

SUMMER FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

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OBJECT LESSON, DAY 3 – A Good Mystery Book

- The theme for this summer is, “RISE UP!” The Day 3 lesson is “RISE UP and Live”
- **Object Lesson – Day 3:** In this object lesson we will demonstrate how God gave us the Bible to point us to Jesus.
- **Props to use:**
 - Two to four mystery books and a Bible

Object Lesson Script

- Do you like a good mystery book? Or maybe watching a mystery show on TV? **(hold up a few of the books)**
- What types of things make good mystery stories? **(Allow for answers)**
- The author will weave clues throughout the story, sometimes you can figure out the puzzle but sometimes you can't.
- Even though you see a clue when you are reading the book or watching the show, you may not know how it all fits together in the end.



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- When do ALL of the clues in the story make sense? Do they make sense at the beginning of the story, in the middle, or at the end? **(Give time for a response.)**
- Yes, at the end of the story.
- We like to try to solve the mystery by the clues. It's always fun to see if we are right! But at the end of the story there is an "Ah-ha!" moment when everything comes together and makes sense.
- God has a mystery book for us to read called the Bible. **(Leader holds up the Bible.)** And all throughout it He tells us clues about Who He is and about His plan. We need to study those clues so we can know more about the mystery of God.
- When Jesus met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, did they know how all the clues fit together? No, it wasn't until Jesus explained to them about himself starting from the beginning of the Bible (which are the writings of Moses), all the prophets in the middle of the Bible, and then to the events that just happened three days ago.
- For instance, in Genesis 28:12,13 *In a dream Jacob saw a stairway standing on the earth. It's top reached to heaven. The angels of God were going up and coming down on it. The Lord stood beside the stairway.*
- Jesus is the stairway (the Way). He came from heaven to earth. He bridged the gap for us so by trusting Him we can go to heaven.

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- In Psalm 22: 16-18 David wrote about Jesus saying, “*A group of sinful people has closed in on me. They are all around me like a pack of dogs. They pierced my hands and my feet. Everyone can see all my bones right through me. People stare at me. They laugh when I suffer. They divide up my clothes among them. They cast lots for what I am wearing.*”
- This of course is the description of Jesus during his crucifixion, and it was written about 3000 years ago!
- When was the Ah-ha! Moment for the two disciples? When did all the clues Jesus told them fit together?
- Yes, when Jesus broke the bread and gave it to them. The Bible says, “their eyes were opened” and they recognized that it was Jesus sitting before them. That’s when they understood the mystery of God through the Bible. That’s when they understood Jesus had to die then rise up again so they could rise up and rejoice that the Messiah had truly come into the world.
- Because we know the end of the mystery story of the Bible too, we can rise up and rejoice in our risen Savior. But this isn’t really the end of the story, is it? We can rise up and live **for** Him and **with** Him forever. We can learn more and more each day through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

