LESSON 6: THINK BIG!

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

GAME REPRISE (IF TIME ALLOWS)

Memory Verse: And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 2:12

GAME TIME

MUSCLE MANIA

Suggested Time: *8-10 minutes*

Memory Verse: *And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.*

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Supplies: ☐ 2 Painter suits, ☐ Pink balloons, ☐ Blue balloons, ☐ Upbeat music to play during activity

Prior to Game:

- Place 10 pink balloons next to one painter suit and 10 blue balloons next to the other painter suit.

Game Instructions:

- Select 1 boy team and 1 girl team with 5 players on each team.
- Designate 1 player on each team to wear the painter (muscle) suit.
- The other players will blow up the balloons and place them in the suit to make the appearance of "muscles."

Game Goal:

- The first team to blow up 10 balloons, place them in the suit, and zip the suit, wins!

Final Word:

As the Memory Verse for today in 1 Corinthians states, "And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us." We can see from the first part of this chapter that God has big thoughts and plans for us. We can always expect Him to have "BIG," creative ideas to help us.

In our activity we worked as a team to create "muscle" men and muscle men have to exercise long and hard to help their muscles grow. But even though God's thoughts for us are HUGE, we don't have to work hard to receive them. He's given us His Spirit so we can know all the wonderful things He has freely given us! Muscle men may think they are BIG, but with God we are BIG!

REAL DEAL

THE BILTMORE HOUSE

Suggested Time: 8-10 minutes

Concept: Highlighting an interesting historical place, figure or event that illustrates the theme of the day. Today's theme is about asking God to help us think BIG!

Teacher Tip: Entering in costume is an attention grabber for the kids. When presenting the information to the kids, it's helpful to have pictures available.

Teen Tip: Reviewing the script prior to class and involving teen helpers is a great way to keep the kids involved and attentive.

Costume: ☐ "Bowler" hat, ☐ Suit and bow tie, ☐ Mustache

Intro:

- Today we're focusing on "BIG" thinking and as we've learned, no one thinks bigger than God. In our "Real Deal" lesson, we will be learning about a man named George Vanderbilt.

Lesson:

About George Vanderbilt

- George Vanderbilt was a "BIG" thinker. He was born in the 1800s and belonged to one of the richest families in America, which provided him many opportunities to travel all over the world.
- George loved to read and by the age of 10 he had his own art and book collection. He read about 81 books each year. All this reading and learning helped stir George's imagination.

A BIG Idea—Biltmore House

- George had a BIG dream. He wanted to design and help build the largest home in America. This mansion would be called the Biltmore House and was built in North Carolina. The Biltmore House took over six years to build.

How BIG Is It?

THE LAND: 8,000 acres

THE HOUSE: 175,000 square feet (About 88 average-sized homes)

BRICKS: More than 11 million were used to build this home.

Modern Advances

- George was constantly learning from inventors and engineers about incorporating modern amenities. Some modern advances George was able to use in this house included: electricity, fire alarms, elevators, intercoms, a pool, a bowling alley, and much more. Now, that's thinking BIG!

Making History:

- The Biltmore House is still owned by the Vanderbilt family and about a million tourists visit the house each year.

Outro:

- We can ask God to help us think "BIG" and discover creative ways to help others. What a BIG God we serve and what an honor it is to journey through life trusting and relying on Him. George Vanderbilt followed through on his BIG dream and God can help us live our BIG dreams and ideas.
- It's true that no one can think bigger than God; He thought up the whole world AND people! But, George Vanderbilt certainly thought BIG when he built America's largest, most amazing home. That's why he and the Biltmore House are today's Real Deal.

Notes:

OFFERING

A BIG DEAL

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Offering Scripture: Let the Lord be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.
Psalm 35:27b AMPC

Supplies: ☐ Magnifying glass, ☐ Objects to "inspect"

Offering Instructions:

- Hi, cadets!

Ask **Has anyone ever used a magnifying glass?**

Ask **Can anyone tell us what a magnifying glass is used for?**

- We'll need a couple of Superkid volunteers to use the magnifying glass and inspect these objects.
- Thanks, Superkids! We had fun inspecting objects with our magnifying glass, so let's look at our Offering Scripture today from Psalm 35:27b AMPC, and discuss how this relates to our lesson.
- "Let the Lord be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."
- Our Offering Scripture teaches us about magnifying or exalting God. Exalting means to honor, praise or glorify. God is so great and so amazing that we have the opportunity to take pleasure in exalting Him.
- The second part of this scripture teaches us that God is happy when we are living lives that are pleasing to Him. When we live to love God with all our hearts and love others, we are fulfilling God's greatest commandment.
- Let's continue to express our love and thankfulness to God as we present Him with our offerings.

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WORD TIME

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1 Corinthians 2:12

I. OUR FATHER THINKS BIG

a. God created a BIG and beautiful planet for us to enjoy.

b. God was thinking BIG when He created us in His image. Genesis 1:26

c. Our Father thought BIG when He sacrificed His Son to save us. John 3:16

II. GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO THINK BIG TOO Genesis 1:28

a. Adam and Eve were given an entire planet to rule.

b. As soon as they thought small, ungodly thoughts, trouble came!

c. Jesus came so we could have a BIG, satisfying life! John 10:10

III. OUR FATHER WILL GIVE US THE DESIRES OF OUR HEART Psalm 37:4

a. The way we think determines what we become. Proverbs 23:7

b. With God, a small person becomes great. 1 Samuel 16:11-13

c. Our Father doesn't think small, and neither should His kids!

A Word From Commander Dana: This is a great opportunity for a "think BIG" discussion. Ask kids to take a minute, close their eyes, and think of something really big they could do with their life. Encourage the cadets to share their "BIG" dreams, and challenge them to live BIG for Jesus. God loves us and created us to love Him and serve others. This is a great week for the prophecy that Brother Copeland gave about a generation that will exchange His thoughts for their thoughts. First Corinthians 2:16 and Isaiah 55:7, 11 offer us His thoughts to think. This is vital to overcome the religious idea that God's thoughts are not only higher but inaccessible to us.

ACADEMY KITCHEN

BIGGER AND BETTER

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Teacher Tip: Meringue powder can be found in most craft and home décor stores, any store that carries cake decorating supplies. It's a good alternate to using raw egg whites. For safety, it's important to pre-screen for food allergies, if choosing to allow cadets to partake in sampling the food items.

Supplies: ☐ 1 Medium-sized, glass mixing bowl , ☐ Electric hand-mixer, ☐ Measuring cups, ☐ 1 Large serving spoon, ☐ Plastic knife, ☐ Pie server, ☐ Small paper plates , ☐ Plastic forks, ☐ Napkins

Recipe:

Ingredients: ☐ 1 Graham cracker crust, ☐ 1 Can of lemon pie filling, or you can use lemon pudding mix, ☐ 1 Tablespoon meringue powder, ☐ 1/4 Cup cold water, ☐ 6 Tablespoons + 2 teaspoons sugar

Prior to Lesson:

- Prep topping at home since it takes 10 minutes to whip. Bring the ingredients and show the cadets what was used, and to emphasize how something small can become something BIG.
  1. Prepare meringue according to package directions included in the meringue powder container.
  2. Refrigerate. Take filling to class to fill into the pie crust.
  3. During class: With a spoon, pile meringue high on top of the pie filling; the more topping, the better. Remember, your lesson is all about thinking "BIG"—like God!

Lesson Instructions:

- Hello, cadets! Today, we'll be taking an ordinary lemon pie and turning it into something BIG and special.
- This meringue powder reminds me of our thoughts. Sometimes we get so involved in thinking about ourselves, they can look like this meringue powder—small and flat.
- When we focus on loving God and asking God to show us ways to bless others, we are thinking BIG and creative, like God!
- So, let's put this yummy pie together.

Ask **Cadets, can you see how BIG the pie gets when we keep adding the meringue?**

- That's like adding good God thoughts to our lives. The more we think on good things, the more we live and experience good things.

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Superkid Handout Grades 1-3

1. In today's Real Deal, George Vanderbilt was thinking BIG when he designed and built the _____ _____. (Answer: Biltmore House)

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

   Heart BIG Holy Spirit planet Son image

   God created a BIG and beautiful _____ for us to enjoy. (Answer: planet)

   God was thinking BIG when He created us in His _____. (Answer: image)

   Our Father thought BIG when He sacrificed His _____ to save us. (Answer: Son)

   God wants His children to think _____, too! (Answer: BIG)

3. What are some BIG things God is showing you to do in your life?

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

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Superkid Handout Grades 4-6

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2. Match the statements with the correct scripture.

   a. Proverbs 23:7 — God was thinking BIG when He created us in His image. _____ (Answer: b)

   b. Genesis 1:26 — Jesus came so we could have a BIG, satisfying life! _____ (Answer: c)

   c. John 10:10 — The way we think determines how we become. _____ (Answer: a)

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

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Family Review Questions:

1. Why is it important to acknowledge God in all your plans?
2. God tells us it is important to think on good things. What are some BIG ideas or ways you can be a blessing to someone this week? Proverbs 23:7

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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