



The Ultimate Hunt Bible Study

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Day 1 The Ultimate Hunt

Aim: Boys will learn that the goal of the hunt is to know Him better.

Memory Verse: "No one can come to me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (John 6:44a)

Getting Ready: (Here's everything you need to get ready for this session. Underlined items are enclosed in this packet. You will need to provide *italicized* items.)

Meeting Opener: *Make three sets of Concentration Cards* and place them in three different areas of the room.

Meeting Feature: Mark the following passages in your *Bible*: Psalm 42:1, John 6:44a, Psalm 63:8a and Romans 6:23b. Be familiar with the Meeting Feature language and message so that you will be able to tell it, rather than read it.

Meeting Closing: *Nine paper plates* for life-sized Tic-Tac-Toe board.

Teach the Lesson:

Meeting Opener:

As the first Bible Study of the week, this is a great time to

- introduce yourself to the boys and have the boys
- introduce themselves to each other. Have the boys
- play Speed Concentration.
- Divide boys into three teams and
- give each team their own concentration grid with the identical number of cards.
- Say, "on your mark, get set, go". Rather than taking turns, each team will try to complete their own grid as quickly as possible. The team who finishes first wins. (You'll need referees to ensure the children are properly matching cards instead of just flipping them all over *grin*).
- Explain that every hunting trip takes a lot of planning and preparation. You need to know why you're going and who's going with you and you need to have a good guide and the proper gear.
- Explain that today's lesson will teach them the goal of the Ultimate Hunt.
- Have the boys sit as if around a campfire and
- request that they listen carefully.

Meeting Feature:

- Say to the boys: The first and most important thing you have to know about the hunt for God is why you're going.
- Open your Bible to Psalm 42:1 and
- explain: The Bible says that that the craving to chase after God has been placed within us by God. "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God." (Psalm 42:1)
- Open your Bible to John 6:44a and
- say: As Jesus says, "No one can come to me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (John 6:44a).
- Continue with: We hunger for Him because He gave us the appetite. We thirst for Him because he made us to be thirsty for Him. We feel drawn to Him because he is drawing us to Himself.
- Open your Bible to Psalm 63:8a and
- say: David, the Psalmist says it best: "My soul follows hard after thee" (Psalm 63:8a).
- Ask the boys: So what is the only piece of gear you need for the Ultimate Hunt?
- Answer: The answer is God Himself.
- Ask: And how do we get God?
- Answer: Easy- we accept His free gift of love through His son Jesus.
- Open your Bible to Romans 6:23b and say: Romans 6:23b says that, "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Continue with: When we accept God's love through Jesus Christ, God gives us a craving/hunger/thirst to know Him better and there begins a hunt for God that will last the rest of your life.

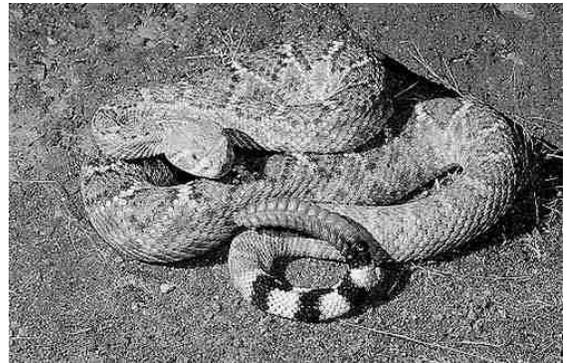
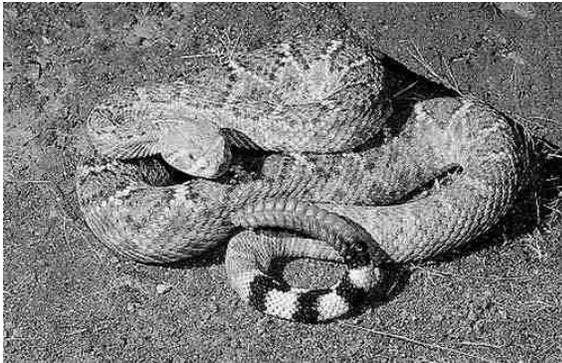
Meeting Closing:

- Have the boys play Memory Verse Tic-Tac-Toe by
- Building a Tic-Tac-Toe board by
- Placing paper plates in a life-size Tic-Tac-Toe grid on the floor.
- Divide the boys into two teams- the Xs and the Os.
- Explain that as each team member repeats their memory verse correctly, they will be able to choose a space on the Tic-Tac-Toe board and sit or stand there. The first team to get Tic-Tac-Toe wins.
- You can play this several times and mix up the teams if your class needs extra time to learn the verse.
- Voice a closing prayer,
- praying specifically for each boy's understanding of the goal of the hunt.

Day One Concentration Cards









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Day 2 The Ultimate Gift

Aim: Boys will learn the plan of salvation.

Memory Verse: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." John 14:6

Getting Ready: (Here's everything you need to get ready for this session. Underlined items are enclosed in this packet. You will need to provide *italicized* items.)

Meeting Opener: Make *copies* of the I Am the Way Maze for each boy and provide *pencils*.

Meeting Feature: Mark the following passages in your *Bible*: 1 John 4:8, Romans 6:23a, Romans 5:8, John 14:6, Romans 10:9 and Romans 6:23b. Be familiar with the Meeting Feature language and message so that you will be able to tell it, rather than read it.

Meeting Closing: Cut the center out of a *paper plate* and mark the following passage in your *Bible*: Romans 3:23.

Teach the Lesson:

Meeting Opener:

- Hand out an I Am the Way Maze and a pencil to each boy and
- ask them to complete it.
- Take up pencils and completed Mazes.
- Review yesterday's Memory Verse (John 6:44a) and
- remind the boys that yesterday we learned the goal of our hunt: to know more about God.
- Explain that today's lesson will lead us to the only piece of gear we need: Jesus Christ.

Meeting Feature:

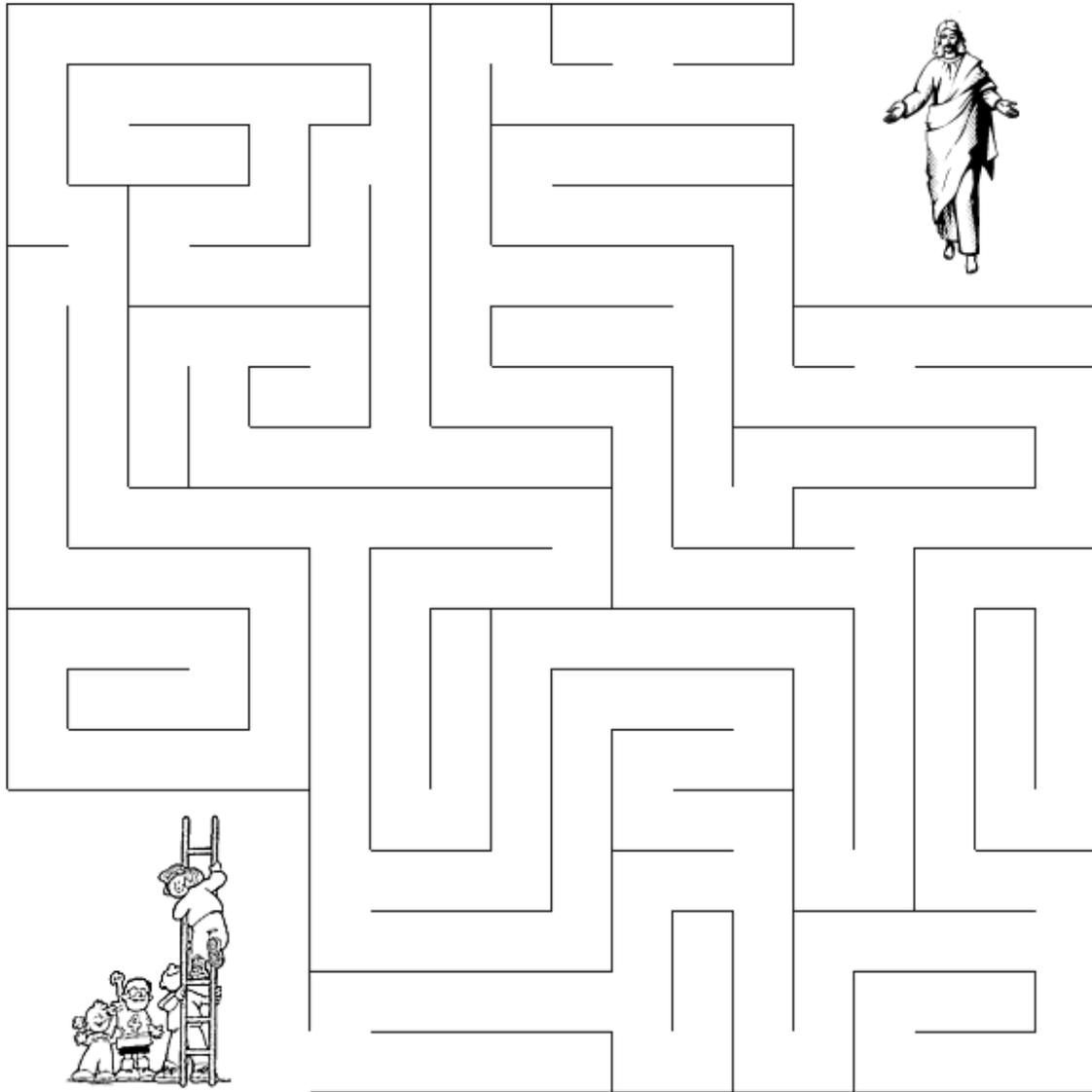
- Ask the boys: Did you know that God wants you to become His child; that He wants you in His family?
- Open your Bible to 1 John 4:8 and
- report that: 1 John 4:8 says that "the one who does not love, does not know God, for God is love."
- and that: God loves each and every one of us and wants us to be a part of His family.
- Continue by explaining that: You and I and every person in the world have done wrong things. The Bible word for doing wrong is 'sin.' God's love and sin cannot exist in the same place.
- Ask: What do you think should happen to us when we sin?
- Open your Bible to Romans 6:23a and
- report that: Romans 6:23a says that, "the wages of sin is death,"
- Ask: so how can we, sinners, become a part of God love?
- Answer: Happily, God knew we would be sinners and had a plan to erase our sin from our hearts and make a blank page for His love.
- Ask: What's that plan?
- Answer: That plan was Jesus, God's only son, who gave His life on a cross in payment for our sin.
- Open your Bible to Romans 5:8 and
- report that: Romans 5:8 says that, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
- Explain that: Because Jesus never sinned, He is the only one who can take the punishment for our sin
- and that: Because we are sinners there is no price we could ever pay to make up for our sin, so Jesus is the only way.
- Open your Bible to John 14:6 and continue explaining that: In John 14:6 Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

- Ask: Are you sorry for your sin?
- Answer: Tell God that you are.
- Ask: Do you believe Jesus died to take the punishment for your sin?
- Answer: If you tell God you are sorry for your sin and tell Him you do believe and accept Jesus' death to take away your sin, God forgives all your sin.
- Open your Bible to Romans 10:9 and
- say: Romans 10:9 says that, "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
- Open your Bible to Romans 6:23b and
- continue explaining that: This "free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23b) means God is with you now and forever. Woo Hoo!

Meeting Closing:

- Give each boy a completed I Am the Way Maze.
- Ask them each to make a paper airplane,
- then have each of them come up one at a time and attempt to fly their plane through the paper plate circle.
- Take note of the boy who came the closest and
- have him come up.
- Explain that this boy was the best, but even the best has missed the mark.
- Go on to explain that this is how the word "sin" translates in the New Testament as "to miss the mark" as they all will have done.
- Open your Bible to Romans 3:23
- and read the verse.
- Now ask a boy –not the one who came closest- to come forward and
- pick all the planes up and
- carry them to the original goal.
- Explain that this is a picture of how, even though we all fail, Christ can carry us and only through Him do we have salvation and can we reach our destination.
- Voice a closing prayer,
- praying specifically for each boy's salvation.

I Am the Way Maze



“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” John 14:6



The Ultimate Hunt Bible Study

Day 3 The Ultimate Guide

Aim: Boys will learn that the Bible is the ultimate tool for learning more about God.

Memory Verse: "The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword."
Hebrews 4:12

Getting Ready: (Here's everything you need to get ready for this session. Underlined items are enclosed in this packet. You will need to provide italicized items.)

Meeting Opener: Procure a *tennis ball*, *small bean bag* or *other tossable item* and Familiarize yourself with the Day 3 Memory Verse.

Meeting Feature: Mark the following passages in your *Bible*: Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16a, Psalm 12:6 and 2 Timothy 3:16-7. Be familiar with the Meeting Feature language and message so that you will be able to tell it, rather than read it.

Meeting Closing: Make copies of the Word of God Word Search for each boy and provide *pencils*.

Teach the Lesson:

Meeting Opener:

- Have the boys form a circle for the a Bible Verse review game.
- Explain the ball will be tossed –not thrown- around the circle randomly with each boy
- Saying the next word of the Memory Verse as he catches the toss.
- Continue the game as more boys arrive, increasing the speed of the tossing until the verse is being said without pause.
- Review the past two day's Memory Verses (John 6:44a) and John 14:6 and
- remind the boys that we have learned the goal of our hunt: to know more about God and we have learned the only gear we need is the salvation of Jesus Christ.
- Explain that today's lesson will lead us to the ultimate guide for our hunt to know God better: God's Living Word.

Meeting Feature:

- Remind the boys that: As we said yesterday, accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior is not the end of the Hunt, but the beginning
- and that every successful hunt must have a good guide.
- Say: In our hunt to know God better the Bible is our Guide.
- Ask: Did you know the Bible is also known as the God's living word?
- Open your Bible to Hebrews 4:12 and
- answer: Hebrews 4:12 says that, "the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword."
- Say: Many people unfortunately think the Bible is just another long, boring book. But of course the Bible is not just another book; it was given to us from God Himself.
- Open your Bible to 2 Timothy 3:16a and
- say: 2 Timothy 3:16a says that, "all Scripture is inspired by God."
- Open your Bible to Psalm 12:6 and
- say: Psalm 12:6 says that, "the words of the Lord are pure words."
- Ask: What better Guide could we ask for than one that is pure -or without mistake- given to us by God Himself?
- Ask: So how do we use the Bible?
- Open your Bible to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and
- say: Well the second part of 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says that, "all Scripture is ... profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."
- Ask: So what is Scripture good for?
- Answer: Well for teaching us, telling us right from wrong (rebuking/correcting,) training us and equipping us, all things that helps us to know God better.

- Say: The key is opening it up. Open your Bible every day. Ask God to show you what He wants you to learn and every day God will teach you a little bit more about Himself.

Meeting Closing:

- Hand out a Word of God Word Search and a pencil to each boy and
- ask them to complete it.
- Remind the boys that the words in bold letters are hidden in the puzzle may be across, down or diagonal.
- Remind the boys: There's so much to learn about God! Remember, this is a hunt that lasts a lifetime. You could learn something about God everyday of your life and still be surprised by Him when you meet Him in Heaven. Talk about the Ultimate Hunt!
- Voice a closing prayer,
- praying specifically for each boy's journey home and growing knowledge of God.

The Word of God Word Search

The words in bold letters in the paragraph below are hidden in the puzzle. Words can be across, down or diagonal. Can you find them all?

The **Bible** is truly a **miracle**. There are a total of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New **Testament**. The Bible was written by over 36 different people, and over a period of about 1,500 **years**. The authors came from many different backgrounds and professions. There were **fishermen, farmers, politicians, teachers, doctors, tentmakers** and even **kings**. It would be mathematically impossible for so many different people over so many years to write with such **harmony** and accuracy, if it were not for the **Holy Spirit**. God told these people what to write. The Bible is the **Word of God**.

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