LESSON 9: IT'S ALIVE!

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MEMORY VERSE

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SUPPLEMENTARY 1: DRAMA: TIMMY & JIMMY: "IT'S ALIVE!"

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP (DVD)

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WORD TIME: IT'S ALIVE!

SUPPLEMENTARY 2: OBJECT LESSON: CHEW IT UP

CLOSING VIDEO TRANSMISSION (DVD)

PRAYER, ANNOUNCEMENTS, HANDOUTS, DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT (CD-ROM)

GAME REPRISE (IF TIME ALLOWS)

Memory Verse: For the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword .
Hebrews 4:12a

GAME TIME "NOTHING BUT NET" SWORD DRILL

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

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Supplies: ☐ 1 Laundry basket, ☐ Masking tape, ☐ 1 Beach ball, ☐ 2 Bibles, ☐ Small prizes

Prior to Game:

- Prepare a list of Scripture references for the Superkid cadets to find in their Bibles that can be applied to their everyday lives.
- Place a line of tape on the floor to designate the shooting line. The laundry basket can be elevated onto a table or placed on the floor. Place the beach ball and Bibles by the shooting line.

Game Instructions:

- This activity is a variation of a game known as "Sword Drill" (referring to the Bible as "the sword of the Spirit").
- Divide boys and girls into 2 lines facing the basket.
- The boy and girl on the shooting line will each hold a closed Bible. When a Scripture reference is read, the first one to find and read that scripture can then score a point by shooting the beach ball into the laundry basket.
- Highest-scoring team, wins!

Game Goal:

- Locating and reciting scriptures from the Bible.

Final Word:

- God rewards those who seek Him with all their heart. We can seek God through prayer (talking with Him), by being generous, and by asking God to show us ways to bless other people. God's Word is alive and teaches us how to live and love others with God's heart.

DRAMA

TIMMY & JIMMY: "IT'S ALIVE!"

Suggested Time: 15 minutes

Concept: In this lesson, Timmy attempts to help Jimmy understand that the words God speaks in the Bible are alive and powerful. Results come from putting your faith in what God has promised in His spoken Word.

Teacher Tip:

- ALWAYS think outside of the box to make the drama segment work best for you. If there is something you need, talk to your cast and crew to see who can bring or make different props or costumes. Music can always be added, and stage directions can change to fit your production.
- It's also helpful to have a stage manager backstage to help with cues, costumes and props.

Characters:

- Timmy and Jimmy are best friends, yet complete opposites. Both are unique in their own way and they appreciate and grow from each other's differences.
- Timmy is smart, with a dry sense of humor, and enjoys discussing the meaning of scriptures with Jimmy.
- Jimmy is smart, fun-loving, and has a unique approach to interpreting scriptures.

Costumes: (Vintage–1950s style)

- Timmy: Polo shirt, shorts, flip-flops
- Jimmy: Silly T-shirt, jeans, ball cap

Props: ☐ Bible, ☐ Fly swatter

It's Alive!

Begin with Jimmy on stage, staring at a Bible he placed on the floor.
Then Timmy enters with a beach towel over his shoulder.

TIMMY
Hey, Jimmy! How's it…

JIMMY
(interrupts Timmy) Shush!

TIMMY
What? Why?

JIMMY
Be quiet.

TIMMY
What do you mean?

JIMMY
Don't move!

TIMMY
Jimmy, I already told you—you're never going to catch a fly with chopsticks. That only happens in the movies.

JIMMY
It's not a fly. See,

Jimmy holds out swatter to show Timmy dead fly.

I already got him.

TIMMY
Gross! Get that thing away from me!

JIMMY
Oops. My bad. Hey, can you hold this so I can concentrate?

Jimmy holds out the swatter until Timmy takes it.

TIMMY
Concentrate on what? You know it's really rude to not look at someone when they're talking to you.

JIMMY
You're a good friend, I knew you'd understand.

TIMMY
That's what I've been saying—I DON'T understand! I have no idea what in the world you're talking about!

JIMMY
I'm talking about God's Word.

TIMMY
(starting to get frustrated) What about God's Word?!

JIMMY
I'm watching and waiting on it.

TIMMY
Waiting for what?

JIMMY
Well, I just read Hebrews 4:12.

TIMMY
So?

JIMMY
I'm surprised at you, Timmy. You should know this.
How did you ever win that Bible Memory challenge?

Timmy opens his mouth and screams silently, he is getting frustrated.
Jimmy is still looking at his Bible and doesn't see him.
Then Timmy looks up to deliver his next line.

TIMMY
Why?

JIMMY
You don't even know Hebrews 4:12 and you won. Maybe I should enter next year.
Anyway, it says that "the Word of God is alive and powerful…."

TIMMY
Yeah and…

JIMMY
Alive means moving. And when my Bible moves, you can bet I'm gonna
be here to see it! I even have my camera phone ready to prove it.

TIMMY
First of all, that's not what Hebrews 4:12 means. And secondly,
even if your Bible did move and you
took a picture, that wouldn't prove anything. How would someone
know it moved in a picture?
It would just be a picture of a Bible.

JIMMY
Oh, I never thought of that. But I'm still not convinced about the first part.
If my Bible's not gonna move, then why did God say it's alive?

TIMMY
God wasn't talking about the book and pages; He was talking about the words in
the Bible. The words God spoke are full of life and can cause things to happen.
That's why they're called alive and powerful.

JIMMY
Cool. Then I'm just like God's Word—that's awesome.

TIMMY
How's that?

JIMMY
My mom tells people I'm moving all the time.

TIMMY
I bet she does.

JIMMY
So why did you come over, anyway?

TIMMY
I ask myself that all the time.

JIMMY
What?

TIMMY
Never mind—you wanna come over to our house? My dad's barbecuing.

JIMMY
Great! Summer Vacation five!

Jimmy gives Timmy his trademark, hard high-five, Timmy cringes; exit both.

Notes: _____

OFFERING

THE OPEN WINDOW

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Offering Scripture: Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10 AMPC

Teacher Tip: For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow kids to partake in sampling the food items.

Supplies: ☐ Single-serving-size bags of pretzels, ☐ 2 Small step stools

Offering Instructions:

- Last week we discussed being a partner with God and what it means to tithe.
- Let's review our Offering Scripture together from Malachi 3:10. It says, "Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."
- Today, we'll be sharing about rewards that can be received from God as we listen and obey what He is showing us.
- We'll perform a demonstration that will help illustrate the 2nd part of the Offering Scripture, "if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."
- We'll need 3 Superkid cadets to volunteer.
- 2 cadets will form heaven's window: Have cadets stand on the step stools, facing each other. Cadets will form a window by holding their arms at 90-degree angles. (One cadet will be a side and bottom and the other cadet will be a side and top.)
- The 3rd cadet will be the "tither" or God's business partner: Position the 3rd cadet standing under heaven's window.
- Let's demonstrate what God has promised.
- (The 3rd cadet will hold his/her hands out in a receiving position. The teacher will pour the pretzels out of the bags through the window opening; pouring more than the cadet can hold.)
- As we listen and obey God, learning to love Him and love others, He will pour out abundant goodness on our lives.
- Some rewards may not be seen immediately and others God may present right away. This helps us grow and trust in God and in His timing. God is always on time and He has good plans for our lives. We give our tithes and offerings because we love God and honor Him, not just to receive something in return.

- God has promised those of us who choose to partner with Him more blessings, and more good things than we can even hold! And that's not all…who wants to know what else He's promised? You'll have to come next week to find out!

Notes:

WORD TIME

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I. GOD IS LIGHT AND HE IS LIFE John 1:3-5

a. We were created to be alive like God. Ephesians 4:24
b. Everything that has life in it came from God.
c. God wants His kids to have the best life you can imagine! John 10:10

II. WORDS ARE EXTREMELY POWERFUL Hebrews 4:12

a. God created everything we see with His Word. Genesis 1
b. Plants, animals and people came alive because of God's words!

III. LIFE WORDS OR DEATH WORDS; WE GET TO CHOOSE Deuteronomy 30:15

a. Our words contain life or death in them. Proverbs 18:21
b. God's words are life-giving. Proverbs 4:22
c. Choosing godly words is like getting a "life sentence"!

A Word From Commander Dana: Words are powerful. We have the choice to use words that honor God and bring life to others, or use words that are mean and hurtful. We want to live powerful lives for God—lives that create good things and bring joy to those around us.

This is a perfect opportunity to have your Superkids practice speaking words that contain life. Provide an example or two: "I'm glad you're my friend." Or, "Is there anything I can help you with?" And, "We can pray together and God will answer us." Now, that's talking like God talks!

OBJECT LESSON

CHEW IT UP

Suggested Time: 5-8 minutes

Memory Verse: For the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword.
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Teacher Tip: Select an adult volunteer or older cadet to assist with the banana-eating demonstration. For safety, confirm parent permission and confirm there are no food allergies to bananas.

Supplies: ☐ 1 Banana, ☐ 1 Baby bib

Lesson Instructions:

Ask **Who likes bananas?**

- Well, we have a nice, ripe banana, and our banana-eating volunteer is ready to help us with a demonstration.
- Oh, we wouldn't want our volunteer to mess up his/her clothes, so we have a cute baby bib to help keep things nice and tidy.
- *(Present the baby bib to the volunteer to wear during the demonstration.)*
- OK, now we're ready to begin…time to have a big bite of the banana.
- *(After a large bite is taken, have the volunteer stop chewing.)*
- Oh, wait! One very important instruction—you'll have to eat the banana without chewing. Go for it! You can do it! We'll cheer you on!
- *(It will not be easy to eat the banana without chewing, so after a few tries allow the volunteer to chew and swallow the banana or discard it into the trash can.)*
- This demonstration is similar to how babies learn to eat.
- Often, they put too much food in their mouths and can't chew it up, so either they try to swallow the food whole or they will spit it out. That's why as babies we learn to chew our food.
- It's the same with God's Word. In order to get it into our heart, we have to chew it up. This means to meditate on it, think about it, repeat it throughout the day, and put it into action in our daily lives.

HANDOUT

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Superkid Handout Grades 1-3

1. Our words are powerful; they can contain life or death (Proverbs 18:21). Practice speaking words that contain life. Arrange these phrases in the appropriate column:

Love You	You're beautiful
Blows me away	You're so stupid
Hate you	Way to go!
You're the best!	You're a good friend

Life	**Death**
Love you	Blows me away
You're the best	Hate you
You're beautiful	You're so stupid
Way to go!	
You're a good friend	

2. Fill in the blanks:

   In order for God's Word to get in our hearts, we have to _____ it up! (Answer: chew)

   Words are extremely _____. (Answer: powerful)

3. Learn the Superkid Creed! Memorize this part, and soon you'll know the whole "Superkid Creed"!

   I am merciful and kind. I am generous and fair-minded.

   I do not get offended, and I am quick to forgive.

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Superkid Handout Grades 4-6

1. How is eating a banana like meditating on God's Word?

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2. Our words are powerful; they can contain life or death (Proverbs 18:21). Practice speaking words that contain life. What are some examples of life-giving words?

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DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT

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Ask Your Superkid to name the chapter and verse of the above memory verse.

The Word of God Is Alive and Powerful:

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We were created to live like God. Ephesians 4:24

Words are extremely powerful. Hebrews 4:12

Our words contain life or death in them. Proverbs 18:21

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Family Review Questions:

1. The words you speak are "containers." They contain life or death (Proverbs 18:21). Discuss how the words you speak influence the lives of those around you.
2. Have each member of your family write a short list of words that are powerful and life-giving that they can speak into the lives of others. Also, take a moment to write a few words that are important for each person to hear, words that are uplifting and edifying to your own heart.

Tips for Parents: This Dinnertime Devotional can be used at any mealtime, and is designed to reinforce the truths being taught at Superkid Academy.

Make sure you set the example by reading the verses out loud from your Bible. (We use the *New Living Translation* with most of our lessons, but reading from other translations can also provide a great teaching opportunity.)

Take a few minutes to read any other scriptures listed in the lesson so you can reinforce the main theme.

Let your questions guide the discussion time. In other words, allow your kids to do most of the talking. We've provided some questions here, but feel free to add more, using examples from your own life. (Remember to avoid asking questions that only require yes or no answers, since they do not foster conversation.)

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SUPPLY LIST

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