

LESSON OUTLINE
Johnny Stratosphere Episode 4
“Why did God create people?”

LEARN IT

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LINK IT

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We can be friends with God if we...

- 1. Admit we’ve sinned**
- 2. Believe in Jesus**
- 3. Commit our life to God**

COMPASS POINT

“God’s friendship is a fit, if you Admit, Believe and Commit!”

LIVE IT

God created us to be friends with him. Jesus, God’s son, came to earth to die for our sins. The cool thing is, he came back to life, and because he did that, we can now be friends with God again. The only question is, “Do you believe?”

MEMORY MAX

“And you are my friends, if you obey me.” John 15:14 CEV

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Lesson #4

Why Did God Create People?

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Prayer: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- **Small Groups Only:** One “shuttle” container labeled Jesus, 1 clothespin for each player, and a few markers
- **Large Groups Only:** One “shuttle” container labeled Jesus for each team, 1 clothespin for each player, and a few markers for each team
- **Game Prizes (optional)**
- **Prayer Cards (1 per kid)**
- **MAP Books (1 per kid)**

PICTURE

(The Bible Verses)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible verses presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When reading the verses, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- Try asking the kids to create hand motions as you read the verses aloud
- Maybe you could set up 2 chairs with a bridge in between. One chair is like us, and the other is like God. Jesus is the bridge.
- You might ask a few kids to walk across the “bridge” as you read the verses
- Try asking the kids to talk to a neighbor about this question – What is friendship?

1 Corinthians 1:9

God will surely do this for you, for he always does just what he says, and he is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 10:9&10

For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

“Board the Shuttle”

HOW TO START:

- **Small Group Only:** Sit kids in a circle on the floor or at a table
- **Large Group Only:** Divide kids into teams. Ask each team to sit in a circle on the floor or at tables.

HOW TO PLAY:

- **Say, “This game is called Board the Shuttle. God created us to be friends with Him. That’s why he sent Jesus. Jesus is like a shuttle between us and God. Astronauts cannot get to the moon without a shuttle, and we cannot become friends with God without accepting Jesus. Boarding the shuttle is as simple as ABC. Let’s say it together, I Admit I have sinned, I Believe in Jesus, and I Commit my life to God. This game will help us to remember the ABC’s of becoming friends with God.”**
- **Review the ABC’s a few times before starting the first round**
- **Small Groups Only: Play as one team, time each round, and compete against yourselves**
- **Large Groups Only: Teams compete against each other in each round**
- **Hand out one clothes pin to each player**
- **Ask the kids to each write their names or initials on their clothespins using a marker**
- **Place the “Shuttle” (container labeled Jesus) in the middle of each table**
- **Say “GO” (Small groups only: start timer)**
- **The first player from each team says “I Admit I have sinned, I Believe in Jesus, and I Commit my life to God” and then tosses his clothes pin (himself) into the shuttle**
- **The rest of the team then says, “All aboard”**
- **The next player then says, “I Admit I have sinned, I Believe in Jesus, and I Commit my life to God” and then tosses his clothes pin (himself) into the shuttle**
- **The rest of the team then says, “All aboard”**
- **Players repeat all steps until the entire team has boarded the shuttle**
- **Small Groups Only: Stop the timer**

- **Large Groups Only:** The first team to successfully board the shuttle wins the first round
- Repeat all steps for more rounds as time and interest permit

PLAY OPTIONS:

- Hand out game prizes

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any **ONE** of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- Make a poster with the ABC's (Admit, Believe, commit) written on it. Hang it on your wall and think about how God made you to be friends with Him.
- Write a song or a poem about your friendship with God and what it means to you. Sing it or read it to a friend or someone in your family.
- Ask a parent to help you find a bridge to walk or drive across. As you cross the bridge, say the ABC's and think about how Jesus is like a bridge between us and God

PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask Kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

God, thank you so much for creating us to be friends with you. Thank you for sending Jesus to be a bridge between us and you. Today we admit that we have sinned. We Believe in Jesus, and we commit our lives to you. Help us to follow you everyday, and help us to complete the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!

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Q-CARD

Q1 Do you think God needs friends?

RECALL a time that you got mad at a friend. Did you want to spend time with that friend? How did you and your friend finally make amends? Share your story with your group.

ASK: "Have you ever gotten in a disagreement with a friend?"

ASK: "How did you and your friend become friends again?"

Q2 Why is our friendship with God ruined?

Look up **1 John 1:8, 9** then take the quiz with your group. Discuss why each statement is true or false.

Take a **QUICK QUIZ**. Which of the following statements are true and which ones are false?

1.) We can be friends with God if we are good enough and love other people. 2.) Everyone is God's friend if they believe God is real. 3.) If we obeyed the Bible and don't sin we can be friends with God. 4.) Believing in Jesus is the only thing that can restore our friendship with God.

Q3 What must we do to restore our friendship with God?

What must we **admit**?

- We admit that we have sinned.
- Sin is what separates us from a friendship with God.

What must we **believe**?

- That Jesus took the punishment for our sin.
- Jesus lived a perfect life without sin. He gave up his life so we could have a friendship with God.

What does it mean to **commit** our life to God?

- When we follow God it means we follow God's world changing plan for our lives.
- When we give our life to God we no longer live for ourselves, but we desire to serve others the way Jesus did.

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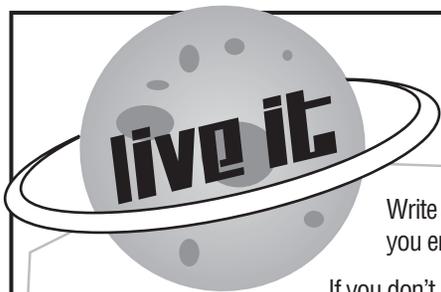
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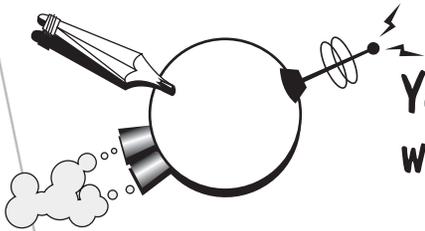


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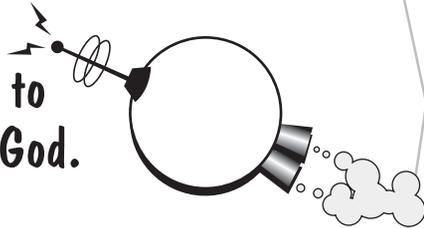
Write a "friendship letter" to God. Tell Him all the things you enjoy about your friendship.

If you don't have a friendship with God, you can **Admit** you have sinned, **Believe** in what Jesus did, **Commit** your life to God.

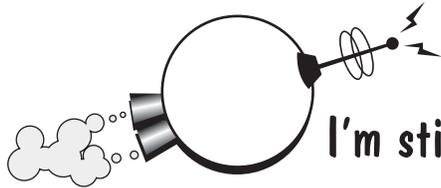
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Yes, I have a friendship with God because of Jesus.



I don't understand how to have a friendship with God.



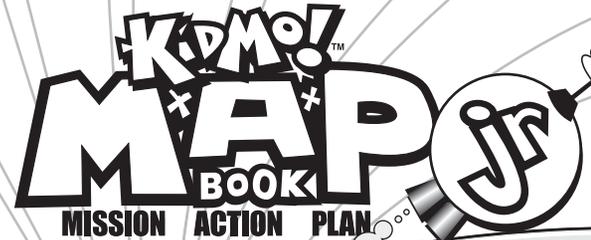
I'm still thinking about it.



"And you are my friends, if you obey me." — John 15:14 CEV

MAX MEMORIZED THIS VERSE. Now it's your turn. Check the box to the right when you finish.

YES, I, _____ have completed this week's M.A.P. book!
Parent's Signature _____



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PARENT'S PART Do the MAP Book with your child.

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Strato-Fact 10

Giraffes can clean their ears with their tongue.

Have someone read to you **1 John 1:9**.
What characteristics make for a good friend? Circle them.

- Kind
- Selfish
- Eats apples for breakfast
- Likes to hang out
- Listens when you talk
- Always smiles

God wants us to be friends with Him, but there is a problem. There is one thing that can keep us from having a friendship with God. Circle what you think it is.

- Being too young
- God is too far away
- Sin
- Not obeying your parents
- Not going to church
- Not knowing about God

HINT: If you read **1 John 1:8** you will discover the correct answer.

Strato-Fact 11

Apples are better than caffeine at keeping you awake in the morning.

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Are kind to others
Always tell the truth
2. Admit we've sinned
Believe in Jesus
Commit our life to God

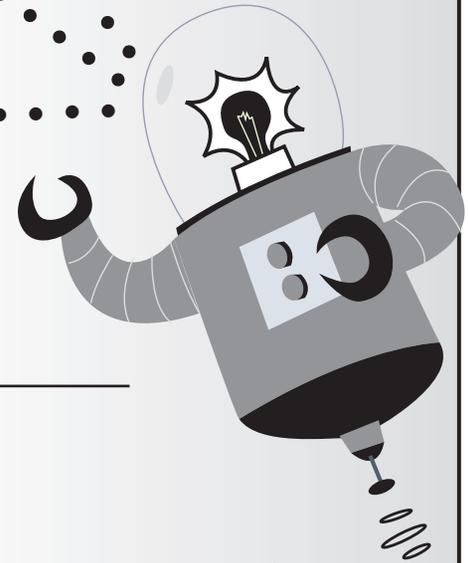
3.

- Try not to sin
- Talk about God a lot
- Are really, really good

Which is the correct answer? # _____

Strato-Fact 12

Camels have three eyelids to protect them from blowing sand.



COMPASS POINT

GOD'S FRIENDSHIP IS A FIT, IF YOU ADMIT, BELIEVE AND COMMIT!