

Lesson 1

Growing In God

Key Point

Grow in God daily

Word Whiz

Psalm 95:6
Bow down to God our
Maker.

Main Lesson

Daniel Did It:
Daniel 6:10

God's Word shouts His Fame!

The Bible tells us in Psalm 119:105 "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". Our desire is for the kids to grow up in God this year. We want them to know God's Word.

How about you?

If you look at your life, can you say that you have grown in God? The Bible is a powerful tool to help you grow in God. It has all you need to know to make a good trip through life. Do you use your Bible? It is a powerful tool that God has put in your hand to help you grow up in Him. Let this year be the year where you have more of Jesus; produce more fruit and celebrate more victories in your life.

Items needed for a successful service:



Opening Activity

Building blocks



Offering

Seeds; a pot in which to plant seeds and a full grown pot plant (Instead of a full grown plant; an empty pot with a hole underneath and artificial flowers can be used to grow the plant)



Word Whiz

Energetic team members



Main Lesson

Praying hands; the Bible Treasure Box; a CD and an alarm clock



Life Application

A box with different size clothes (Include some adult clothes and some smaller clothing items for kids. Make sure there are enough outfits for three children)



Salvation

Starting line for race

Welcome

(Until lesson starts)

What you will need:

Two enthusiastic team members

(Two teachers enthusiastically welcome and greet each child at the door. Here is what you could do: “Hi Joshua, nice to see you today, you’re looking great! Give me a shake (handshake.) Please join your friends at the table or whatever activity is out, say bye to mom/dad.” If it is a child you have not seen before, it is important for you to introduce yourself to the child first, then to mom and dad. Remember it is all about the child.)



Opening Activity

(15 minutes)

What you will need:

Building blocks

The Tallest Tower

(As the children arrive, ask them to find two friends and start to build a tower. Just before your lesson starts, measure each tower to see which one is the tallest.)

Preparation:

Place all the blocks in an area which is easily accessible to the children



War Cry and Rules

(4 minutes)

What you need:

Energetic team members

Rules:

1. No running around.
2. Sit on your boom-boom (bottom.)
3. You may only join a game once your hand has been activated. (The instruction is: If you want to play the game, remain seated, raise your hand and when one of the TEAM activates (touches) your hand, you may come to the front.)
4. No calling out or shouting.
5. No negative comments. Only use ‘Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!’

War Cry:

(Energetic team members to do this in a RAP form.)

“We love to come to Kid’s Church,

We love to sing our songs,

We learn a special Bible verse,

Because Jesus is number ONE!

Oh Yeah, Oh Yeah,

Oh Yeah, Oh Yeah, Oh Yeah!”



Opening Prayer

(4 minutes)

(Ask one or two children to come up and pray for our lesson today. The prayer could be something like this:

Dear Lord, we are here today to learn more about You because we want to grow in Your Word. Amen.)

(You might have to encourage someone to come up. Check to see if they would like to pray on their own or if they would like you to help them. Emphasise to the rest of the children that this is a special time and that they must also pray in their hearts. Once the child has prayed, acknowledge the child by either a hand shake or a hug. Don't allow the other children to laugh at them. Give them lots of PRAISE.)



Offering

(10 minutes – including collection)

It Will Grow

Children, when we give to God's work, God is pleased. When we give money to the church, we say that we are sowing. We "sow so that the church can grow". (Use seeds and plant in a pot.)

Boys and girls, we have planted these seeds into our pot, now we just have to wait for them to grow. This will take a little time but soon the seeds will have grown into a plant like this. (Show children the fully grown pot plant.)

When we sow (give) money into the church, it is used to 'grow' the church. With the money, we can do more good things to help others. We can make it possible for more people to come to our church. Let's give our tithes and offering so that many people can be helped.

(Collect the offering and pray with the kids. Thank God that we can bring our money to His church.)

What you will need:

Seeds; a pot in which to plant seeds and a full grown pot plant (Instead of a full grown plant; an empty pot with a hole underneath and artificial flowers can be used to grow the plant)



Praise and Worship

(15 minutes)

Praise and worship is putting God's Word into practice! We will hear again later how it says that everything that has breath should praise the Lord. So come on, let's praise the Lord!



Word Whiz

(8 minutes)

Psalm 95:6

Bow down to God our Maker.

(Teach the children the Word Whiz using actions. Make sure that the actions are big and easy so that the children will use them to remember the verse.)

Psalm 95:6	(Clap five times.)
Bow down	(Bow your whole body down.)
To God	(Point both your hands to the sky.)
Our Maker	(Clap and jump around in a circle.)

(This can be repeated a few times until the children can say the verse and do the actions on their own.)

Boys and girls, this verse helps us to remember to obey God and remember that He is the one that made us.

What you will need:

Energetic team members



Main Lesson

(10 minutes)

Daniel Did It: Daniel 6:10

I am looking for someone to help me to find out what is in our Bible Treasure Box today. **(Choose one child to bring the Bible Treasure Box to you, they can then go and sit down again.)**

Let's open it up and see what exciting things are inside. **(Open up the Bible Treasure Box and take out praying hands.)** These are praying hands. I know a story about someone who always prayed. His name was Daniel.

Daniel loved to pray and even when the nasty king told him not to pray to God, he prayed anyway. He knew that praying was the way to grow in God and so he continued to pray. He began to grow very strong in the Lord. Our Bible Treasure Box is also a reminder that we all need to have our own Bible that we can ask our moms and dads to read to us. We should be hearing stories from the Bible every day. Reading the Bible will help us to grow in God by knowing how much He loves us.

Talking about the Bible, let us see what else we can find in our Bible Treasure Box. **(Open up the Bible Treasure Box and take out the CD. Hold the CD up for all the children to see.)** I love listening to CDs especially if they are CDs that help me praise God. It is very important for us to worship Jesus. CDs can help us do that, we can use them to sing beautiful songs to Jesus.

(Shake the Bible Treasure Box gently). Mmm! It sounds like there is one more thing inside our Bible Treasure Box. Let's find out what it is. **(Open the Bible Treasure Box and take out the alarm clock.)** When I look at this alarm clock I think of time. We need to spend time with Jesus so that we can get to know Him and grow. Each one of us needs to grow up to be more like Jesus.

What you need:

Praying hands; the Bible, Treasure Box; a CD and an alarm clock

Preparation:

Place the items inside the Bible Treasure Box

Juice and Biscuits

(10 minutes)

(Hand out the juice and biscuits to all of the children and play some peaceful music in the background as the children enjoy their snack.)



Life Application

(10 minutes)

(Choose three volunteers.) Children today we have different items of clothing, when the music starts our 3 volunteers are going to run over to that box **(point to box)** and take out some clothes and put them on over their own clothes. **(Team members assist the children to dress. Once the children are dressed, let them stand in front of the class. Ask the children if their clothes fit right. Encourage them to answer with "these clothes are too small or too big or just right. Just like the story of the three bears.)**

Okay, let's have a look at all the different outfits. **(Ask the first child to step forward.)** Boys and girls, do the clothes fit this child? Wait for a response. Will these clothes fit me? **(Wait for a response.)** Does this child still have to

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grow into these clothes? **(Wait for a response. Continue with the next child and then the third child.)**

Children, we can see that some of the children still need to grow into their clothes. For us to grow into our clothes, we need to eat the right food, get enough sleep and exercise every day. To grow in God we need to pray, read our Bibles, worship Jesus and spend time with Him.



Salvation

(6 minutes)

What you need:
Starting line for race

The Race Of Life

Children, I love to run races, do you? **(Wait for a response.)** Some of our team members are going to run a race for us. **(Team members stand behind the starting line.)**

Boys and girls, will you help me get them started? Repeat after me: "On your marks, get set, go!" **(Encourage the children to shout.)**

(Team members do actions and start to run.) You know that if we did not say "On your marks, get set, Go!", the race would not have started. We cannot grow in God, unless Jesus comes to live in our hearts first. That's the start to growing in God every day. Would you like to start growing in God?

(Give the children the opportunity to lift their hands to receive Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. Call them to the front and pray with them. This is a special time; encourage them as they take the first steps on their journey to knowing Jesus.)

Pray this with the kids:

Lord Jesus, I thank You for speaking to me today. I know I am a sinner and I need You. Jesus I invite You to come and live in my heart and make me brand new. Thank You for dying on the cross and saving me. I love You! From this day on, I will keep my promise and live for You! AMEN.

(Hand out the salvation cards for the kids to take home for their parents to read.)



Announcements

(Make any relevant announcements for the day.)



Closing Prayer

(2 minutes)

(Encourage one of the children to come forward and close in prayer.)

Dear Jesus, thank You for being with us today. Bless all our friends. Amen.