JULY

W-4

July 25 & 26

Grades

1&2

I can trust God no matter what.

I Can Only Imagine

Bible Story: I Can Only Imagine (Heaven/All Things New) • *Revelation 21:3-5a*

Memory Verse: God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. Ephesians 2:8

Life App: Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

WEEKLY ITEMS – see opposite page

OPENING ACTIVITY

Super Colossally Awesome Abode

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Graph paper, pencils, markers, pipe cleaners, construction paper, scissors, and tape

What You Do:

- Pass out the graph paper and set the remaining supplies in the center of your small group area.
- Encourage the kids to create their own "Super Colossally Awesome Abode" or their own perfect world on the graph paper using the supplies provided. Ask them to think about the coolest place they could imagine living.
    - What would be there?
    - What would they do for fun?
    - What would they eat?

What You Say:

"Whoa! Awesome job, everybody! These are some seriously, Super Colossally Awesome Abodes!
***[Transition]* In the video today, we're going to hear about a place that's more awesome and more amazing and even more incredible than any place you could possibly imagine. AND God has made a way for everyone to get there. I can't wait for you to hear all about it!"**

LESSON VIDEO

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BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY

Crayon Scripture

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: paper, crayons, paper, "Scripture Strips" (Activity Page), and glue sticks

What You Do:

- Give each kid a piece of paper and a "Scripture Strip."
- Encourage the kids to read the scripture about heaven then use their crayons to illustrate that verse any way they choose.
- Kids can use the glue sticks to glue their "Scripture Strip" to the page.
- Instruct kids to write their names on their paintings.
- Set the pages aside until pick up.

What You Say:

"Your paintings are beautiful. Jesus gave John a vision of heaven and he wrote down what he saw. God will make ALL things right in the end. We can be with Him forever in a place that's more wonderful, more amazing, more mind-blowingly awesome than we can imagine! And while we may not know everything there is to know about heaven, we can know for sure that ***[Bottom Line]*** **following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine."**

[Make it Personal] (Select your favorite scripture from the "Scripture Strips" the kids illustrated. Tell kids why this promise is your favorite. Remind them, that while there are things we don't know about heaven, God has made it very clear that the way to heaven is by trusting Jesus and that [Bottom Line] **following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.)**

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Follow the Leader

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: Timer

What You Do:

- Select a volunteer to lead your group around the room.
- Explain to the group that they must follow the leader and do exactly as the leader does.
- Set the timer for 30 to 45 seconds.
- When time is up, call out, "FREEZE!" Then, select another kid to lead as the rest of the group follows for another 30 seconds.
- Repeat until most of the kids have had a chance to lead.
- If possible, let them all do the activity.
- Gather the kids back to sit in a circle in your Small Group area.
- Ask the kids to share some ways we follow Jesus' example. *(telling the truth, helping others, being kind, listening, praying for our enemies, forgiving)*

What You Say:

"Great following, everyone! And you gave some great examples of ways we can follow Jesus. Sometimes when we choose to follow Jesus, things turn out the way we hope they will. Sometimes the person we're nice to says, 'Thank you!' But sometimes, things don't turn out the way we'd hoped. Sometimes when we tell the truth, the other person doesn't believe us. Sometimes when we're kind, the other person isn't kind back.

“Following Jesus is a bit like our ‘Follow the Leader’ game. We don’t always know where following will take us but we can know that one day, everything will be right and perfect. When you trust Jesus as your Savior, following Him means that you will live forever with Him in a perfect place, a place even more awesome than you can imagine. And that promise that ***[Bottom Line]*** **following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine** tells us just how much God loves us.”

PRAY

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]
Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Crayon drawings from “Crayon Scripture”

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to hold their crayon drawings as they pray silently, thanking God for the promise that ***[Bottom Line]*** **following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.**
- After a few minutes, close out your time with a prayer.

What You Say:
“Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus so that we can know You. We want to follow Jesus, always. Thank You for the promise that one day, You will make all things right and perfect. And help us to follow You, every day knowing that ***[Bottom Line]*** **following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.”**

VIDEO

Play the monthly worship video if you have time.
Or the “So and So” show that is shown to Grades 3 & 4.