



# Lesson 54

1st-4th

## REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

August 30 & 31

**JESUS IS  
AWESOME**



### LESSON GOAL:

**Background:** In the Old Testament, God asked the Jewish people to slow down each season and celebrate the work He was doing in their lives. We call this Remember & Celebrate. Today, we're looking back at all God has taught us this quarter by playing a game of Fact or Fiction with Newsflash Nancy and Curious Carl.

**Lesson Goal:** For kids to pause and celebrate all they've learned about Jesus over the last several months and how amazing He is!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Awana

Wednesday, September 10th  
Rockrimmon, Heights & Monument

### KEY VERSE:



Jesus replied, "Things that are impossible with people are possible with God."

**Luke 18:27, NIRV**

### MISSION FOCUS:

#### PRAYING FOR SCHOOLS

This month's mission focus is all about prayer! We're teaching kids that they can make a big difference by praying. We're encouraging families to pray for students, teachers, and school staff as they get ready for a new school year.

We're giving out prayer magnets to help remind kids to continue to pray for local schools not only this month, but throughout the school year. This is one way we can show love and care to our community.



**THEME FOR TODAY:**  
Jesus is Awesome!

25  
min

## CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



**SAY:**

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**!

Grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

20  
min

## EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



### DISCUSS: Remember & Celebrate!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



**SAY:**

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!  
*Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.*



**SAY:**

Today is a very special day called Remember & Celebrate! We are pausing to think about and celebrate how **God is Victorious** in our lives! Let's look at our Bible passage for today, **John 16:33**! Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



**DO:**

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



## CONNECT: Feasts & Festivals



Help kids understand the value of looking back and remembering what God has done in their lives and celebrating His goodness throughout history.

### **SAY:**

Today, we want to take time to Remember & Celebrate! What are some special things you like to celebrate? (**examples: birthdays, holidays, getting good grades in school, winning sports events**) Why do you like to celebrate these things? (**allow kids to respond**) We celebrate things that are important to us or have a special meaning in our lives.

In the Old Testament, God asked the people to do the same thing! He wanted the Jewish people to slow down each season and celebrate the work He was doing in their lives. He gave them a religious calendar of seven special feasts and festivals to participate in that all pointed back to one thing - Jesus!

God wants us to slow down and celebrate, too. Sometimes that might look like participating in a feast of our own or sometimes that looks like sitting in a circle and sharing how God has helped us. However it looks, we want to take time to Remember & Celebrate together!



## MAKE: Jesus loves me keychain

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

**Supplies:** keychain kit



### **DO:**

Pass out one keychain kit per child. Have them put together their keychain. Talk about the ways Jesus is awesome. One of the awesome parts about Jesus is that He will always love us, no matter what!



### **SAY:**

JESUS IS AWESOME! He loves you so much and He wants to have a relationship with you too! Let's make a special craft to remind us of this truth about who Jesus is.



## CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



## Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm  
9:25-9:50am  
11:25-11:50am

# LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



## EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



## HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



### SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

### MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

### KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

### PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



## WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

**SONG 1:** Praise

**SONG 2:** My Jesus



## LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



## WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

*May you praise Jesus because He is awesome and does amazing things!  
May you trust that He is in control!*



## TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

# WORSHIP RESPONSE



## REFLECT: Jesus is Awesome!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

### Worship Response Station

**Supplies:** Praise worship song in PowerPoint



#### SAY:

Today, we got to look back at all God has taught us this quarter by playing a game of Fact or Fiction with Newsflash Nancy and Curious Carl. It's amazing to see all the awesome and powerful things Jesus has done. Jesus is awesome!



#### DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
  - ***We've been learning about how Jesus is Awesome!***
    - ***Do you know the most important part about how awesome Jesus is?***  
Let kids respond.
      - ***He loves us SO much and He died on the cross and rose from the grave to save us from our sins! That is amazing and awesome!***
    - ***And we can celebrate that Jesus is awesome right now! Let's do that by singing a song of praise to Jesus together!***
    - ***But first, let's all say "Jesus is awesome" on the count of 3 as loud as we can! 1, 2, 3 - Jesus is awesome!***
    - Play Praise and invite kids to worship with you.
  - Close the time by praying over the kids.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



#### SAY:

*May you praise Jesus because He is awesome and does amazing things!  
May you trust that He is in control!*

6:50-7:10pm  
9:50-10:10am  
11:50am-12:10pm

# RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



## CHAT & CHEW

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



**Supplies:** 1 fruit snack pouch per kid ("fruits of the Spirit" snack)



### SAY:

Today, we learned that **JESUS IS AWESOME!** Not only did Jesus perform amazing miracles that show His awesome power, but Jesus is so awesome that He saves each of us from our sins! When we accept Jesus into our hearts, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit inside of us.

Remember earlier this summer how we learned about the fruit of the Holy Spirit that grows in our hearts as we grow with God? ***As we eat our fruit snacks, let's see if we can name the fruits of the Spirit together.***

**CHAT & CHEW QUESTION:** What fruit of the Spirit has God grown in your heart this summer? How?

**LESSON REVIEW CARDS:** We've also learned about A LOT of different things over the last several months. Today, I have a picture of each lesson that we've learned so far. Let's pass them around and remember all the ways God showed up in each story! Feel free to share ways God has shown up in your own story over the last several months - we want to celebrate with you!



## PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



### SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



### DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents  
arrive after  
service

# CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



## DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.