



**SUMMER
ADVENTURE
SERIES**

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SUPPLY LIST

Week 1: Plastic Easter egg or small box

Week 2: Toy, money, or something you care about, a Bible, other objects [as obstacles]

Week 3: Obstacles [for obstacle course], jar, strips of paper, writing utensils

Week 4: Paper, scissors, glue, writing utensils

Week 5: Homemade cookies w/o sugar or Beanboozled Jelly Beans

Week 6: A roll of tape

Week 7: Construction paper, tape or glue, writing utensil

Week 8: Paper, scissors, glue, writing utensils

Week 9: Dollar bill, various trivia questions

Week 10: Pepper, bowl of water, dish soap

KEY VERSE

...we are not looking at what can be seen. For what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18 NET

WEEK 1

THE STORM/THE HOUSE

Spiritual Application:

We are all searching for meaning and truth. Often, we look for those things in accomplishments, grades, friends, or possessions. Dory is unhappy with her life, and wishes she had the things she thinks will make her happy. Even though she has much to be grateful for, she feels useless and purposeless. Dory wants to find what will make her life feel meaningful, just as we do. Many of the things we put our time and energy into are empty. God created good things for us to enjoy, but we will only find true peace and rest in eternal things. When Dory goes to the house, she finds herself distracted by worldly and luxurious things that seem to hold everything she wants. We, also, are easily distracted by things that are seemingly good, but are empty. Satan knows how to distract and tempt us. The good news is that Jesus withstood all temptation for us.

Why is Dory unhappy?

Prompt:

What are some worldly things that you find tempting? (e.g. playing video games, not doing chores, or eating more ice cream than you should) How are those things “empty”? In what ways do those things look better than they are? For example, eating more ice cream than you should tastes good when you are eating it, however, you might not feel well after.

Activity:

Use a plastic Easter egg or small box and decorate the outside with whatever you have. Make it attractive! On the inside put your answer to the prompt above. The outside of the egg looks very nice, but what is on the inside is ugly and empty.

Parent/Child Activity:

Write down some things that you love about your child, things you find special and unique about them. Share this with them either in a letter or simply by sitting and talking with them.

Additional Scripture:

Psalm 139

Matthew 4:1–11

2 Corinthians 11:14–15

WEEK 2

SALLY THE SCARECROW

Spiritual Application:

God tells us that what we focus on and think about strongly influences our actions and who we become. The mind is a powerful thing. God gave us minds that can think critically and seek truth. Much like Sally, we can allow others to control the way we think and what we believe. We must keep our minds sharp and focused on Christ.

What is Sally really looking for?

Prompt:

What are some earthly things on which you are sometimes tempted to set your mind? What are some godly things on which to set your mind instead?

Activity:

Set up a toy, a dollar bill, or something that you care about on one side of the room. Put a Bible on the other side with some obstacles between you and it. While focusing on the object, try to get to the bible. Was it difficult to get to the bible when focusing on something else? How does this apply to your life now? It can be difficult to keep our minds on God's word, when we let our eyes focus on earthly things.

Additional Scripture:

Colossians 3:2

2 Corinthians 10:5

1 Peter 1:13

WEEK 3

LEO THE LION AND THE FOREST OF FUN

Spiritual Application:

If we look to God for courage and strength, he will equip us to do great things and pursue the paths to which he has called us. Leo is not the lion he once was because his courage was stolen. Because he was so fearful, he could not do what he loved most, loving and knowing others and providing a place for the children to play. Leo missed out on a lot and hurt others because of his fear. Often, we are afraid, especially in uncertain times. It may even feel like our courage was stolen. If we look to ourselves, we may be fearful because we are weak.

How has fear changed Leo's life?

Prompt:

Have you ever fallen off your bike and been afraid to get back on? Did fear ever get in the way of your ability to do something great?

Activity:

Make an obstacle course. Blindfold one person, while the other person is the guide. Have the guide lead the blindfolded person through the obstacle course. Did you find it difficult to trust your guide? Even if your guide didn't prove to be trustworthy, we can trust God, even when we can't see what's coming next. God is always trustworthy, so we don't have to fear.

Parent/Child Activity:

Make a courage jar! Look up the verses below. Write them down or print them on strips of paper. Place them in a jar. Draw one out when you need courage or help to keep your mind sharp and focused on Christ. Add additional verses that are meaningful to you or your family.

Additional Scripture:

Psalm 73:6

Joshua 1:9

Isaiah 40:31

WEEK 4

TIM THE TITANIUM MAN AND THE DISTRICT OF KINDNESS

Spiritual Application:

Without God, it is very hard to love people. We can learn about it and try our hardest to show love to others, but without the love of Jesus inside us, we fail. Tim was trying to love people without a heart. He wanted to be kind and loving but, he could not. No matter what he did, he was unable to love.

Why did Tim's business suffer?

Prompt:

It would be very difficult to drive a nail without a hammer or find the treasure in a treasure hunt without a map. These items are vital, or necessary, to complete these tasks. Can you think of a task that would be much harder if you were missing a vital component?

Activity:

Draw one large heart and several smaller hearts on red construction paper. Cut them out. Write Jesus on the large heart. On the smaller hearts, write names of family and friends. Jesus loves you so much that He puts people in your life—people who love you and whom you can love. When we know how much Jesus love us, it helps us to love others. Jesus' love is the vital component for loving others because all love comes from him.

Parent/Child Activity:

Go through 1 Corinthians 13 with your child. Replace the word "love" with "Jesus." Talk about the different characteristics of Jesus' love for us and what that means for us. How does knowing that Jesus' love is patient, kind, and unfailing change how you view God?

Additional Scripture:

1 Corinthians 16:14
Ezekiel 36:26
1 John 4:7–8

WEEK 5

THE MASTER OF HUZ

Spiritual Application:

We often search for meaning in things that leave us empty, but true fulfillment can come only through a relationship with Jesus. The appearance of the Master of HUZ, the Diamond Dust Path, and even the boy that helped Dory and her friends all seemed good. These were beautiful, promised things, but in the end, they left them sad and empty. The Master of HUZ put a lot of pride in his possessions, but he found that they were not his forever. He was storing up for himself treasures that would not last. It seemed that the Master of HUZ would be able to help Dory and her friends and bring them everything they wanted, but this was not the case. In the same way, the things we pursue in this world also seem good but are not able to bring us what our hearts really need.

Did you expect the Master of HUZ to give them everything they wanted?

Prompt:

Have you ever been tricked? How did that make you feel?

Parent/Child Activity:

Bake some cookies without sugar and see what your kids think. Or get some Bamboozled Jelly Beans. Talk about how these things looked good, and maybe even smelled good, but they were not what the kids thought they would be. How is that like what the Master of HUZ did?

Additional Scripture:

Matthew 6:19–21

WEEK 6

LINDA THE LIGHT POINTS THE WAY

Spiritual Application:

God's way is not always the easy way, but it is the way that leads to eternal life and truth. Linda directs Dory and her friends to the truth, which is not what looks good but what is good. Linda reminds them that there will be many dangers, and that the evil Queen Eleanor will try to stop them with her army of flying black squirrels. No matter what, they must stay on the path. In the Temple of Truth, they will find everything for which they are searching. We, also, must stay on God's path, though it may be difficult at times, because it is the only true path of life.

To whom is Linda guiding them? Did you think the Diamond Dust path would be easy?

Prompt:

Have you ever been in a situation where you had to decide between doing what was right and doing what was easy? Which did you choose? How did that work out for you?

Parent/Child Activity:

Using painter's tape, create a long line on the ground. Encourage your child to run the full length of the tape without stepping off. This will likely prove difficult. Have your child run the length again, but this time hold your child's hand. God's word is like that steadying hand to keep us on the path.

Additional Scripture:

Matthew 7:13

Proverbs 14:12

WEEK 7

VILLAGE OF EXPLORERS/ FESTIVAL OF NEW MOON

Spiritual Application:

Sometimes God puts people in our lives to help us. Dory and her friends were very weary and discouraged. The Explorers provided encouragement and rest. Like the Explorers, we can do this for others. God made us for relationship. Dory is beginning to realize that she wants to do something for someone other than herself. She wants to help the Explorers and preserve the good that is left in the world. When we are in relationship with God, we can learn more about what God desires and align our hearts with his.

Did you recognize any of the actors in this week's story? How many can you name?

Prompt:

Who is your community? Who do you go to for help and encouragement? Talk about a time that you helped someone, or you were helped by friends or parents?

Activity:

Make a flower out of construction paper. On each of the petals write ways that you can be a doer of God's word. Think of a way you can help each member of your family this week. Go to ccchapel.com/adventure for further instruction.

Parent/Child Activity:

Take some time to teach your child a task or life skill with which they would need your help. Some ideas are building a birdhouse, learning a new recipe, or learning to do the laundry. Remind your child that God teaches you things in order to help others and serve him.

Additional Scripture:

James 1:22–23

Galatians 6:2

Genesis 2:18–23

WEEK 8

THE SEA OF NOTHING

Spiritual Application:

God tells us to guard our hearts and our minds. As we learned earlier, Satan is smart; he knows how to deceive us and lead us away from truth. This can be in big ways and little ways. Satan is a master manipulator. As Dory and her friends crossed the Sea of Nothing, the Explorers told them to think about good things. The Explorers knew that the Sea of Nothing had a strange way of drawing those who dared cross its depths. To escape its power, they had to protect their minds. As they crossed, they began to see visions in the water; visions of things that they wanted, lives they could have lived, and places they could have gone. They forgot their goal and stopped focusing on getting out of the sea, which would become deadly in time. In the Garden of Eden, Satan twisted the truth and led Adam and Eve into sin. He does the same things to us. All his lies are empty, and to guard against those, we must stay focused on God's truth.

What does the sea represent?

Prompt:

Read Ephesians 6:10–19. What do you think that each piece of armor means in our daily lives? What does it mean to have the shield of faith when you are at school?

Activity:

Draw a picture of yourself. Color the armor of God (go to ccchapel.com/kids for link) and cut it out. Glue the armor onto your self-portrait. The armor of God protects us from evil that tries to pull us away from God!

Additional Scripture:

Ephesians 6:10–19

Philippians 4:8

WEEK 9

THE LAGOON OF LIES

Spiritual Application:

All of us, even the strongest, kindest, or bravest human, cannot defeat evil or find truth on her own. Dory thought she was the hero to save the day, but Dory failed. She may have cost her friends their lives. We sometimes think we can find truth or overcome evil by ourselves. We think that we are strong enough, good enough, or smart enough and do not need God. There are many that have tried to do good on their own, but ultimately, every good work is worthless without Jesus.

What consequence does Dory face as a result of trying to fight evil on her own?

Prompt:

How do you respond when your sibling does something mean? How would you want them to respond if you messed up and treated them wrongly?

Parent/Child Activity:

Google some tough trivia questions (that your child will not know the answer to) and ask your child. Tell them the reward is \$1 if they get them all right. When they get them wrong, give them the dollar anyway. This is like grace—receiving something you don't deserve. God is full of grace and gives us things we do not deserve, like sending his son to die on the cross for our sins.

Additional Scripture:

Ephesians 2:8–9

WEEK 10

THE TRUTH

Spiritual Application:

The only thing or person that will ever satisfy us is Jesus. Many of us are searching for meaning, truth, or hope. It can seem confusing and disappointing when we try to do things on our own, find the right way, or find our place in this world. Dory and her friends went on a long journey searching for these things. Dory was looking for her physical home, but what she really needed was her home with Christ. We focus on the things we know, the things we see, and the things we can control. The things we can see do not last, but the things we cannot see are forever. Jesus is forever. He is the only way to eternity, the only truth worth pursuing, and the only one worth living for. He is everything we are searching for, everything we need, and our only hope. Jesus is the Way. Jesus is the truth. Jesus is the only path to eternal life.

Who is the man who defeated Evil Eleanor?
Who does he represent?

Prompt:

Go to ccchapel.com/kids for the “Gospel God’s Plan for Me” poster and walk through each step. Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for your sins? Use these steps to tell others about the gospel, too!

Activity:

Blow some bubbles and watch as they float through the air. How long do they last? What are some things you strive after? How are these things like the bubbles? They bring joy in the moment but are not everlasting.

Parent/Child Activity:

Sprinkle pepper in a bowl of water and use dish soap on your finger to quickly disperse the pepper to the edge of the bowl (go to ccchapel.com/kids for further instruction). Explain how the pepper represents our sins and Jesus is like the soap who washes away all our sin.

Additional Scripture:

John 14:6







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