

## Kid's Slot – July 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011



### “Back Packs and Bibles”



**OVERVIEW:** Children will learn how to be proud they are a Christian and to stand firm in their faith and reading of their Bible.

**PREPARATION:** You will need your Bible.

**BIBLE STORY & VERSE:** 2 Timothy 3:14-17

**ICEBREAKER:** Ask the kids to share a time when they got embarrassed...try to keep this on the light side☺

**READ:** “Not Ashamed!” Bible Story (on the other side)

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. **Where were Jeremy and Denzel going?** (To a sleep-over at their other cousin, Matt's house.)
2. **What did Jeremy leave behind and went to go back and get?** (His Bible)
3. **Why didn't Jeremy just tell his cousin Denzel that he went to go get his Bible? Why did he slip it into his back pack and not want to talk about it?** (He thought his cousin would make fun of him because he wanted to read his Bible.)
4. **What did Denzel offer to do?** (He offered to lend Jeremy his, since became a Christian.)
5. **Does Matt love Jesus, too? Would he enjoy reading the Bible and talking about God and stuff?** (Matt wasn't a Christian yet, but the boys planned not to change what they normally do – spending time in the morning reading their Bibles and talking about God.)
6. **Which person in the Bible did Denzel remind Jeremy about, who learned about God from his mother?** (Timothy, whose mother, Eunice, told him how important it was to know about God and study God's word – even though she didn't own a Bible.)

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** “Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:14

**ACTIVITY:** Open up your Bible and show the children the index to the books of the Bible. Explain that the Bible is ONE book with one AUTHOR, which is God Himself. Several people have written down what God told them to write, so that is why you see so many different books that make up the Bible. The Bible is always correct with never a mistake in it, because God told the men the words to use.

- **What do you do before you start to read your Bible?** (Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand)
- **How do you decide where to start?** (You could use some Bible reading notes or maybe look up your Bible study lesson or Children's Church lesson.)
- **What do you do when you have finished reading?** (Ask God what He wants to say to you. Give Him time to speak to you. Don't be in a hurry.)
- **When you understand what God is saying, what do you do?** (You say, “Yes, Lord.”)



**RETURN:** Return to the Life Group. Have the children recite their Bible memory verse. Share a bit about the lesson. The children then share in the prayer and fellowship time.

## “Not Ashamed!”

Jeremy and his cousin, Denzel had a great time spending the night together. They always do – but they don’t always get to see each other, since they live in two different states. But last night was a blast, and now, the boys were going over to their other cousin, Matt’s house, for a three-way sleep over – well, that’s what they liked to call it! Jeremy was just about to get in the van when he asked his mom if he could go back inside to get something he forgot.

“Pleeeaaassee, Mom? I will only be a second!” And off Jeremy went, with his backpack still on his back, to his bedroom, to go get what he had forgotten! And just like he promised, he was back in no time!

“Man, that was quick; what did you forget, asked Denzel? No, wait, let me guess....you tell me if I am hot or cold!” Jeremy didn’t feel like playing the game, but went ahead anyway. “Sure, but you only get 3 guesses, so make them good!”

Denzel thought a minute and said, “I know, you forgot your DS!” “Ummm...nope and you’ve got two more guesses” said Jeremy. Let’s see, you forgot your toothbrush!” “That’s a NO again...one more guess” said Jeremy, wishing this silly game was over. “OK, I’ve got it now - you forgot your cell phone!” “Wrong again...and I don’t have a cell phone, yet...but my birthday *is* next month, right Mom, so you never know!” said Jeremy. Mom looked back in her rear view mirror and kept on driving.

“Come on, let’s plan out which games we’re going to play at Matt’s house” Jeremy said, quickly trying to change the subject.

“Wait, Jeremy, you never told me what you forgot...come on...what was so important that you had to go back and get it? I’m dying to know....come on!!!!”

Jeremy knew it was coming and since the ride to Matt’s house was about an hour, he expected his cousin Denzel to make fun of him the whole way there. “Well, actually, Denzel, I forgot my Bible! There, I said it” and Jeremy waited for the jokes and the teasing to start, but there was silence, which is pretty odd for his very outspoken cousin.

“Well, you could have borrowed mine” said Denzel. “Oh, I get it, now, comes the jokes and the teasing...go ahead – I’m ready for it to start” Jeremy said, a bit aggravated to say the least.

“No jokes, and I’m not teasing...like I said, you could have

borrowed mine! I never got around telling you this, but since I’ve last seen you, I gave my life over to Jesus, too, and I’ve been reading my Bible every day – well most every day,” said Denzel.

“That’s awesome, Denzel! Why didn’t you tell me? We could have been talking about God and stuff yesterday” said Jeremy.

“I know, but I thought you just wanted to play and have fun, so I just kept my Bible in my backpack!” “Well, Denzel, we’re cousins and cousins tell each other important things like that!”

“You’re right...so who’s going to tell Matt – he doesn’t know the Lord yet – so if we talk about God and the Bible and stuff – he may feel kinda weird.”

“Well, I guess we’re just going to have to wait for a time when it doesn’t feel weird and just tell him” said Jeremy. “Maybe we could start by just taking our Bibles *out* of our backpacks and wait until *he* asks about them, ‘because you *know* he will!’”

“You know, Jeremy, I was just reading about this guy in the Bible named Timothy. He wasn’t too much older than we are. His mom and his grandmother were both Christians, but they didn’t even own a Bible. His mom would go to church, listen real closely to the teaching and memorize the Bible that way. Then, she would come home and share what she learned with her son, Timothy, ever since he was a little boy. And Timothy grew up to be a follower of Jesus and a friend to Paul, who actually wrote two books in the Bible named 1 and 2 Timothy! I guess we’ve got a lot to learn from Timothy. We know that the Bible is God’s word and is true, and can help us know everything we need to know about how to live our lives to please God. It helps us with our mistakes and helps train us to do what is right. We don’t need to be ashamed or hid our Bibles in our backpacks!”

“You’re right, Denzel! Your way is better” said Jeremy. Let’s just be ourselves – and do what we usually do, by reading our Bibles when we wake up in the morning and if something comes up while we are at Matt’s, just talk about it – just like you and I are talking! Let’s just keep doing what we know to do...and leave the rest up to God!”

“Sounds like a plan, Jeremy.” Mom looked back in her rear view mirror, smiling just as proudly as I’m sure Timothy’s mom, Eunice, would have smiled! “Looks like it’s going to be an awesome three-way sleep-over after all, Denzel.”

And mom kept on driving.