

LESSON 1
"DEPENDABILITY"
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BIBLE CONNECTION

(KBC Study Bible)

CHARACTER WORD

Dependability – Trustworthy to do what I say I will do

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can depend on God's word to lead me through life.

MEMORY LINK

Deuteronomy 5:33a

"You shall walk in the all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you."

(KBC Study Bible, page 193)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: No supplies needed
Option 2: Strips of paper, marker

SURF TEAM TIME

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Styrofoam cups
Option 2: 10 index cards

Welcome to Beach Club! Our Year at a Glance

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Welcome to Beach Club! This is your opportunity to build relationships with boys and girls who may not know Jesus as their Forever Friend. Each week, we will share God's love through character words, Bible verses, and stories that will calm their fears and anxieties and grow their minds with the love and strength of God's Word. They will learn to depend on God in their daily life.

You are the eyes and feet of Jesus. Pray for your club, the leaders at your school, and the students in your club. You are not here by accident. This is God's plan for you! Be ready for a great time of sharing Bible truths with eager minds every week!

GET CONNECTED / *snack time*

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Building relationships in small group is a critical and important part of every Beach Club. Spend this time getting to know your students in your surf team. Ask them about their day, fun things they like to do, etc.

Introduce yourself as your students join your surf team. Get to know your students by playing a game. As students are sitting in a circle, begin by saying your own name and describe yourself with one word that begins with the same letter as your first name. Example: *My name is Susan and I am silly!* Go around the circle until all of the students have repeated the sentence with their own name and descriptive word.

- Today's character word is dependability. How would you describe a person who is dependable?
- How can you be dependable at school? At home?

Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WELCOME TO BEACH CLUB

As students move into large group, welcome them to the very first Beach Club of the year. Introduce yourself and ask students to raise their hand if this is their first time to be in club.

Go over club rules with group. If your club has a treasure chest, talk to students about your reward system.

WORSHIP TIME / *music*

Pointing students' hearts toward God

Introduce simple, easy to learn songs on this very first day of club like "Books of the Bible", by Worship for Kids or "Walk In His Ways" (Psalm 128:1), by Seeds Family Worship. Choose songs weekly that engage students with lots of movement and create enthusiasm and fun. Use a projector with the words, posters, or a video so that students can sing along. Usually two songs fit into the schedule but for today, just select one. If you have students who already know some of the songs, invite them to come to the front and assist you in leading the Worship Time. Remember – HAVE FUN!



Great Treasure Day is the day we give out Bibles.
We'll do this in the 1st 4 weeks.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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Deuteronomy 5:33a

"You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you."

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No supplies needed

Prior to **Great Treasure Day**, ask students to bring their Bibles to club if they have one. During **Get Connected**, have Surf Team Leaders assist students in locating the **Memory Link** and **Bible Connection** verses in their own Bibles.

We are so excited that you are here at our very first Beach Club this year! Beach Club is a fun time every week when you get to hang out with your friends just like you do when you go to a beach and search for some great treasures – and who doesn't like a great treasure!

Hold your Bible high up in the air and ask students to do the same if they have one with them. Encourage them to bring their Bibles to club each week.

Every week, we are going to find a new verse in our Bibles and learn it together.

If you have a Bible, we would love for you to bring it to club. If you don't have a Bible, don't worry. There is going to be a special day very soon, called Great Treasure Day, when everyone will get their own KiDs Beach Club® Study Bible – the greatest treasure on earth!

The Bible contains God's truths and life lessons for us. Can you believe that this book was written for you and me? God inspired some very special people to write every word in the Bible to give us help to live a good life every day. I know that I can depend on God's Word to lead me in everything I do.

The Bible is divided into two parts – the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament tells us about God's promise to send a Savior. The New Testament tells us about that Savior, Jesus Christ, His life on earth and how to live as a Christian.

Today our Memory Link verse is found in the Old Testament in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 5, verse 33a. When we have the letter "a" at the end of our verse, it means just the first half. When there is a "b" at the end of the verse, it means the last half.

Our verse today says "You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you." Isn't that cool? You shall walk in all the ways means that we (you and I) can depend on God to tell us how to live our lives. Let's play a game to help us remember this verse!

Option 1 - SAY IT LOUD!

No supplies needed

Ask students to repeat the verse in various voices: a grandma voice, a baby voice, a growling voice, etc.

Repeat at least three times.

Option 2 - CARD SCRAMBLE

Index cards for each surf team, markers, brown paper bag or baggie

Prepare: Write words of the verse on index cards.

When the Memory Link Leader says go, the Surf Team Leader drops the cards out of the bag into the middle of the surf team circle. Students put the words in order including the scripture reference at the end. Repeat if time allows.

Teaching Tip

Prepare a list of club rules to review each week at the start of club. Make them fun and engaging. Use instructions that fit your situation and address them in fun ways throughout the year. Consider using the same rules that the school uses to be consistent and reinforce what they're being instructed at school. The Beach Club Essentials Leadership Manual, Volume 2 suggests these rules on page 31:

Sit Up!

Look Up!

Listen Up!

Hands Up! (or to yourself)

...AND HAVE FUN!

Teaching Tip

Try to link visuals with the memory verse. Make a plan and be prepared. Practice beforehand so that you will know that your activities will fit within the time frame for Memory Link. Use things you may have at home or that you can borrow from your church. Be creative and have fun!

Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

When I go to the beach, I like to pick up shells – little shells, big shells, sometimes clean shells and sometimes some dirty shells. These are all treasures that I seek or look for on the beach. But do you know that I've learned in my life that the beach isn't the only place to find great treasures? Today, I'm going to tell about the best place to find great treasure!

Tell the Story 

This year in Beach Club, we are going to find the greatest treasures in the Bible, God's Word. Some people like to refer to the Bible as our roadmap for life because it is full of instructions about how to live our lives. Others like to call the Bible God's love letter to us because He loves us so much that He gave us these words of love to live by. No matter what, I know this – that every word written in the Bible is true. It is not fiction, a fairytale, a folktale, or fantasy. You see, God loves us so much that He gave us His Word, the Bible. I can depend on the words written in my Bible because God inspired the men who wrote them. I know them to be true.

Every week in Beach Club we are going to learn about some amazing people! People like a lady who won a beauty contest to become a queen, a short, little man who climbed up in a tree so that he could see Jesus, a young man who warned his friend that the king had a plot to kill him, a little boy who helped to feed 5000 people, and a guy that was led out of prison by an angel! Oh my! – I can't wait to hear more about all of these and even more!

Application

You see, God wants you to depend on Him because He is the one who can help you have the very best life ever! He will never let you down! He will be with you always!

Gospel Connection 

*We will learn this year that God gave us the most precious gift of all – His Son, Jesus. The Bible tells us in the book of Romans 3:23 that we are all sinners, meaning we choose to do things that we shouldn't do, and that we deserve to be punished for our sin just like you would by your parents or teachers when you disobey or make wrong choices. But the Bible also tells us in the same book of Romans, in chapter 6, verse 23, that God wants to give us a **FREE** gift! That gift is the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life with Him in Heaven one day. You can depend on Him to forgive you and give you this eternal life that He's promised! We want you to know that all you have to do is **ADMIT** that you have sinned and **ASK** God to forgive you. Next, **BELIEVE** that Jesus is God's Son and He died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sin. Then Jesus was buried, but He didn't stay dead! He rose from the dead and is now in Heaven with God the Father and wants you and me to be there with Him someday! Then all you have to do next is **CHOOSE TO FOLLOW** Jesus by making Him your Forever Friend. That's what we call someone who prays and asks Jesus to forgive them and come into their life and then makes the decision to **CHOOSE TO FOLLOW** Jesus every day at home and at school.*

Teaching Tip

Repetition is key with children. Repetition is how they learn best and how retention is achieved. Don't be afraid to repeat ideas and truths each and every week. In fact, make a list of 5 truths you hope your students will leave with by the end of the year. Find a way to incorporate your "top 5" every week. An example might be coming up with a rhyme and motions expressing "what God's Word is" such as "true, good, and never-changing". Repeat these truths with the students at the same time each week.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about Beach Club?*
- *What does dependability mean?*
- *How can you show that you are dependable?*

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 Page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Let's look at our weekly challenge. Who would like to read what the Weekly Challenge says on your Hang 10? What's your homework? Let's all try our best to hang with God 10 minutes each day.

Pray

Encourage students to write prayer requests on index cards. Lead them in prayer. Take the cards home and pray over their requests during the week.

Thank You, God, for always being with us and for being dependable in every way. Help us to be dependable at home and at school, with our family and with our friends. Thank you for Beach Club where I can learn more about You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

When calling on students to answer questions, don't always call on the first child who raises his hand. Students need time to think about the answer. Wait a few seconds for several students to raise a hand before choosing a student to share.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



5-10
MINUTES

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - SMASH THE CUP

Styrofoam cups

Prepare: Place two cups opposite each other on a counter or table for each set of teams. Form at least two teams to compete against each other unless you have 10 in your surf team. Then you can divide into two smaller teams keeping your surf team together.

One student from each team stands at the table with one hand above a cup and the other behind their back. A Surf Team Leader or Review Game Leader asks a review question. The first player to smash their cup gets to answer the question. If the player answers incorrectly, the other player has a chance to answer. If neither can answer, two more players come to the table and try again. Continue until all of the review questions have been answered or as time allows. The team with the most correct answers wins the game.

Option 2 - THE AMAZING RACE

Index cards for each team

Prepare: Write the Review Questions on index cards.

Each team lines up single file. Surf Team Leaders stand about 10-15 feet from the team holding the cards. On the signal from the Review Game Leader, the first player on each team races to their Surf Team Leader, draws a card, and answers the question. If they answer correctly, they keep the card and race back to their team. The second player goes next and the game continues until all of the review questions have been answered or as time allows. The team that finishes first is the winner.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is today's character word? (*dependability*)
2. What does *dependability* mean? (*trustworthy to do what I say I will do*)
3. Recite today's Memory Link. ("You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:33a)
4. The Bible is divided into how many parts? (2)
5. What are the parts of the Bible called? (*Old Testament and New Testament*)
6. What is the Old Testament about? (*God's promise to send a Savior*)
7. What is the New Testament about? (*Jesus Christ, His life on earth and how to live as a Christian*)
8. Who is one of the amazing people you want to learn more about in God's Word this year? (*Answers will vary.*)
9. Share a way you can *depend* on God at home. (*Answers will vary.*)
10. Share a way you can *depend* on God at school. (*Answers will vary.*)

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Teaching Tip

Your goal as the Review Game Leader is more than simply playing a crazy game. It's to play with the purpose of reinforcing the lesson and reviewing the story. Be sure to listen carefully to the Bible Connection Leader to make sure you know what questions to ask. Sometimes God takes the story in a different direction and not all the questions on the page are covered. Try to avoid asking questions that were not included in the story.

Teaching Tip

Many clubs offer a reward system to encourage students to memorize their Bible verse, bring their Bible to club, show kindness or help another, answer Review Questions correctly, completing Hang 10 pages, etc. Students at this age love to be rewarded for their accomplishments! See page 38 in the Beach Club Essentials Leadership Manual, Volume 2.