



# Adventures on God's Way

Year 4

2019-2020

## Introductory Material

### Introduction

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year of Kids' Life Bible Clubs! We are so excited to have you on our team as we work together to present the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in the public schools.

Our theme this year is Adventures on God's Way. Our overall goal for the year is to help the children know and accept Jesus as their Savior. We also want them to know that when they accept Jesus as their Savior, there are steps and signs that God gives us in the Bible to help us follow His Way. Let's show the children that following God's Way is the greatest adventure.

This year's fall lessons cover Elijah through Isaiah and the Christmas Story. The aim of the lessons is to highlight individuals who were following or trying to follow God's Way. The footsteps visual will help the children see how God cares for each of us on His path by giving us what we need to follow Him.

In the spring our lessons will cover the ministry of Jesus and ask the age old question "What Would Jesus Do"? We will follow Jesus as He teaches, heals, and saves all the way up to His crucifixion, resurrection, and giving of His Spirit. The road signs visual will help the children see that if we are following God's Way there are signs that help us know what to do.

### Thank You

From all of us at the KLBC office and from those on the KLBC committees and boards, thank you! You have accepted the call to bring the Good News to children in public schools in West Michigan. We pray that you are blessed through this calling and grow into a deeper relationship with your Heavenly Father.

We are here to support you. If you ever feel the need to ask for help or prayers, do not hesitate to contact the office. To God be the glory forever and ever!

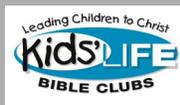
Isaiah 30:21

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it.'"

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### Preparing to Teach

Leading a child to the Lord is a powerful calling. We want to help you be prepared for this calling. Here are some suggestions.

1. Prepare your own heart each week by praying for God's guidance and wisdom.
2. Pray that the Holy Spirit will come into the hearts of you students and that He will use you in mighty way.
3. Use the lesson aim as a guide for your weekly prayer.
4. Be prepared by reading through the lesson ahead of time and becoming familiar with the words in *italics*.
5. Practice the flannelgraph arrangements
6. Use the Club Rules to help your club go smoothly. Share the Club Rules with the students and have them available each week for new joiners and when there's a need to remind students.

## Supplies You Will Need Each Week

Each week you will need a variety of materials. Be sure to read through each lesson ahead of time so that you will be prepared. There may be different types of items needed on different weeks. Supplies needed each week are listed below:

1. Child safety check-in, sign-out sheet, student permission slips
2. Bible
3. Flannelgraph board and materials
4. Lesson plan
5. Extra teaching materials
6. Passport Holders (with name tags and verse passports inside)
7. Adventures on God's Way visual (Footsteps, Road Signs)
8. Club Rules
9. Puppets, skits, and various props
10. Verse flip chart
11. Children's activity sheets
12. CD, CD player, and song posters
13. Pencils, pens, markers, and paper as needed
14. **SNACK**
15. (Optional) Candy/Prizes

## How to Begin Club

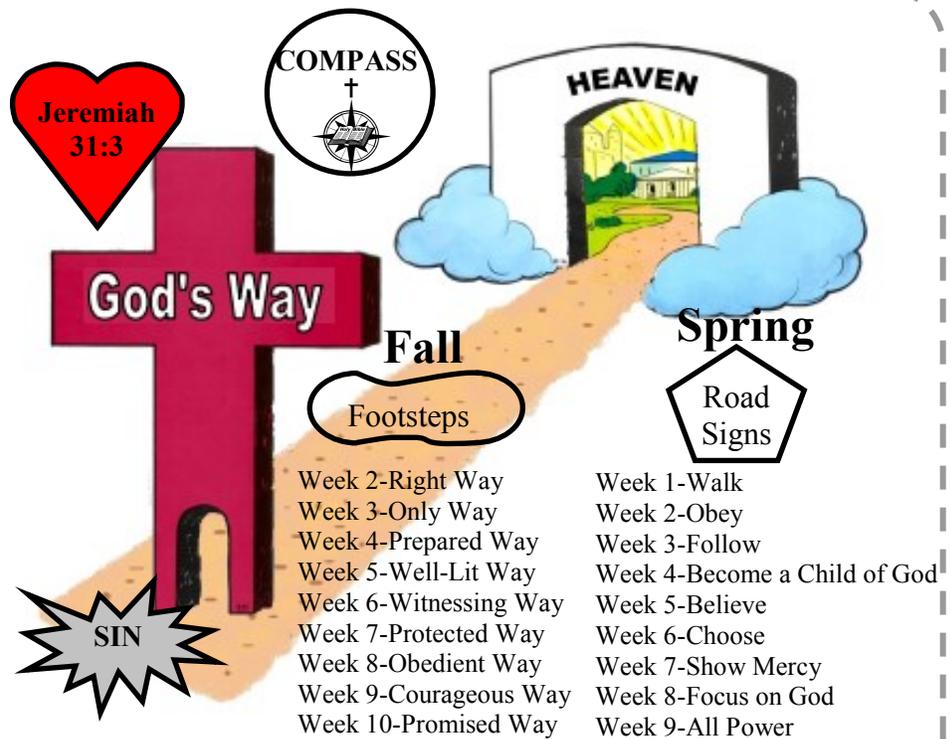
- A. Welcome each child and make a positive comment about them:
  - "I'm so glad you are here today"
  - "What a great smile you have."
  - "I'm happy to see you this week."
- B. Record each child's attendance
- C. Create a Holy atmosphere by having music play as the children enter or by putting a sign up to mark the beginning of Bible Club. Begin club with prayer, either a prayer that can be said collectively or ask one of the children to offer a prayer for the club.

## Choosing a Helper

1. Randomly place a cut out star underneath one of the chairs before the students enter the room. Whoever sits in the chair gets chosen that day.
2. Go by alphabetical order and keep a list.
3. Have a container with the names of the students that can be randomly selected. (For example a plastic jar of popsicle sticks with the names of the students).

# Adventures on God's Way Visual

The Adventures on God's Way visual combines a Salvation visual with our years adventure theme. Jesus is the only way we get to Heaven (note the door in the cross). He died on the cross, taking our punishment on Him, and defeated sin and death by rising back to life again. By repenting of our sin, accepting God's everlasting love, and choosing to follow God's Way we will be on the path to eternity in Heaven! God gives us the Bible to know how to stay on His path and to know what to do when we are walking His way.



## How to Lead a Child to Christ

After an invitation is presented and a child comes forward be sure you know their name. Ask them (by name) "Why did you come forward today?" which gives them the opportunity to express their need in their own words. No matter what reason they give (and it may not be to receive salvation) make their experience a positive one. If they didn't come forward to get saved don't suggest it. It must be a work of the Holy Spirit not done to please the teachers. Gently help them with their need or answer their question, pray for God to watch over them and help them understand the wonderful gift of salvation that He offers to us. Thank them for coming to you.

If they say something like "I want to be saved" or "I want to go to Heaven", ask them if they have ever asked Jesus to forgive their sins or to come into their heart before? If they say "Yes", ask them what they did back then? This will help you determine if they actually did ask for forgiveness and understand what salvation is. If they had a real conversion reassure them that they are forgiven and Jesus will never leave them or forsake them( Heb. 13:5b). You could pray with them thanking God for this wonderful gift, and ask God to show them how much they are loved, and to help them follow Jesus each day.

If it is unclear exactly what they did or if they say, "No", use simple terms to explain the plan of salvation. Tell the child that they can speak to God right now, out loud just like they would speak to any friend. If they are too shy or unable to construct their own prayer, guide them through prayer points: Tell God that you need to be forgiven; Thank God that Jesus died for you; Ask God to forgive you and to help you turn away from doing wrong; Thank God that Jesus is alive and will be with you forever. Welcome them into God's family! Before you send the child back to their seat ask them what gift did Jesus just give them? They should say "eternal life". If they don't say that you should review salvation and make sure they understand that eternal life is part of salvation. Explain that once you are saved Jesus sends the Holy Spirit into your life and you are always saved. You have eternal life. Jesus himself said, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28-29

Tell them they will want to grow their new faith to know Jesus better and follow His ways in life but they never have to be saved again.

You have just had the privilege of participating in the most beautiful and precious experience any person can have-the supernatural transformation from death to life eternal. There is great rejoicing in Heaven!

## Memory Verse Games

**Pop-Up Practice:** Choose a child to start by jumping up and saying the first word of the verse, then sitting down quickly. The next child pops up to say the next word, then sits down. Continue in this way around the group until the verse and reference has been completed. Do it again. This time let the children say two or three words each time. Challenge the students to do it as quickly as possible with no mistakes.

**Growing a Verse:** Explain that the children will “grow” as they practice saying the verse. Have everyone crouch down. Say a portion of the verse, and have the class repeat it as they raise up a little higher. Repeat the activity a few more times until the verse is familiar to the children.

## Ending Club

End with prayer and an encouragement to memorize the weeks verse. Consider having a phrase that signifies to the children that Bible Club is over but that God goes with them from this place (Go with God, May God shine His face upon you and be gracious to you all the days of your lives). Consider playing music as the children leave. This may be a good time for the children to recite last week’s memory verse for a chance at candy or a prize.

## Prizes

Having a bag of small individually wrapped candy on hand for each club can act as incentives for answering questions and memorizing a Bible verse. You may consider having a “prize box” that contains small toys/stickers/bigger pieces of candy as incentives for reaching larger memory verse milestones such as, memorizing the verse two-four weeks in a row or having five verses memorized and crossed off on their passport.

You may also consider a separate “Birthday Box” with larger gifts/toys for students to pick something when it is their Birthday week.

## Review Questions

At the end of each lesson, there are some questions that you should keep in mind while you teach and that can be used for small group discussions. These questions are also on each of the activity sheets. You will see the “question face” symbol to remind you to use these questions in each lesson.

