Holiday Club 2014

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| Day | Day Title | Key teaching | Key Verse |
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| Monday | The Mission | God’s Mission for Jesus:  God sent Jesus to be with people.  Matthew 2:1-12 | Matt 1:23  “… he will be called Immanuel which means God is with us.” |
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| Tuesday | Mission invitation | God’s Mission for us:  Jesus invites us into a relationship with him, not because we are good but because he wants to make us good.  Matthew 9:1-13 / Luke 5:17-32 | Matt 9:13  “… I didn’t come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners.” |
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| Wednesday | Accepting the mission | It matters how we respond to God’s message.  Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 | Matt 13:9  “If you have ears, pay attention.” |
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| Thursday | Mission of love | Jesus died for us. It was really for us so that we could love him back.  Matthew 27:57-28:10 | John 3:16  “For God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.” |
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| Friday | The spy’s mission | Jesus wants us to live with him every day, trusting him to help us live for him.  Matthew 6:24-33 | Matthew 6:33  **“But more than anything else, put God’s work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.”** |

Memory verse:

Romans 5:8

But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful.

**Teaching Room Daily Routine:**

Children enter mission control base “Spy HQ” via security screening.

Children go down a slide to a landing which has a hole in it and a pole for sliding down. The bar code on their name badge is scanned and approval is given to enter HQ.

Access is denied or approved via computer scanning of name badge.

Power point displayed with robotic messages of welcoming phrases.

Sound track backing of electronic sounds.

**Introduce catch phrase and key verse:**

A code needs to be retrieved to give access to the computer which then displays the key verse of the day. That code word was given by Agent 13 (who is hiding in a letter box in the foyer) as children arrived in the morning. The “Spy” called “Hi-Mee” enters a cylinder which is then viewed on the screen. Hi-Mee goes “outside” on a mission where he has to retrieve the catch phrase for the day. Pre-recorded with “Spy” before Holiday Club.

Hi-Mee is a human robot. He is run by a computer program and therefore has no human characteristics. He just looks like a human but doesn’t act like one. For example, he always takes instructions literally. (eg. “Hi-Mee, grab the waiter” Hi-Mee grabs the waiter rather than just getting the waiter’s attention.)

When Hi-Mee has finished his job, he enters a cylinder and is plugged in to for recharging his battery. Foot prints mark the spot for him to stand on. These are made from white paper so they glow under the black light globes.

**Bible Lesson**

**Memory verse activity**

Key Words for each day: (Retrieved from Agent 13 in the letter box in the foyer)

Day 1 Christmas

Day 2 Forgiveness

Day 3 Seeds and soil

Day 4 Resurrection

Day 5 One Way

**Day 1 Monday**

Catch phrase: The Mission

Teaching theme: God sent Jesus to communicate with people.

Key passage: Matthew 2:1-12

Key verse: Matt 1:23 “… he will be called “Immanuel” which means “God with us”.”

Key word: Christmas

**Introduce catch phrase …**

Catch phrase mission …

Hi-Mee goes to a “restaurant”. People are celebrating Christmas (can be staged by our own people in someone’s home). Hi-Mee is robotic in his mannerisms and really has no idea what the decorations are for and tests them by smelling them, feeling them, listening, studying them and finally tastes them. He easily gets distracted by these things that he cannot compute. Hi-Mee goes up to the waiter/host. Instruction is “Hi-Mee, “grab the waiter/host”. –Hi-Mee literally grabs the waiter/host but is corrected “Just go up to the waiter/host” and he will give you the catch phrase.

**Bible Lesson**

What was happening at the restaurant? Christmas celebrations.

What happened at Christmas that we celebrate? The time Jesus was born.

Jesus’ birth is a very important event in history.

Let’s watch this video clip to recall some of what happened when Jesus was born.

Video clip of wise men’s visit. (Drama of the Jesus’ birth and the wise men’s search for the new born King.)

When Jesus was born, He was God coming to us as a human to live with us. Jesus is God, He is King. Gifts were brought to Him because He is King.

**God’s mission** is to bring people back to him so that we can be a family together, which is the life God planned for us in the very beginning.

Jesus came to us so that we would know what God is saying to us. Jesus’ life here on earth is God saying … “I love you. I want you to be my child. I want to take away all the sin in the world. I want to help you to live the way I planned in the beginning. I want you to be with me. I am your God.

Families are God’s plan for us … to live together in groups loving each other. We celebrate Christmas, often in family groups even though there is no perfect family.

God sent Jesus to bring His family back together again. Jesus fixed up our sin problem which separated us from him. Jesus came so that we could be with God in His family again, just as He planned.

God’s mission was to send Jesus to tell people that He loves them and wants them back in His family.

We will learn more about God’s mission this week.

**Memory Verse activity**

**Day 2 Tuesday**

Catch phrase: Mission invitation

Teaching theme: Jesus invites us into relationship with him, not because we are good but because he wants to make us good.

Key passage: Matthew 9:1-13 / Luke 5:17-32

Key verse: Matt 9:13 “…I didn’t come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners.”

Key word: Forgiveness

**Introduce catch phrase …**

Catch phrase mission … Repeat routine as in day one. Then Hi-Mee leaves to retrieve the catch phrase.

Hi-Mee attends a gym session (at Nathan Dir’s home). He tries out different pieces of equipment and finds all of them very easy, never tiring. He looks around at others and wonders why they are sweating, puffing and he has none of these things. The catch phrase is sort of hiding on a piece of equipment. He misses the clue altogether but finally sees it and brings it back into the room.

**Bible Lesson**

What did you notice that was different between Hi-Mee and the others using the gym equipment? Hi-Mee doesn’t have a body that gets tired. He has super strength!

In our story today, we realise that being human means that sometimes are bodies are not always good. But even worse is that our souls are not what they should be either.

Max 7 video clip of man lowered through roof … Matthew 9:1-8/Luke 5:17-26.

Jesus heals the paralysed man.

In this miraculous event, Jesus shows that He is the Son of God, because God is the only one who is able to forgive sins.

Now that it is established, that Jesus has the same authority of God, we can see that when Jesus invites people to follow Him, he has the authority of God to invite people to follow him.

After Jesus heals the paralysed man, He then invites Matthew (Levi) to come and follow him.

Matthew 9:9-13 – power point pictures.

Picture 1: Introducing where passage is found. Matthew 9:9-13

Picture 2: v. 9a “As Jesus was leaving, …”

Picture 3: v. 9b “he saw a tax collector named Matthew sitting at the place for paying taxes.”

Picture 4: v. 9c “Jesus said to him, “Come with me.” Matthew got up and went with him.”

Picture 5: v. 10 “Later, Jesus and his disciples were having dinner at Matthew’s house. Many tax collectors and other sinners were also there.”

Picture 6: v. 11 “Some Pharisees asked Jesus’ disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and other sinners?”.

Picture 7: v. 12 “Jesus heard them and answered, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do.”

Picture 8: v. 13 “Go and learn what the Scriptures means when they said, ‘Instead of offering sacrifices to me, I want you to be merciful to others.’ **I didn’t come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners.”**

This part of the story shows that Jesus can forgive anyone and He invites everyone to come and follow him, no matter what their sin is. That’s why Jesus invites people to follow Him … so that their sins are forgiven.

We need Jesus because we are all sinners and Jesus is the only way to have our sins forgiven. He invites you to have your sins forgiven. Will you ask Him to forgive your sin?

Memory Verse Activity

**Day 3 Wednesday**

Catch phrase: Accepting the Mission

Teaching theme: It matters how we respond to God’s message.

Key passage: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Key verse: Matt 13:9 “If you have ears, pay attention.”

Key word: Seeds and Soil

**Introduce catch phrase …**

Catch phrase mission … Repeat routine as in other days. Hi-Mee leaves the room to retrieve the catch phrase for the day.

Hi-Mee goes to the hardware garden centre to find tools for the garden. He picks up different tools and wonders what they would be used for. He picks up tools and uses those tools to do comical things eg. A gardening fork is used for combing his hair. The catch phrase is attached to a tool which he brings back into the room with him.

**Bible Lesson**

It is interesting that Hi-Mee brought back a gardening tool today. Our lesson today is about gardening. Jesus used a story to help us understand that we can be part of His mission, or we might choose not to.

Put up four frames on the screen / draw four boxes on a large sheet of paper. While someone reads the parable, another person draws the parable.

Draw (electronically or on paper) the different soils, highlighting the differences between the soils. The seed is exactly the same, but the different soils respond differently to the seed.

When the drawing is complete, read the explanation of the parable.

Then the drawer can draw a person expressing the differences in people’s response to the word of God. For example,

1. Draw a cartoon person with big ears. Letters coming into the ears. Big sad face with arms stretching to the letters to take them away.

2. Draw a cartoon person with big ears. A “trouble” character is drawn beside him and letters are leaving the person’s head.

3. Draw a cartoon person with big ears. The letters are in their head but they are surrounded by worry and all the concerns of this world block the words of Jesus.

4. Draw a cartoon person with big ears. The letters are in the head, heart and are spoken out of the mouth.

See draft sketches

Remember that God’s mission was to send Jesus so that we could have our sins forgiven. Jesus invites us to come and follow Him and be a part of God’s family.

Will you say YES to Jesus and accept the invitation or say NO and refuse His invitation?

**Memory Verse activity**

**Day 4 Thursday**

Catch phrase: Mission of Love

Teaching theme: Jesus died for us. It was really for us so that we could love him back.

Key passage: Matthew 27:57-28:10

Key verse: John 3:16 ”For God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.”

Key word: Resurrection

**Introduce catch phrase …**

Catch phrase mission … repeat routine as for other days. Hi-Mee retrieves the catch phrase for the day.

Hi-Mee visits mechanics shop – he is malfunctioning and needs help. Things just aren’t right. Everything is going hay wire, so Hi-Mee has to get to the mechanics to make all things right again. Mechanic shuts him down to restart him up again. When he restarts he is given a screw driver which has the catch phrase attached. He brings it back into the room.

**Bible Lesson**

Just like Hi-Mee has had some malfunctioning problems today, we have malfunctioning problems too. It’s called SIN. The only way for us to be fixed up again is JESUS.

God loves us so much, that he sent Jesus. Jesus’ life was “shut down”, taken, so that we could be restarted again. Jesus received a new life after he died on the cross and he did this because he loves us and wants us to have our lives restarted too.

We are going to watch a video clip now of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

*Video clip of Jesus’ death and resurrection. “Jesus” video for kids? / Bricktestament*

Remember, Jesus died and rose again because He loves us and wants us to be in His family forever.

**Memory verse activity**

Start asking kids to say the memory verse without looking. Hopefully they are starting to know it off by heart. Spend some time focusing on the verse today. There should be time.

**Day 5 Friday**

Catch phrase: The Spy’s Mission

Teaching theme: Jesus wants us to live with him every day, trusting him to help us live for him.

Key passage: Matthew 6:24-33

Key verse: Matt 6:33 “But more than anything else, put God’s work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.”

Key word: One Way

**Introduce catch phrase …**

Catch phrase mission … repeat routine as for other days. Hi-Mee goes out to retrieve the catch phrase.

Hi-Mee finds himself in a room with a laser maze. He has to negotiate the laser beams to get to the end of the room where the catch phrase is fixed on the wall. He has so many choices to make. Which way does he go? It gets overwhelming and he nearly malfunctions until he remembers that he has the “Chief” at HQ to call on for help. HQ helps him out because the Chief sees the whole room and can give instructions based on what the Chief knows. If he stays connected with the Chief, he can know the way to go because the Chief cares and knows all about him and can help.

**Bible Lesson**

Hi-Mee has so many choices and was overwhelmed by his situation until he remembered that I was with him. I can guide him through all the choices and help him to make the right ones. Hi-Mee just needed HQ for everything to be ok. He has all he needs right here with ME.

Today’s passage is about this. There are so many choices for us to make in life. We make choices about all the things we need and want. We need food, clothes, money, but what we really need most is Jesus. As we make choices in life, we should be thinking about what pleases Jesus.

Ask for 4 volunteer to come up and hold a bouncy ball (God loves you printed on it) and then try to grab as many Minties in their hand as they can. What happens to the bouncy ball? It gets pushed out.

That’s what happens with God when we choose to hold onto all the other things that we like and sometimes need, but we forget about keeping God in the centre of our lives.

Jesus says … love me the most. Do what I want you to do first!

How do we know what Jesus wants us to do? It’s all written down for us in the Bible.

Matthew 6:24-33 tells us about how much God loves us, cares for us, knows our needs and provides for us. What Jesus wants is for us to love him more than anything.

What are you going to spend your time doing? Getting lots of money? Buying lots of food? Having nice clothes?   
God wants you to spend time getting to know him, loving him and obeying what He says in His word.

Leader testimonies:

Key up some people (two or three only) to share their own personal testimony of choices they have made to put God first.

God’s mission for you is to love him more than anything.

Have you considered this week what you will do?

Trust Him … He loves you and will provide everything you need.

**Memory Verse Activity**