



Elementary Crew Leader Guide



WHAT'S A CREW LEADER?

If you've been asked to be a Crew Leader, you've met two important qualifications: You love the Lord, and you love children.

During Sky, you'll visit different activities with a group of three to five children. *You're not in charge of preparing or teaching activities; you just get to be there and help kids enjoy them as you shepherd the members of your Crew.* The following guidelines will help you be the most awesome Crew Leader.

A Crew Leader is...

- ▶ a friend and helper.
- ▶ someone who knows and calls kids by name.
- ▶ someone who offers kid choices.
- ▶ someone who asks questions.
- ▶ someone who encourages kids.
- ▶ someone who supports Station Leaders.



Use positive words like these:

- ▶ Let's keep moving so we can do as many fun activities as possible.
- ▶ Listen carefully so you'll know what to do next.
- ▶ Stay with the Crew; we need your help in this activity!
- ▶ That's a unique way of doing things! How did you think of that? Let's try it this way.
- ▶ It's important that we all follow the instructions and work together as a team.
- ▶ Please move over here so you can see better.
- ▶ Let's all sit in a circle so we can see and hear one another better.
- ▶ Those gizmos and Buddies sure are cool! Let's keep them put away so we can hear about this next activity.



WHAT TO DO IF...

Most of the time, things will go smoothly for your Crew, but every once in a while, you may run into a dilemma. Here's some advice on how to handle different challenges.



If my Crew won't stay together...

Encourage your Guide to come up with creative ways to travel. Or work with your Thank You-er to come up with cheers to say as you travel.



If older kids are unhappy being grouped with mixed ages...

Highlight their helping role. Encourage them to help younger kids with games and other activities. Acknowledge them by telling younger kids, "[Name of older child] is really good at that. Why don't you ask him [or her] to help?"

If I have a clique in my Crew...

Cliques can make the Crew experience unhappy for the outsiders. Encourage friendships among all Crew members by pairing kids with partners they don't know very well during activities.

If a Crew member won't participate...

Help shy children feel welcome by calling them by name and asking them questions directly. Respond to their questions with a smile and a statement such as "That's really interesting!" Also try giving children special jobs. For example, assign them the task of finding a place for your Crew to sit at each station.

If someone doesn't want to participate in All-Star Games, that's OK. Sky VBS can be tiring! Let children rest until they're ready to participate.

If people in my Crew don't get along...

Quietly take the children aside. Tell them you've noticed that they're not getting along. Let them know that although they don't have to be best friends, they do have to be together all week, so things will be a lot more fun if they can at least be kind to one another. (Use the daily Bible Points for these teachable moments!)



If I have an overly active child...

Pair this child with yourself during partner activities, and suggest that he or she sit with you during quiet times. Try to make sitting still a game by saying, "Let's see how long you can sit still without interrupting. I'm timing you. Ready? Go!"

If those suggestions don't work well enough, ask your Director if you could have an assistant Crew Leader to help the child focus and participate.

If my Crew gets too big...

Sky VBS is a blast, so it's likely that kids will want to bring friends. However, the activities at Sky are designed to work with a mixed-age Crew of no more than five kids. If you have a small Crew, you'll welcome a few additional friends into your Crew family. But if your Crew grows past five children, talk with your Sky Director as soon as possible.



WHO'S WHO IN THE CREW

During their first Up & Away Sing & Play session, kids will choose Crew jobs. Each child will have one of the jobs listed in the chart below. If children can't agree on who should perform each job, tell them that everyone will get a chance to do all the jobs. Assign jobs to kids for Day 1; then rotate jobs each day so that by the end of the week, all children in the Crew have had an opportunity to do each job. If your Crew has fewer than five kids, some kids may have more than one job.

Kids are excited about having special jobs. Encourage them to fulfill their roles, and provide lots of opportunities for them to do so.



Jobs	Duties
Guide	chooses action ideas for traveling through Sky (such as flying like a bird or Superman, or soaring like a plane)
Materials Manager	distributes and collects supplies and helps carry the Crew's bag
Prayer Person	leads or opens prayer times
Schedule Supervisor	helps monitor the daily schedule to let the Crew know what's coming next
Thank You-er	leads the Crew in thanking Station Leaders each day

WHAT DO I DO AT EACH STATION?



Up & Away Sing & Play is where kids worship by singing upbeat action songs. Your job at Up & Away Sing & Play is to

- arrive a few minutes early.
- greet your Crew members in your designated seating area.
- follow the motions, and sing out loud.
- listen to kids' God Sightings (and share yours).
- fill a God Sightings Banner with "mini clouds."
- remember that if you get involved, the kids will too!



Imagination Station is where kids can experiment, play, and discover as they use amazing Sciency-Fun Gizmos™! Your job at Imagination Station is to

- listen carefully to the instructions because you will most likely need to repeat them for some members of your Crew!
- help kids experiment with their gizmos (*when they need help*).
- remind kids of how their discoveries connect to the daily Bible Point.



Sky High Movie & Missions is where kids watch the *Catch Some Air* DVD and talk about Operation Kid-to-Kid. Kids also receive special Bible Memory Buddies to place in their Sky Boxes each day. Your job at Sky High Movie & Missions is to

- encourage kids to sit still and watch the video.
- lead your Crew in participating in the activities before and after the video.
- lead kids in discussion when it's called for.



Skydive Diner is where Crews come for a tasty snack. Your job at Skydive Diner is to

- gather your Crew in a designated area.
- help your Crew focus on the Skydive Diner Leader as he or she explains the snack.
- lead kids in discussing the question on *one* of the iOpeners as they eat.
- help kids clean up your area before leaving.



All-Star Games is where kids play team-building games. (One day of VBS, your Crew will skip games to help make treats for the entire VBS!) Your job at All-Star Games is to

- listen carefully to the instructions so you can help your Crew members follow them.
- perform any tasks the games leader assigns you.
- participate in each activity, and cheer on your Crew members as they participate.



Surprise!

One day your Crew will arrive at All-Star Games to discover that you're starring in the day's Spotlight VBS! Spotlight VBS is a customized slide show featuring the kids and leaders at Sky. So smile! Join in the fun, and be prepared to see yourself on the big screen.



Wild Blue Bible Adventures is where kids *experience* the Bible story. Your job at Wild Blue Bible Adventures is to

- line up with your Crew outside the door.
- listen carefully to hear how Crew Leaders should help out that day.
- keep your Crew together until you receive other directions.
- encourage Crew members to participate.



Fly Away Finale is where kids experience an exciting review of the day's lesson. Your role at Fly Away Finale is to

- lead kids to your assigned seating area.
- participate in singing and other activities.
- remind your Crew to participate without being rowdy or disruptive.
- make sure each child leaves with his or her Sciency-Fun Gizmo.
- collect Crew members' name badges as kids leave, and store them in your Crew bag.

CREWS ARE LIKE A FAMILY

Every member of your mixed-age Crew adds something to every activity!

I'm going into fourth grade.

I'm a unique and important part of my Crew because I like to be challenged. I can help younger members of my Crew with challenging projects.

I'm going into sixth grade. I'm a unique and important part of my Crew because I like to make choices. I can help my Crew make choices about a Crew name, jobs, and activities.

I'm going into fifth grade. I'm a unique and important part of my Crew because I like to ask questions. I can help my Crew ask questions to make sure we understand what we're learning.

I'm going into second grade. I'm a unique and important part of my Crew because I like to be the best. I can help encourage my Crew to be the best it can be.

I'm going into third grade. I'm a unique and important part of my Crew because I want everything to be fair. I can help make sure we all take turns and treat one another fairly.

I'm going into first grade. I'm a unique and important part of my Crew because I have a great imagination. I can help my Crew pretend we're playing in the clouds in a big, blue sky!

DAY 1

A ROMAN OFFICER HAS FAITH IN JESUS.

Read Matthew 8:5-13 With This in Mind...

- ▶ In Capernaum, a significant city in Jesus' ministry, Jesus stayed at Peter's home and used it as something like a home base during his time in Galilee. If you visit Capernaum today, you'll find a church built over the supposed site of Peter's house.
- ▶ A Roman centurion led a *centuria*—a group of about 100 men. The officer in this Scripture passage was used to giving orders and having them carried out without question.
- ▶ It's likely that most men in the Roman military didn't follow God. Perhaps that's why the centurion's rock-solid faith in Jesus' authority amazed Jesus so much.
- ▶ The centurion felt unworthy to approach Jesus, probably because he wasn't Jewish. By now, Jesus had a reputation as a rabbi (or teacher), and the Roman soldier may have felt that a learned man like Jesus wouldn't listen to him. He also may have wanted to protect Jesus' reputation so Jesus couldn't be accused of being in a Gentile's home.



BIBLE POINT: NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE...TRUST GOD!

Why It Matters...

Society has done a lot to pigeonhole or label kids. Over the years, books, movies, TV shows, and even teachers are quick to identify kids as "the nerd," "the athlete," "the artist," or "the bully." And while a few kids may fit into a certain stereotype, most kids are a mixture of likes, dislikes, abilities, challenges, and experiences. Plus, the kids who attend your VBS will probably come from a variety of faith backgrounds. Some may have a strong belief in God, others may think the stories of Jesus are fiction, and some may be hearing Scripture for the first time ever. What a relief to know that *everyone* can trust God—regardless of race, finances, skills, physical abilities, or past mistakes. Use these experiences to help kids realize that *anyone* can have faith in God.

"People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

DAY 1

No matter who you are...trust God!



iOPENERS: SURPRISING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT GOD™

iOpeners student cards are instant devotions that spark discussion and get kids into God's Word in surprising ways! During snack time, take a set of iOpeners student cards from your Crew bag. Lead your Crew members in a "practice round," discussing the question and reading the Scripture on *one* of the cards. Make sure every Crew member gets to answer the question. Remember, do only one of the cards—that way kids will experience more surprises as they share the rest of the iOpeners cards with their friends and families after VBS.

GOD SIGHTINGS™

This week at Sky, we're looking for evidence of God all around us...we call these things *God Sightings*. The more you incorporate God Sightings into your conversations with kids, the more they'll "get it."

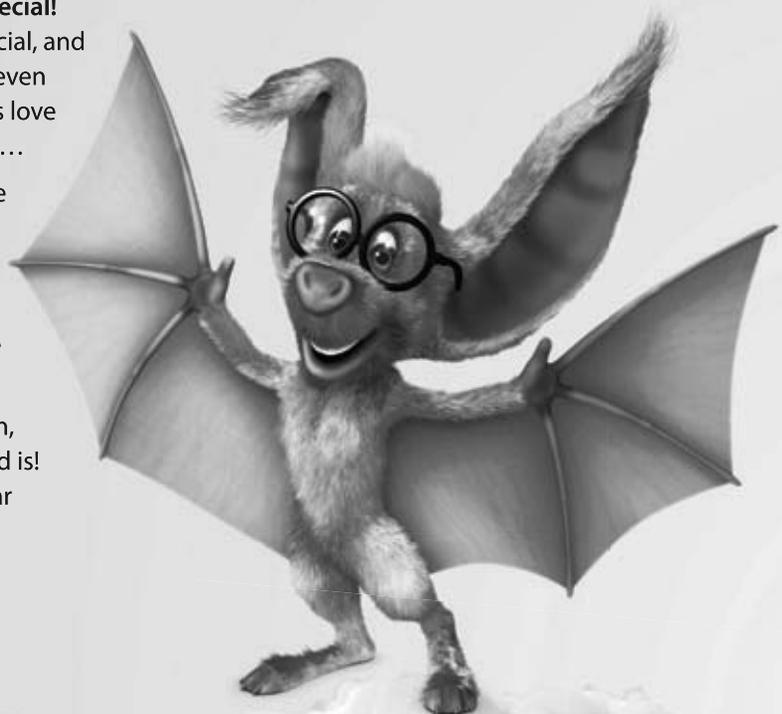
Today, help kids discover that because God created us with his own hands, each person is special!

Point out things in each child that are special, and identify these as gifts from God. You may even help kids *be* God Sightings, showing God's love to someone else. Here are a few examples...

- ▶ Thank a child for being kind to someone else. Say, "God gave you a sweet, friendly smile!"
- ▶ During games, say, "God gave you the gift of laughter! Aren't games a fun time to share that gift?"
- ▶ As kids share during Imagination Station, comment, "You're creative...just like God is! I think about God's creativity when I hear your answers."

Flight Instruction 

Sit in knee-to-knee circles for discussions. Call on kids by their Crew role. For example, say, "I'd like our Guide and our Prayer Person to answer the next question."



DAY 2

JESUS BRINGS LAZARUS BACK TO LIFE.

Read John 11 With This in Mind...

- ▶ Just days before Jesus received Mary and Martha's urgent plea, people in Judea had tried to arrest and stone Jesus for blasphemy. Returning to such a volatile area would be dangerous for Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus took refuge in Perea, about 20 miles from Bethany. Such a trip would take about a day on foot.
- ▶ In the hot desert climate of Palestine, people needed to embalm and bury a body on the day of death. After four days, Lazarus' body would have decayed very quickly. No wonder people recoiled when Jesus asked them to roll away the tomb stone.
- ▶ Mary calls Jesus "the Teacher," which would have been unusual at the time, since rabbis didn't usually teach women.
- ▶ John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible. It might seem obvious that Jesus wept out of his love for Lazarus, his sorrow at Lazarus dying, or his grief at seeing Mary and Martha mourning. However, Jesus also knew what he was calling Lazarus *away from* and *back into*. Perhaps Jesus wept at the thought of Lazarus giving up the peaceful "sleep" of death to face the pain of life again.



BIBLE POINT: NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL...TRUST GOD!

Why It Matters...

Kids today are given loads of weighty information that children ten years ago didn't have to process. News of war, famine, disaster, poverty, instability, divorce, or celebrity downfall can hit a child's brain all in one day. This influx of heavy information is likely to bring up emotions like fear, confusion, hopelessness, and disappointment. Today you'll comfort kids with the Bible truth that we can rely on God, no matter how we feel. You'll guide kids in their discovery that God cares about how we feel and is always trustworthy.

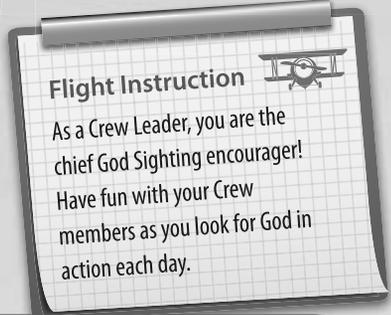
"Don't let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God." (John 14:1)

DAY 2 No matter how you feel...trust God!



iOPENERS: SURPRISING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT GOD™

During snack time, take a set of iOpeners student cards from your Crew bag. Spread out the cards, and ask the youngest Crew member to choose *one*. Make sure every Crew member gets to answer the question. Remember, do only one of the cards—that way kids will experience more surprises as they lead devotions with their families.



Wrap-Up Questions: Jet Scream

- ① **Have you ever had a day that made you want to scream like that? Tell about a time (good or bad) when you felt like screaming.** *(Crew Leader, you share first. You might have felt like screaming when you caught a finger in a door, or you might have felt like screaming as you were cheering on a favorite sports team!)*
- ② **Does a bad feeling ever stop you from trusting God? Why or why not?** *(Yes, because I feel so bad sometimes; no, because I know God will work things out.)*
- ③ **What can you do the next time you feel like screaming?** *(Pray to God and ask for help; talk to a friend; sing some good songs.)*

Have all Crew Members stack their hands on top of each other in the center of the circle. On the count of 3, have everyone shout **NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL...TRUST GOD!**

Wrap-Up Questions: Puzzled

- ① **Thank You-ers, what was it like to be blindfolded?** *(Hard; scary; frustrating; fun.)*
 - ② **Everyone else, what things made you feel frustrated or maybe a little fearful?** *(Having to talk over so many people at once; not having a puzzle picture; trying to do a puzzle so fast.)*
- Read aloud John 14:1: "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God." Ask:
- ③ **Why is it hard to trust God when we don't know what's going to happen in life?** *(It's scary; sometimes we're facing something hard; sometimes bad things happen.)*
 - ④ **How do you feel, knowing that God can see what's coming and knows how things will turn out?** *(Happy; relieved; glad.)*

Say: **In our game, some of you had to trust your friends to guide you. And when you made the puzzle, you had to trust that it really *would* make a picture. We can't see the finished picture of our lives, how things will turn out. But God can! He knows that each thing that happens to us—good or bad—is another piece of the puzzle. And just like every puzzle piece is important, each thing that happens in our lives—happy or sad—is important, too. That's why **NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL...TRUST GOD!****



GOD SIGHTINGS™

Today help Crew members identify something—or someone—God has given to help us feel better. You may even help kids be God Sightings, showing God's love to someone else. Here are a few examples...

- ▶ Thank God for parents or caregivers who give hugs and dry tears.

- ▶ Point out that the Bible is a gift from God. Tell children that the words in the Bible can help us when we feel sad.
- ▶ Tell children that you feel God's joy and happiness when you hear them singing.

DAY 3

JESUS IS ARRESTED AND PUT ON TRIAL.

Read Matthew 26:36–27:31
With This in Mind...

- ▶ In Bible times, a greeting with a kiss signified affection and devotion. How ironic that Judas chose *this* way to identify Jesus to the guards.
- ▶ Jesus reminded the soldiers that his heavenly Father had ultimate power, when he said God could send “more than twelve legions of angels” (Matthew 26:53, NIV). A full-strength Roman legion was made up of 6,000 soldiers!
- ▶ The Sanhedrin—the Jewish court—didn’t have the power to order capital punishment. That’s why they handed Jesus over to Pilate, the governor. The Roman government *did* have the power to order Jesus’ crucifixion.
- ▶ When soldiers flogged someone, they used a whip with many strips of leather in which they’d embedded sharp pieces of bone or metal. Flogging was so brutal that some victims died from their wounds.
- ▶ Scholars think that the soldiers probably put one of their richly-colored cloaks on Jesus as they mocked him.



BIBLE POINT: NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE DO...TRUST GOD!

Why It Matters...

Think back to what it was like to be a kid. Remember how important it was to fit in with your friends? Chances are, you picked up their speech patterns, clothing style, music tastes, and habits—even if you knew those things weren’t very good. Standing up for what’s right is hard for kids *and* adults. That’s why today’s Bible Point is an encouragement to put our trust in God, regardless of what people around us might be doing. You’ll also have the opportunity to reach out to kids who might be bullied, ignored, or abused. Use today’s Scripture and Bible Point to help kids stand strong and rely on God.

“But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.
They will soar high on wings like eagles.” (Isaiah 40:31)

DAY 3

No matter what people do...trust God!



Flight Instruction 

If you have time between stations, lead children to the Operation Kid-to-Kid Display Mosquito Net so they can drop off their coins or see all the Bugs Pray-er Clips attached to the net.

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During snack time, take a set of iOpeners student cards from your Crew bag. Spread out the cards, and ask a Crew member whose birthday is closest to today to choose *one*. Make sure every Crew member gets to answer the question. Remember, do only one of the cards!

Use your imagination to finish this story: "Last Thursday, Mr. Impossible came to my school..." What happened next?

Thankfully, we don't need a "Mr. Impossible" because Jesus made this promise: "Everything is possible with God." (Mark 10:27)

The leaders at Sky want you to live out Mark 10:27 every day. Right now thank someone who helped at VBS!



Wrap-Up Questions: Owie, Owie, Out

Say: In our game, we got pretend "owies" on the outside. Sometimes people do things that hurt us on the outside...or sometimes on the inside.

- ❓ **What do people do that hurt us?** (I got teased by a guy in my neighborhood; a bully picked on a new kid at school; my friend said I wasn't her best friend anymore.)
- ❓ **What can you do to help someone who's been hurt?** (Pray for them; be a friend; be nice; tell the other person to stop.)

Say: **NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE DO...TRUST GOD!** God loves you and cares for you. Let's look for ways we can reach out to people who are hurting, to show them God's incredible love.

PILOT PROGRAM POINTER

If kids share about serious bullying or abuse, be sure to connect with your VBS Director, pastor, or children's pastor.



GOD SIGHTINGS™

Today, help your Crew members look for special people who show God's love! Here are a few examples...

- ▶ Lead kids in being a God Sighting to your VBS Director. Let kids take time to thank him or her for watching over them and creating so many great ways to learn about God at Sky.
- ▶ Point out all the warm, loving people at Sky who show God's love and joy.
- ▶ Thank a child for being loving, kind, or gentle to another Crew member.
- ▶ Ask kids to thank the person who brought them to Sky.

DAY 4

JESUS DIES AND COMES BACK TO LIFE.

Read Matthew 27:32–28:20
With This in Mind...

- ▶ There is interesting symbolism to Jesus carrying his own cross outside the city. In Genesis 22, Isaac carried the wood that Abraham would use to sacrifice Isaac...until God provided the ram as a sacrifice. And Leviticus 16 commands the priests to take the sin offering outside the camp or city. Jesus—the Lamb of God—became *our* sin offering.
- ▶ Roman soldiers usually only crucified non-citizens, lower-class citizens, or those accused of high treason or desertion (in wartime). The accused died a shameful, disgraceful (not to mention agonizing) death.
- ▶ Continuing the shame and disgrace of crucifixion, soldiers usually tossed the body of the crucified person into a pit. And Jesus, being penniless, didn't have the money to pay for a formal burial. Yet Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus—both members of the Sanhedrin—stepped in. They took Jesus' body and carefully prepared it for burial themselves.
- ▶ Scholars estimate that a typical stone that was rolled over the opening of a tomb cave weighed anywhere from 1 to 3 tons!
- ▶ Although we usually think of angels with halos and wings, most times when angels appear in the Bible, people describe them as looking like men. When Mary saw two angels near the tomb, she didn't even realize they were angels!



BIBLE POINT: NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...TRUST GOD!

Why It Matters...

Adults may feel like kids have it easy—and by comparison, maybe they do. But every child at your VBS has faced or is facing something that seems impossible. For some, it's falling asleep in a dark room while they imagine monsters under the bed. Other kids are dealing with intense peer pressure, unstable homes, and unsafe family situations. Some kids might just need the courage to stand up for their faith or to obey God's Word. Those seemingly impossible tasks can seem overwhelming to kids...until they discover that *everything* is possible with God! The activities in today's lesson will give kids hope, as they rely on a powerful, loving God.

DAY 4

No matter what happens...trust God!



HELPING CHILDREN FOLLOW JESUS

During the week, if you sense that a child might like to know more about what it means to believe in Jesus, give this simple explanation:

God loves us so much that he gave his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Jesus died and came back to life again so we could be forgiven for all the wrong things we do. If we ask him, Jesus will come into our lives. He will always be with us and help us make the right choices. If we believe in Jesus and ask him to forgive us, someday we'll live with him forever in heaven.

Be sure to share the news of the child's spiritual development with his or her parent(s).

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Wrap-Up Questions: Bug Blockade

Ask the Thank You-er and Prayer Person:

- ① **When you saw what you had to do, what went through your mind?** (Cool, this will be fun; yuck, this is going to be hard; this will take a long time.)
- ② **What would this game have been like if people never joined the people in the middle?** (Lame; just a lot of running; no fun for them.)

- ③ **How does this remind you of the way we're working together in Operation Kid-to-Kid?** (We all have to help each other; we can't do it alone; we can make a big difference all together.)

Say: When you bring in a handful of coins or dollars, it may seem like you're only doing a little bit. But when everyone joins in and does a little bit...it adds up to a lot! I'm so proud of all of the kids here at Sky who are working together to save kids in Mali!

GOD SIGHTINGS™

Today help Crew members look for God's incredible power. Here are a few examples...

- ▶ Point out the sun, and remind kids that only God could create the big, bright sun.
- ▶ If you're meeting at night, peek out at the night sky. Tell children how awesome it is that God can see everything, everywhere—day or night!
- ▶ Look for animals God created. Point out that only God could make so many different animals that fly, swim, flutter, and crawl.

- ▶ Lead kids in taking a giant breath, in and out. Thank God for his mighty power that gave us life.



DAY 5

JESUS MAKES A BEACHSIDE BREAKFAST FOR HIS FRIENDS.

Read John 21:1-14 With This in Mind...

- ▶ The Sea of Tiberias is probably the Roman name for the Sea of Galilee. How interesting that Jesus appeared to his friends here, where he first called his followers at the beginning of his ministry.
- ▶ The disciples might have gone fishing to leave the dangerous atmosphere of Jerusalem or possibly just to return to what they'd done *before* Jesus called them. After all, they needed to make a living!
- ▶ Scripture tells us that Simon Peter pulled the net full of fish ashore, but it's likely that he had some help. A soaking-wet net filled with 153 fish might weigh as much as 300 pounds!
- ▶ Although this passage indicates this was the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection, many scholars believe it was actually the seventh appearance. This was the third time Jesus came to this particular group of disciples.
- ▶ The word Jesus used to call his friends is *paidia* and means "little children" or "lads." Other scholars believe it's similar to the way we call people "guys" today!



BIBLE POINT: NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE...TRUST GOD!

Why It Matters...

Kids today don't often stay at home or just play in their yard. They're on the go! Kids spend time at school, sports practice, friends' homes, camp, daycare, and the car. And plenty of kids have two homes—one with each parent. What a comfort to know that God is big enough to be wherever we might be! Today you'll get to share the joyful news that we serve a God who promises to be with us wherever we go. Kids will understand that they're never out of God's loving care.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

DAY 5 No matter where you are...trust God!



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DAY 5 Flight Instruction

- ▶ Find out if the kids in your Crew have age-appropriate Bibles or Christian music at home. Talk with your Sky Director about providing these basic resources for kids.
- ▶ Continue building friendships long after Sky is over. Fill out the "All About My Crew" information on each Crew member. After VBS, you'll be able to send postcards, birthday cards, and greet kids who attend your church.
- ▶ Give each child his or her Sky Box, filled with a week's worth of Bible Memory Buddies and other fun goodies from Sky VBS.
- ▶ Thanks for *all* you've done to help children learn to trust God!

Wrap-Up Questions: Repellent

- ❓ **In real life, when do your parents put bug spray on you?** (When we're at the lake; in the evening; when we go camping.)
- ❓ **Why do you think they do that?** (To keep bugs away; because they care about me; because I hate bug bites.)

Say: **Because they love you so much, your parents don't want you to be bitten by mosquitoes. We get to show God's incredible love for kids in Mali by being Bugs Pray-ers. Saying "bugs pray-ers" fast all together reminds us of bug spray...and to pray for the kids in Mali! Let's give some mosquito-squashin' high fives to remember that it's cool to be Bugs Pray-ers!**

Give every kid in your Flight Crew a high five.

Wrap-Up Questions: Shadow Tag

- ❓ **Why couldn't you go anywhere without your shadow?** (It sticks with me; it's always there; it's part of you.)
- Say: **This game reminds me a little of our Bible verse. Let's see if you can figure out why! Read aloud Joshua 1:9: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."** Ask:
- ❓ **Why would God want to be with you wherever you go?** (He loves us; he's so big, he's already everywhere; in case we need him.)
 - ❓ **How does that help you trust God?** (I know that God is with me; I know God loves and cares for me.)

Say: **Just like your shadow was with you, God is with you wherever you are, too! And I don't know about you, but that makes me really happy! Because there are times I feel afraid—and discouraged—and it comforts me to know God is with me. I'm so comforted to know that **NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE...TRUST GOD!****



GOD SIGHTINGS™

Today, help your Crew members look in unexpected places for clues that God has been at work! Here are a few examples...

- ▶ Can you find something in your Sky VBS that *only* God could make?
- ▶ As you travel between stations, try to point out smiles and listen for laughter. Those remind us of God's joy!
- ▶ Listen for Sky songs that tell about God. See if kids can hear words that teach them something about what God is like.

ALL ABOUT MY CREW



Name: _____

Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Family members: _____

Favorite things: _____



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