

**10.12.09/ Gen. 12:1-3; Isaiah 49:6; Luke 10:1-9; Rev. 7:9, 10 –The Gospel is Historical**

Materials Needed: Items on the Scavenger hunt list. Feel free to substitute or adjust the list as needed. Follow the directions on the scavenger hunt attachment.

Opening Activity: Break up the kids into at least two teams and give each team the sheet of beginning letters. The team that has the most filled in by the end of a 10-15 min time frame wins. Give everyone a treat for participating.

Talk about how the Bible tells us how to seek God and to find out who Jesus is and His purpose for us. Also talk about how God seeks us out like lost objects and how all of heaven rejoices when we are found by Him!

Read :**Gen. 12:1-3**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Isaiah 49:6

he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Luke 10:1-12

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Rev. 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

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Clarification: All of these passages reveal prophesy and things that happened to point to the long term plan of action and how from the beginning a long time ago Jesus sought to bring us into relationship with Him.

Discussion

Question 1: How can we find out who Jesus is? *By looking in the Bible and reading about Him. By praying and asking God to tell our hearts more about Jesus.*



Question 2: How did the plan for salvation get told before Jesus came? *Through God speaking to His people and through His people.*

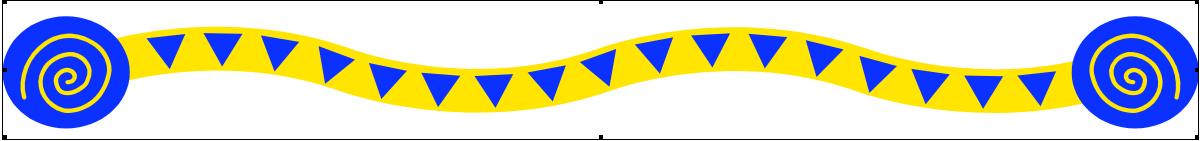
Question 3: Is it possible to find something if you don't look?

Question 4: Why is history important? *It helps us understand how we got to where we are now and sometimes tells us what we can expect from the future. Because God has always been at work telling people about Him and drawing us toward Himself, we know that He will always do this and that we can always count on Him to keep every one of His promises, because He never fails His people.*

Question 5: How does the gospel being revealed in Scripture help us? *We understand that there is a big plan that started long before Jesus came and died for our sins. God has always loved us and wants us to be in His family.*

Wrap Up:

Close with prayer asking Jesus to help us to understand who He is, how much He loves us, and what that means for our lives. Thank Jesus together for giving us the Bible so that we can seek Him out, and thank Him for searching for us and finding us, the lost sheep.



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There are 10 crayons attached to 10 objects. Find them and use the crayon to make an X next to the beginning letter of the object.

B ____

C ____

F ____

H ____

S ____

T ____

P ____

J ____

M ____

D ____

Directions:

This is an easy hunt for parties. Each child can have their own sheet of paper or they can work in groups. There are 2 possible ways to run this hunt.

1. Using tape, attach a crayon to each object. Hide the objects around the house. When children find an object, they must use the crayon to mark an X next to the corresponding first letter.
2. Stickers are an alternative to crayons. Place a different sheet of stickers on each object. When children find the object they take a sticker and place it next to the first letter of the object.

Feel free to substitute objects.

Ball, cup, fork, hat, soap, toothbrush, pencil, jar, DVD