

TEACHING EXPLANATION

After watching the teaching with Pastor Dave, set aside 5-10 minutes as a full group to discuss the lesson.

QUESTIONS FOR COMPREHENSION

- Do you like bread? Does Pastor Dave like bread?
- Why does Jesus refer to himself as bread?
- Finish this sentence: just as bread fills our stomachs, so too Jesus fills our...
- How can you have a relationship with God?
- Have you accepted Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

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"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again." -John 6:35 (CSB)

This week we have included the memory verse on bright green paper. There is 1 for every child in your group. They can take them home and work on the memory verse throughout the week-then come back next week and say it with you.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Split into as many groups as you can with the number of leaders you have or parents, if you are doing this at home with your children discuss these questions as a family:

- What does 'bread' represent?
- What does it mean to "eat" Jesus' bread?
- How is Jesus to us, like the manna was to the Israelites?
- Have you ever been really hungry, and then received something to eat? How did you feel?

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

GAME 1:

This week's games do require a bit of space so feel free to adjust them as needed for your group. The first game this week is a bit of a relay race. Break out into partners. 2 sets of partners would face off against each other at a time. There is a bowl of cotton balls on a table in the middle of the partners. One partner stands behind the other one with a small bowl. When the leader says "GO!" the front partner of each set will try to throw cotton balls from the middle bowl over their head into the bowl their partner is holding behind them. The partner can move around to try to catch the cotton balls. Once all the cotton balls are gone, have partners count their cotton balls. The team with the most wins that round. Continue until you have 2 winners face off against each other.

Partner with your Life Group Leaders for bowls for this activity! Cotton balls provided in your @HOME packs.

VIDEO NOTES

We are beginning a new sermon series on the 7 'I Am' statements Jesus makes throughout the book of John. This week we are learning about the first of these seven statements-"I Am the Bread of Life." Take a look at these 8 (!) videos throughout your time together.

- **Intro Video:** Start here! Ms. Keelea will recap last week and introduce this week!
- **Teaching Video:** This short video is with Pastor Dave who will teach us more about this week's topic-I Am the Bread of Life! Follow this video with the "Teaching Explanation" section.
- **Old Testament Story:** Ms. Joyce will share a short story this week about how Daniel was faithful in prayer to God and God rescued him from the lion's den!
- **Three Worship Songs:** Get up and get moving to these amazing worship songs. This week we are singing Build My Life, My Feet are on the Rock, and Waymaker!
- **John 6-Bread of Life Illustration:** See the section above for more info!
- **Woodlands in the Word:** Pastor Dave speaks about a chapter from this week.

CRAFT

SUMMARY:

This week's craft is a combined craft and memory verse practice. The kids will be weaving a bread basket together out of strips of paper, then filling the basket with loaves of bread that feature this week's memory verse. As they fill their baskets have them say the memory verse outloud.

SUPPLIES:

- Strips of paper
- 1 sheet of construction paper per child
- Glue
- Scissors
- Bread Memory Verses
- Coloring Tools (crayons, markers, colored pencils)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Start with a single strip of paper and glue just the ends of it to the construction paper. The strip of paper can be placed horizontally.
- Continue to glue additional strips of paper in the same way, spacing them slightly apart, until there is about 2 inches of room at the bottom of the construction paper.
- Then you will have the child weave strips of paper vertically in and out of the horizontal strips. When a strip is completely weaved, they will glue it at the bottom end only, leaving the top open to insert the bread.
- Once their basket has been weaved, they will color the memory verse loaves of bread and cut them out.
- Insert your memory verse loaves into the basket and as you do so say the memory verse outloud.

ALTERNATE CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

With a little help from an older child or leader, every child should be able to do this week's craft. However, if a child in your group is unable to complete the craft we have provided a Bread Basket coloring page for them which has the memory verse on the bread, as well as a coloring page with manna from heaven from this week's Old Testament story.

LETTERS TO VETERANS ACTIVITY:

This week and next week we are including an opportunity for Woodlands Kids to write letters and draw pictures to thank our veterans and to encourage them that they are not forgotten. We are including 2 templates for this in your packets this week. Please take some time to explain to the kids in your group what a veteran is and why this is important, then have them fill out the letters or draw pictures! It's an amazing way for us to share the love of Christ with those who have served our country. Leaders, please drop off the letters back to the church (you can drop them at the front office or in the Kids office) so we can get these mailed before Thanksgiving!

BREAD OF LIFE VIDEO CLIP

Take a peek at this 5 minute video as time allows or as it pertains to your group. Through pictures and story-telling this video helps explain the circumstances around Jesus saying He is the Bread of Life.

GAME 2:

Bible Squeeze Relay! Split your group into 2 teams. Each team will stand in a line. They should each hold hands with one another. The first person in the line will start by squeezing the hand of the person next to them. Squeezes continue until they get to the last person in line who will run to the front of the line and say the Memory Verse from the week. They then start the squeeze. The race continues until everyone in each group has gone to the front of the line and said the memory verse! First time to complete the challenge wins.

WOODLANDS IN THE WORD

This week we finish reading Revelation and begin Ephesians. Read today's passage as a group and talk through the discussion question that aligns to that particular chapter.

There is a special video with Pastor Dave for this week, if you want to dig into Revelation 20.

- In Revelations 20, why do you think God will lock Satan up in a bottomless pit for 1,000 years and then let him out again for a while?
- In Revelations 21, verse 6, God says "It is Finished!" How is this like (and different) from Jesus saying these same words on the cross?
- Revelations 22 talks about different names for God--what are some of those names?
- As we transition to reading Ephesians, look at Ephesians chapter 1. How does God save us from our sins?
- Why should we not brag or be a show-off about God's gift of salvation to us, according to Ephesians chapter 2?

PRAYER TIME

We are in the midst of 3 weeks of prayer as a church. Our prayer activity this week is to look at the prayer prompt available at woodlandschurch.org/spiritual-growth-tool/ and to find the one for the day you are meeting together. Pray for our country, our church, and our friends and family together as a group.