3:1-21

- What are some of the differences between Eli's sons and Samuel?

WEEK 3

The Ark of the Lord: Part I ie. God's dwelling Place

DAY 1	4:1-11
DAY 2	4:12-22
DAY 3	5:1-5
DAY 4	5:6-12

- What was the Ark?

WEEK 4

The Ark of the Lord: Part II

DAY 1	6:1-9
DAY 2	6:10-16
DAY 3	6:17-21
DAY 4	7:1-2

- Compare where God's dwelling was here to where it was in Luke.
- Why is it so awesome that God made his dwelling among us in the person of Jesus?
- Where is God living now?

WEEK 5

Israel seems at a loss

DAY 1	7:3-4
DAY 2	7:5-11
DAY 3	7:12-14
DAY 4	7:15-17

- Why was Samuel angry at Israel?
- What gods were they worshipping?
- Samuel makes an offering to the Lord on behalf of who?
- Who does this remind you of?

WEEK 6

Israel wants a King

DAY 1	8:1-9
DAY 2	8:10-14
DAY 3	8:15-18
DAY 4	8:19-22

- Who has Israel rejected from being king over them? (v7)
- From here we will see a bad king, then a good king...that fails...and the cycle will continue...until..... the perfect king Jesus.

WEEK 7

Meet Saul

DAY 1	9:1-4
DAY 2	9:5-14
DAY 3	9:15-21
DAY 4	9:22-27

- Seems OK?

WEEK 8

Saul made king

DAY 1	10:1-8
DAY 2	10:9-16
DAY 3	10:17-19
DAY 4	10:20-26

- God is with Saul to begin with. What do some people still doubt about?
- Remember who they have already rejected as king!!



...CHECK out live readings every day on our facebook page!

WHERE AM I?

1

KICK OFF

Has anyone ever been lost? Tell the story.

Has anyone ever run away? Tell the story.

LUKE 2:41-52

ACT OUT THE ONLY STORY WE HAVE WITH JESUS AS A BOY

- How long was Jesus missing?
- Where did his earthly parents find him?
- What was he doing?
- What were the teachers amazed by?
- How did Jesus respond to his parents when they found him?
- What do you think he meant by he "had to be"?
- What special relationship does this point to?
- How does Jesus continue to relate to his earthly parents?
- How does this obedience relate to his relationship with his heavenly Father?
- How does Jesus eventually open up that special relationship to us all?

APPLICATION

- What does it feel like to have a heavenly Father?
- Do you feel you have this special relationship?
- How does Jesus help us relate to our heavenly Father?
- How does this relationship effect the way we relate to our earthly parents?

BIG IDEA

Jesus as a boy reveals his special relationship with his heavenly Father. A relationship we can all now share.



WATCH



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il9Z39iDhGE>

An animation of the Bible story from Luke.

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KEY THOUGHT

PRAY

P- Praise, R- Repent, A- Ask, Y- Yay (thank you)

- P** Praise God for his fatherly qualities towards us all.
- R** Repent (confess/say sorry) to God for disobeying the earthly parents that he has given us.
- A** Ask God to help you to feel his fatherly protection and love when our earthly parents fail to love us perfectly.
- Y** Thank Jesus for making it possible for us to be a part of his family. Pray for our church family that we might love each other and be patient with each other as Jesus calls us to be.

MY PRAYER POINT

COMING UP THIS TERM...

SAMPLE