VBC 2018-Day 1

3rd-5th Grade Plan
12:35-Check In Begins/Play Music
12:35-3-minute countdown

Zacchaeus
#Chosen
Luke 19:1-10

12:40-12:48-Welcome & Opening Game

Say: Welcome to VBC! It is so awesome to have you here! It is going to be a fun week! My name is _____ and I'll/We'll be hanging with you this week. Our theme is "Jesus & Me: Choose Kindness". How many of you have read the book Wonder? (Allow responses) How many of you have read the 2nd book "Auggie & Me?" (Allow responses). How many of you have seen the movie Wonder? (Allow responses) These books and the movie are such an amazing reminder to us about the importance of kindness and choosing kindness whenever possible. These books and the movie remind us that kindness can make a huge difference in someone's life. Jesus also knew the importance of kindness and throughout his time on earth he made sure that he was looking out for people who might need a little extra kindness. With the help of Wonder, August Pullman, and Jesus this week, we hope that you all will leave VBC ready to make a difference just by being kind.

Introduce The Game Leaders

To get started we are going to play a quick game of Name 5! We will pick 1 volunteer and then give them a category in which they need to name 5 items in 15 seconds. For example, we may say name 5 football teams or name 5 months of the year. Seems easy but it is a little harder than you think. Let's get a few volunteers.

All week long I have prizes and gifts to give away in this container. I also have the numbers 1-365 (or the random number generator app) and each of you have been assigned a number when I pull that number out of the jar I will find the name associated with it. If, that is, you come on up and play the game. We will do this all week. You are always welcome not to play the game as well. If you win you get to pick a prize out of the prize jar!

Invite 4-6 volunteers up on the stage to play Name 5

Need 15 second countdown

Give kids a Category they must name 5 items in the list in 15 seconds to win a prize. Show category then begin countdown right away. Any questionable answers the audience judges whether they are acceptable.

1. Name 5 Things that can make a person sneeze.
2. Name 5 foods you put ketchup on before eating.
3. Name 5 animals that start with the letter C.
4. Name 5 things that are orange.
5. Name 5 things that start with the word snow.
6. Name 5 red foods.

12:48-12:58-Create Small Groups

Say: Now we are going to divide into small groups. These are your groups for the week. You will travel together in these groups, you'll talk about how to choose kindness in these groups, you'll eat snacks together in these groups, and hopefully you'll make some friends in these groups.

Find a leader! Grade does not matter. Once you have a group of 8 or 9 sit down and take a minute and create a group name and write it on your sign along with your name and once that is done find out everyone's name and answer to this question. What are you most looking forward to doing this summer?

Other things to do while in your group:

Write group number on your nametag!

Where do you sit in the Foundry? (KiDSCOR staff will help guide you on this one)

You must be done once the countdown is over.

Give kids a few minutes to find a group then start 5-minute countdown.

12:53-12:58-5 Minute Countdown

12:58-1:01-Bring Kids Back Together

If Time Allows…. Kids can yell out The Name of Their Group and cheer for everyone at the end.

Go over the guidelines for the week before leaving:

Slide- Guidelines for The Week

1. Pay Attention
2. Respect Others
3. Have Fun
4. Stay off the stage
5. Choose Kindness

Mention consequences and Foundry guidelines as well (keep the space neat, be the example, participate, stay together return for lesson intro with _____)

1:01-1:05-Depart for the Foundry

1:10-2:00-Drama and Worship in the Foundry

2:05-2:15
High Energy Game-Large Group Elimination Game (3rd Grade Only)
Kids Choose One Of the 3

Tree (Arms out like a tree)
Money- (let it reign kids tossing bills to the crowd)
Dinner- (eating-one hand moves up and down from mouth to plate)

Leader turns their back to the crowd and each person picks one of the above motions. Leaders counts down from 3…2…1 and then jumps around as one of the above 3 motions. If anyone in the crowd matches the leader they are out. Continue 3 rounds of practice before beginning elimination round. Keep playing until you have 2-3 winner. (Keep in mind as the game goes the leader will have to do 2 or 3 of the same one in a row to knock out a chunk the kids)

Declare a winner and have the kids sit down.

Review the Bible Story-3rd Grade 2:10-2:20/4th & 5th Grade 2:10-2:20
Zack Instant Drama
Supplies Needed: Fake Or Real Money, Chair
As kids enter have them find a seat on the floor around the stage. Then dismiss the leaders for a quick meeting.

Say: Before we think about showing Kindness to other people; we need to start with the kindness Jesus showed all of us. Jesus has chosen you!! Our story today is about a man name Zacchaeus, we'll call him Zack. Zack was not a nice guy and didn't have a whole lot of friends. He was short too which made everyone dislike him even more. Everyone that is except Jesus. Today we are going to do an instant drama. For this drama we will need a few volunteers to come up on stage and act out what they hear spoken over the speakers. You have no lines just act out the motion you are told to act out. So we need 4 people.

Select 4 people to play these parts:
Zack-Wears Hat and Sunglass
Friend #1-Wears Hat/Has Money
Friend #2-Wears Hat/Has Money
Jesus-Wear's Jesus Shirt
Crowd-Everyone else that is left

Place chair on the stage

Instruct actors to start off the stage and be ready to enter as their part is called. Remind everyone else that they are the crowd and will do what the crowd does. You can practice by saying "if the voice says Zack jumps and down; what does Zack do? Jumps up and down."

Play Instant Drama! See next page for script

Once the drama is over cheer for the volunteers and thank them for their help as they return to their seats?

Ask: Have you ever been chosen last for something? Have you ever not been chosen for something? Feels kind of crummy doesn't it. Zack was an outcast in his town. First, he was short, I'm sure people made fun of him. Second, he made some mistakes. The Bible says he ripped people off when collecting taxes. This made Zach an outcast. BUT Jesus comes along one day and out of all the people Jesus could have had dinner with; who does he choose?? He chooses Zack. Jesus knew all about Zack and yet Jesus still chose Zach and showed him kindness.

Say: Sometimes we might feel like Zack; like no one cares about us at school or at camp. We wished we didn't look the way we did or why couldn't we be just a little taller. But Jesus didn't just choose Zack; he has also chosen us. Jesus has showed us kindness and love. The Bible says in John 3:16 that God so loved the world.

How many of you know what a precept is? In the Book and Movie Wonder. Mr. Browne talks about precepts to Auggie and his classmates. Let's watch a clip from Wonder right now.

Clip From Wonder
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Df8ymFH_smg

Say: Each day at VBC we are going to have a precept for you to think about and by the end of the week your group will create 1 precept to take home after VBC. Today I want you to think about this….I am fearfully and wonderfully made

Think about these questions as we dismiss for group time:

How did Jesus show Zach kindness?
How does Jesus show me kindness?

Dismiss to small groups. Remind groups where to go for their small group time and what time to be back by and to remain semi-quiet if they are near another group so that groups can hear each other.

Small Group Time –(3rd Grade 2:20-2:50) (4th & 5th 2:20-2:55)
Supplies Needed: Luke 19-Printouts, Brown & Green Markers, Tree Template, Sharpie, Paper Wristband, Precept Graphic, Blindfold, Stickers, Sock, Bracelet, sunglasses, bandanna,

Read together Luke 19:1-10 on the print-out. There will be 4 copies with different segments invite 4 different people to read.

Discuss the questions from the large group time.

What made Zach an outsider?
How did Jesus show Zach kindness?

Say: Zach was outsider; he was different. He stood out because he was short and because he wasn't always that nice. We are going to do a little activity where we are going to see if you can pick out who is different.

Who is different instructions:

Blindfold 1 person in the group (or have them step out of the room with your second leader if possible). While they are gone make one member of the group look a little different. Examples would be: take off shoe, take off hat, put a sticker on hand (stickers provided), switch fitbit with someone, etc. (in your bin will be a few items that can help make subtle differences like a bracelet, sock, sticker, etc.) Take blindfold off volunteer or bring them back to the circle. See if they can guess who is different in the group.

Do this a few times then for the final 2 times make the difference outrageously obvious like wearing a pair of sunglass (provided), or wearing the bandanna (provided) The person who is trying to guess the difference will know right away what is going on.

After completing the activity

Say: Sometimes being different or a feeling like an outsider is obvious like our last 2 examples or other times in might not be so obvious like the first few changes. Zack had both an obvious difference (being short) and a not so obvious one (being dishonest). But the kindness Jesus showed Zack changed him forever. Sometimes we might feel like Zach like an outsider, but Jesus reminds us that we are wonderfully made. All of God's works including creating you were wonderful. So let's think about how unique we are in this next activity.

Tree of Awesomeness!
Say: Jesus showed kindness to Zack who was in a tree. Let's use a pic of a tree to think about how wonderful we have been made.
Instructions:
Hand out tree print-out with green and brown markers to each camper.
Instruct kids to write on each branch in brown something they are good at or enjoy doing.
Then on the trunk list 1-2 ways Jesus has showed them Kindness in brown.
Write the word Wonderful one letter at a time in green to make leaves on the tree.
Give kids 3 minutes to complete the task then take 3 minutes to share their trees.

Think about it?
Say: Jesus showed kindness to Zach it didn't matter what Zack looked like or that he was an outsider. Jesus chose kindness. Jesus also shows us kindness. Not only did Jesus die for us, but Jesus is with us every day helping us make a difference in the world. Knowing that Jesus showed us kindness should get us ready to show kindness to everyone around us and more on that come this week!!

Precept Recap:
Our Precept for the day is…. I am fearfully and Wonderfully made…

Say: We want you to remember that Jesus thinks you are pretty cool! The Bible tells in Psalms that you wonderfully made. God made you just the way you are on purpose. To help you remember that for at least 24 hours we are going to give you a paper bracelet. On this bracelet write "God thinks I'm AWESOME!" Then put it on and wear it as long as you can to remember God thinks you are pretty cool.

Pray together. You can pray, ask a camper to pray, or read the prayer below.

Dear Jesus, you created each of us special and unique. You showed kindness to Zacchaeus and you showed us kindness when you came to this earth. Help us to never forget how much you love us. Thank you for your kindness. Help us to remember that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. In Jesus Name! Amen.

Extra Time Do This!
Pull out your journal books and sketch in the day 1 section!

3rd Grade- 2:55-3:20 Station Time Follow Your Schedule
4th & 5th Grade-2:55-3:20 Free Time In Student Center

3:20-3:30-Wrap-Up & Closing
3rd Grade in Bible Theater
4th & 5th In Student Center

3:20-3:27
Example Of Kindness Video:

Say: Each day we will wrap up our time together with an example of people showing kindness in our world. As you watch these videos hopefully it will inspire you to show kindness like these cool people. Our first video is about Travis Rudolph an awesome football player for Florida State. Let's watch and see the Kindness Travis showed.

http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/football-star-shows-simple-act-kindness-boy-autism-47144326

Ask/Say: Do you think Jesus would be pleased with Travis? Of course right. Jesus kind of did the same thing when he ate a meal with Zacchaeus. Think about ways you might be more like Travis and show kindness to those who might be feeling outside of a group.

Minute To Win It Game:
Say: Let's wrap up our day with 1 final challenge I need 1 volunteer to try and beat the clock and if they can they will win a sweet prize.

Stack Attack-Supplies Needed 36 Plastic Cups

1 minute to make a pyramid of 36 cups. The pyramid should start with 8 cups with each one less cup above them which will make the pyramid. After when the contestant makes the pyramid then he/she have to slide the cups at the edge and it will becomes 1 stack of cups.

Group Question Of The Day:
Question of The Day: (Question on screen have kids stand up to cast their vote)
If you could be the best at the world at only one of these things what would you choose?

A. Tree Climbing
B. Bubble Gum Blowing
C. Skydiving
D. Eating Hot Dogs

Closing Announcements and Dismissal. (3:27-3:30)