

Day 3

GOSPEL DAY

The Ride of Your Life

BIBLE PASSAGES

Genesis 1–3 and Selected Scriptures

APOLOGETICS CONTENT

Can your view of creation affect your view of the gospel?

INCREDIVERSE

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

ECHO PHRASE

Admit, Believe, Forever Receive!

LESSON AIM

Children will learn that, just as roller coasters have highs and lows, so has history. They will hear a clear presentation of the gospel and how they can know the ultimate high point—becoming a child of God.

TODAY'S LESSON AT A GLANCE

LEADER DEVOTIONAL

For you to prepare your heart for leading.

OPENING

Introduction
Extreme Incredibles

MIDWAY GAMES

Upset the Fruit Basket
Scavenger Hunt

CONCESSION STAND

Fruit on a Stick

WOW ZONE BIBLE TIME

Thrill Rides
Thrill Rides Through Time

CRAFT COVE

My Bug Jar

WRAP UP

Drama
Review the Attraction activities

MIDWAY GAMES

Upset the Fruit Basket

Remind the kids of Adam and Eve and their fateful encounter with fruit by playing Upset the Fruit Basket. Have everyone sit in a circle on chairs, with one less chair than there are participants. Assign fruit names such as banana, apple, peach, and strawberry. Once everyone knows what fruit name they are, the game begins. Choose someone to be the person in the middle. That person yells one of the fruit names, such as banana. All the bananas quickly get up and change seats. The person in the middle also tries to get in a seat. Whoever is left standing is the next person in the middle. The person in the middle can name more than one fruit at a time if he wants, or he can yell, “Upset the Fruit Basket,” at which time everyone gets up and tries to find a new seat. If someone has been in the middle for a couple times, ask a new person to take over.

Scavenger Hunt

Make a list of items God created that kids can hunt for. Send them of in pairs with a copy of the list and a bag in which to collect the items. You may want to give them a marker for marking off the list as they find things. Your master list may include items such as a fuzzy leaf, a blade of grass, a dead bug, something red, something yellow, something soft, something hard, a pine cone, a clover, a rock, a feather, something God created on day three, something God created on day six, hearing a horse whinny, seeing something shiny, tasting a drink of water. You may want to include a “gross” item or two (which really aren’t gross at all—God thought them up!) such as earwax or spit. That will particularly appeal to the older kids! You may want to list about fifteen objects and have the kids find the number of items that corresponds with their age. For example, a 12-year-old finds twelve items, an 8-year-old finds eight.

CONCESSION STAND

Fruit on a Stick

INGREDIENTS

- Assorted fruit, 2 sticks per child

SUNNY LEMONADE INGREDIENTS

- Powdered lemonade drink mix, 1 quart for every 5 children

PRE-PREP

1. Wash and cut the fruit into bite-sized pieces.
2. Skewer 6–8 pieces of fruit onto long coffee stirrer or bamboo skewer and put on a plate for serving.

TEACHING TIE-IN

Pray for the snack. As everyone munches, say:

Look at this fruit with the variety of colors, textures, and tastes God gives us to enjoy. And this is just a small sample of all the fruit in the world! Can you imagine all the fruit God gave Adam and Eve to eat in the Garden of Eden? They were given so many wonderful foods, but what did they want? The one thing they couldn’t have. They focused on what they couldn’t have instead of on all the wonderful foods they could have. That’s what Satan does to every one. He tries to get us to focus on what we don’t have instead of being thankful for what we do have. So remember that when you want that one thing your parents say NO to—that one movie, or that one CD, or that one friend, or that one outfit.

And by the way, the forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve ate was unique and grew on a special tree that no longer exists. There was only one of its kind so none of the fruits that we have today are the “forbidden” fruit. I wonder what it looked like?

CRAFT COVE

MY BUG JAR

Materials

- Clear plastic jars with screw-on lids, 1 per child
- Colored chenille stems, 2 per child
- Small bug stickers, 6–8 per child
- Pine needles, small pine cones, small sticks

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Hand drill
- $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. drill bit

Pre-Prep

1. Drill several air holes in the lids of each jar, including two for the chenille stem handles.

Class Time Directions

1. Choose two complimentary colored chenille stems.
2. With the stems side-by-side and the ends even with each other, twist together tightly from top to bottom to form a single unit.
3. To make a handle for the jar, thread one end of the twisted stems through a near side hole in the lid and the other end through a far side hole in the lid. Then, on the underside of the lid, twist the two ends together and gently pull on the loop from the top-side until it's snug against the underside of the lid.
4. Put 6–8 bug stickers on the outside of the jar (but not too many).
5. Put a few pine needles, a small pine cone, and/or a small stick in the bottom of the jar.

Teaching Tie-in

God made bugs! Enjoy collecting some in your jar!

