

## **Group Bible Study Activity – Tuesday Group A- 9:30am Group B- 10:30am**

The following activities are for after our large group time together in the tabernacle. You may or may not have time to do each one listed or may want to substitute an activity with something else. Feel free to do what you know is best for your group. You know them best!

**Today's Bible Story:** Who Do You Say I Am? • *Matthew 16:13-20*

**Today's Bottom Line:** BELIEVE who Jesus is.

**Memory Verse:** *Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.* Hebrews 12:2a (NIRV)

### **1. Who Do You Say I Am?**

**What You Need:** "Who Do You Say I Am" cards (provided for you at camp)

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid a card from the Activity Page.
- Instruct the kids not to show anyone their card.
- Invite the kids to walk around and pair up with someone else (it doesn't matter who).
- Instruct the kids to take turns describing what's on their card to their partner, without saying the word/phrase at the bottom.
- Partners then try to guess who's on their card.
- If the kid is having a difficult time guessing after several guesses, instruct the other kid to reveal the answer.
- After the first round, give each kid a new card.
- Continue through more rounds as time and interest allow.

**What You Say:**

"Our game certainly brought a lot of interesting descriptions about who Jesus is, just like there was in our story today. But Peter didn't care about what others were saying. He knew what was true about Jesus. He truly believed that Jesus is the Son of God and wasn't going to let anyone else tell him any different.

***Share what you know about Jesus and habits you've established in your life that help you continue learning who He is. For example, going to church, serving, reading the Bible, etc.)***

"I'm so thankful I can confidently say who Jesus is! My prayer is that you **[Bottom Line] BELIEVE who Jesus is too.**"

### **2. Have You Ever?**

**What You Need:** Bibles

**What You Do:**

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Hebrews 12:2a and read it out loud several times.
- Read aloud the "Have You Ever" questions below one at a time.
- Invite the kids to answer the question by running to the left side of your space for yes and the right for no.
- After kids answer each question, ask the follow-up question.

"Have You Ever" questions:

1. Have you ever been to the beach?
  - If I asked, "Is the beach a cool place?" Who are you going to believe—the people who have been to the beach or the people who have never been?

2. Have you ever been on a mountain?
  - If I asked, “Does the mountain top have cooler temperatures?” Who are you going to trust—someone who has been to a mountaintop or someone who hasn’t?
3. Have you ever tasted coffee?
  - If I asked you if coffee tastes good, who are you going to believe?
4. Have you ever seen a shooting star?
  - If I asked you what a shooting star looks like, who do you think knows best?
5. Have you ever stayed up all night?
  - If I asked you how hard it is to stay up all night, who are you going to take advice from?
6. Have you ever had a pet dog?
  - If I asked you if it’s hard to take care of a dog, who would you listen to?

**What You Say:**

“Here’s the thing: We may not always be able to physically see something in order to believe it. But our memory verse tells us today that because Jesus has seen and experienced it all, we can **[Bottom Line] BELIEVE who Jesus is**. He has started and completes this journey we’re on, so we can look to Him when it comes to our faith. He has experienced what we’re experiencing. This is why we can put our belief in Him without doubt and fear. Jesus isn’t asking us to believe in Him for no reason. It’s because He knows what He is talking about. He has seen and been through it all, so we can choose to believe in Him.”

**3. B-E-L-I-E-V-E**

**What You Need:** “B-E-L-I-E-V-E” Activity Page and markers (Supplies will be provided for you at camp)

**What You Do:**

- Give each the “B-E-L-I-E-V-E” Activity Page and a marker.
- Read the phrases below out loud to the group for each letter of the word for believe
- Direct the kids to write the first word of the phrase by the correct letter (example: The phrase “Beginning a relationship with Jesus by believing in Him” kids would write Believing by the B.
- If you have extra time, allow kids to decorate the page once they’re finished.

**Phrases:**

1. *Beginning* a relationship with Jesus by believing in Him (write Beginning by the B)
2. *Embracing* Jesus’ forgiveness for me (write Embracing by the 1st E)
3. *Living* the life Jesus has for me (write Living by the L)
4. *Ignoring* temptations to make wrong choices (write Ignoring by the I)
5. *Echoing* the love I see from Jesus in the Bible. (write Echoing by the 2nd E)
6. *Valuing* what Jesus says about me. (write Valuing by the V)
7. *Encouraging* friends to learn more about Jesus (write Encouraging by the last E)

**What You Say:**

“This week we’ve been learning that it’s not enough to say we **[Bottom Line] BELIEVE who Jesus is**. It’s about making moves to SHOW we believe in Jesus here, there, and everywhere! There are endless ways can grow our belief in Jesus. When I say endless, I mean there is never too much we can learn about Him! There is so much to know about Jesus that we can spend our whole lives—and all of forever in Heaven—getting to know Him. And that, my friends, is exactly what He wants us to do. Just like we learn new things about our best friends every day, Jesus wants to be in a relationship with us and do the same. This week at camp we need to listen and pay attention to what we are being taught about Jesus and the joy we can have by having in our lives.”

**End with prayer but wait to dismiss until the bell rings so other groups aren’t disturbed.**