

# SUMMER FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

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### LARGE GROUP LESSON TIPS

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- Summer Friendship Gathering events lasts three evenings and each evening is divided into three parts: fellowship meal, worship time with a large group lesson, and small group discussion. On the last evening there is a closing worship service, which replaces the Large Group Bible Lesson and Small Group Discussion time.
- The theme for this year's Summer Friendship Gathering is, "**He is Worthy.**"
- Over these next three days, we will see how God called Moses to lead His chosen people, the Israelites, out of slavery and into the promised land. Every step of the way God showed Moses His worthiness through His Holiness, His Power, and His Love.
- Our theme verse comes from **Revelation 5:12b** "**He is worthy to receive honor and glory and praise!**"



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- In Episode one we will follow Moses to the burning bush where the LORD shows him that God is holy, perfect in all His ways. Unlike us, there is no trace of evil in God's character. His perfect goodness separates us from God, except when we have Jesus living in us. Because God is holy He is worthy of our praise!
- In Episode two we will learn that God is all powerful. God delivered His people from being slaves in Egypt to freedom by His mighty power. He not only has power over everything, but He is the source of all power. There is nothing that is impossible for God.
- In Episode three God shows His great love for Moses and the people of Israel. Not only did God provide everything His people needed in the desert, He forgave them when they sinned and worshiped a false god. Because of Moses prayer for the Israelites, God set his anger aside and went with His people to the promised land. God loves, as only God can love. It is a forgiving, selfless and perfect love.
- We have provided several resources to help you prepare your Bible lesson. The primary resource is the Large Group Leader's Guide. You will find a link for this guide next to this video on our website. It is also available on the flash drive provided to the leaders for each Gathering.
- Provided with the Summer Friendship Gathering Training Videos, there is another video for the preparation of each lesson. There are also illustrated sample videos as how each lesson might be taught.

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- In the Large Group Leader's Guide, the lesson plan for each day includes 4 sections: Daily Bible Verse, Lesson Objectives, Lesson Introduction, and Bible Lesson.
- This lesson plan leaves plenty of room for each teacher to use their unique gifts to individualize their lesson. However, it will be important that the main points as outlined in the Large Group Leader guide are reflected in your lesson.
- These same points are included in the Discussion Group Leader's Guide for small group discussions, as well as in the Discussion Booklet that our friends with disabilities will take home.
- You also have PowerPoint presentations for each day that have illustrated slides to help tell the Bible story. These files along with all the Gathering documents are available on the flash drive provided to your Friendship group leader. They are available on our website with these videos.
- You will not be able to solely rely on the PowerPoint slides for teaching your lesson. They are great for telling the Bible story but are not designed to help our friends with disabilities with real-life application. This is where you can use your individual creativity.
- The lesson plans also include optional skits for all three days as well. You can use the provided skits or write your own. If you decide to create your own skits, be sure to keep them short and the concepts easy to follow.

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- Whichever you choose, the skits should be printed and rehearsed in advance using characters who can read and project their voice. Consider using a microphone.
- If your group has access to costumes, you can include your friends with disabilities to act out the Bible lesson. Consider using a narrator to tell the story while the story is acted out. You can also use a character in costume to tell the story from a personal perspective.
- Repetition is important when teaching our friends with disabilities, so it is best to retell the Bible story more than once. You can tell it with the PowerPoint slides and again by acting out the story.
- Optional object lessons have also been included. Video presentations of two object lessons with the scripts have been prepared for Days One and Two. You can use the video presentation version or the script to do your own presentation of the object lessons.
- As you prepare your lesson it will be important to find ways to encourage participation. The best way to do this is to ask your audience questions throughout your lesson.

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- In the lesson section of the Leader's Guide, we have added questions you can use. These same questions will be used in the discussion booklet. You can review important points with simple questions. When you ask a question, give the large group time to answer.
- In your lesson, connect the skits and object lessons to important points. Also, connect the Bible lesson to a real-life situation. This helps everyone relate the Bible lesson to their lives.
- We have provided three additional videos with specific teaching ideas for each Bible lesson. We also provided three sample videos for each lesson that demonstrate how each can be taught.
- Thank you for your willingness to teach one of these lessons. You are encouraged to review the videos for your lesson along with the associated documents. The links can be found on the Connection Ministries website.
- If you have any questions or need information you can email us at [connect@connection-ministries.org](mailto:connect@connection-ministries.org) or call our office 317-646-5067.