**Holiday Club 2013**

**“Ice Age”**

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| **Day** | **Catch Phrase** | **Bible Passage** | **Key verse** |
| Monday | God Is … Ageless | Psalm 90:1-6 | Psalm 90:2a “You have always been God.” |
| Tuesday | God Knows | Psalm 139:1-18 | Psalm 139:17 “Your thoughts are far beyond my under-standing, much more than I could ever imagine.” |
| Wednesday | God Rules | Col. 1:15-20 | Col. 1:15 “Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the firstborn Son, superior to all creation.” |
| Thursday | God Loves | 1 John 4:7-12 | 1 John 4:9 “God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.” |
| Friday | God Saves | Eph. 2:1-10 | Eph. 2:5 “… God loved us so much that he made us alive with Christ, and God’s wonderful kindness is what saves you.” |

**Memory Verse: 1 John 5:11-12**

God has also said that he gave us eternal life and that this life comes to us from his Son. And so, if we have God’s Son, we have this life. But if we don’t have the Son, we don’t have this life.

Teaching Room Schedule:

*Enter the “Ice Cave” via slides and tunnel.*

*Music on entry … High 5s for Scrat then sit down … screen saver on screen.*

**LISTEN** … Attention Getter:

“Plucka” music …

Scrat spins the wheel with Ice Age characters on it. Lisa assists Scrat.

Each character has a number on it (No. 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5).

Volunteer child grabs the character for the day.

Reveal catch phrase on wall.

Daily Key verse retrieval. Key verse is printed and placed in an acorn which our character … Scrat goes to get. He goes throw the ice wall (hole with soft foam blocks to push out, white sheet covering the foam doorway) and into the snowfields and finds the acorn. Bring back through the hole and gives the acorn with the key verse on it to Robyn.

Reveal large key verse on wall. Scrat does the following things each day to get the acorn ..

Day 1 Hunt for acorn in kiddy pool full of ice.

Day 2 Hunt for acorn by throwing snow balls (polystyrene balls) ????

Day 3 Hunt for acorn down inflatable slide and found in ball pit at the bottom.

Day 4 Find acorn in ice cube which has to be melted / bashed / broken to get it out.

Day 5 Meet someone who does a charade / draws pictures to communicate the phrase.

All filmed in room surrounded in white sheets.

Review catch phrase and key verse each day.

**LEARN** … Bible Lesson: The passage on power point. Robyn

**LIVE** … Intro Application: How that changes our lives (particularly in small groups).

**MEMORY VERSE GAME**: Lisa

The verse is written on Jenga style blocks of ice (polystyrene) and stacked to the ceiling as a centre piece. A block is taken out each day (from Tuesday) to help children remember the verse. Fill the rest of the time in with saying the verse and discussing the meaning of the verse and words like “eternal”.

Small Groups:

Bible reading: Passage to read. Key verse printed in booklet.

Discussion questions:

Application:

Review memory verse:

Day 1

God IS … Ageless.

Bible: Psalm 90:1-6.

Key verse: Psalm 90:2a “You have always been God.”

LISTEN … Attention Getter:

Catch phrase retrieval via “Plucka”.

Key verse retrieval … video clip: God is ageless.

LEARN …

**Introduction … Guess a minute.**

Have children guess when a minute is up. When they think a minute is up, they stand up. Take note of who stands up the closest to one minute.

**Bible reading … Psalm 90:1-6 on power point.**

How we measure time … according to Discovery channel there are 10 different ways we have measured time since man wanted to measure time.

(Show pictures of time measures on screen).

1. Sun (a problem on cloudy/rainy days).

2. Stars

3. Hourglass (can measure any amount of time depending on sand and narrowing of neck.

4. Water clocks (water that drips from one container into another).

5. Mechanical clocks (clocks comes from French word cloche meaning bell). They were designed with weights and springs. Bells chimed on the hour. No hands.

6. Unusual clocks eg. Candle clock (markings on candle as it burned down).

Incense was also burned so that different smells determined the hour.

7. Wrist watches. Worn on the wrist. First only women wore them, then men because the pocket watches could not be pulled out during battle in the war.

8. Quartz clocks. Quartz is a mineral. It is squeezed to generate electricity which creates a pulse and with the help of a battery the second hand moves according to the pulse.

9. Atomic clocks. Not dangerous at all. Tracks times by how long it takes for an atom to switch its energy from positive to negative and back again.

10. Calendar. The Christian calendar (Gregorian Calendar) relies on the sun. From one sunrise to the next, one rotation around the sun. The Islamic calendar relies on the moon. The Jewish and Chinese calendars rely on a combination of both.

So, time is very important to people and has been for thousands of years.

We measure our lives by birthdays. What about God’s birthday?

Stand up if you were born in January, February, March etc.

Verse 2 … God was before the birth of the mountains. When was that?

God was even before the earth and the world were made.

We cannot say God is a certain number of years old. We can’t count his years. He doesn’t have any years. He just IS.

Verse 3 … How does God consider time?

A thousand years is like a day and a day is like a thousand years.

They are very different to us. I plan to be around for a lot of days but not a thousand years.

God is not measured by time.

God gave us life and we measure our lives from the time we were born to the day we die. God is in control of all our days. God’s life cannot be measured because He doesn’t have a beginning and he doesn’t have an end.

Read the Bible passage again.

**Application:**

So what does that mean for us? God is God and we are not. He is huge. He is beyond our understanding. We should listen to what He has to say in the Bible because He created life and His instructions are important.

This helps us to remember that we are really not that great, even though humans have done some great things (one of which is how to measure time). Humans are not great in comparison to how great God is.

Memory verse game with Lisa:

1 John 5:11-12

Blocks of ice in Jenga stack.

Small Groups  
Questions / discussion …

1. What is your exact age today? Years … Months … Days …

2. God is eternal. Describe what that means in your own words.

3. Draw a symbol that displays no beginning and no end. (A circle).

4. Think about God. What other characteristics of God blow your mind because they are hard to understand? Write your answer in the shape below.

5. Write out the key verse for day around the outside of the circle below.

6. How does the fact that God is eternal, having no beginning and no end, affect our lives? He is God and the Creator of all things. We should listen to what He has to say in the Bible and do what He says. He is greater than any human being. We are mere created beings. God is the Creator. We should trust Him.

7. Learn the memory verse. Verse is printed with the word “eternal” missing for the children to write in using fancy lettering.

Day 2

God Knows

Bible: Psalm 139:1-18.

Key verse: Psalm 139:17 “Your thoughts are far beyond my understanding, much more than I could ever imagine.”

LISTEN … Attention Getter:

Catch phrase retrieval via “plucka”

Key verse retrieval … video clip: God knows.

LEARN …

**Introduction …Quiz.**

Set up a quiz game show style for kids to answer questions on the earth and universe.

1. What is the study of living creatures called? Biology.

2. The cerebellum is a part of which organ? The Brain.

3. Of the planets in the solar system, which is closest to the sun? Mercury.

4. Name one category of rocks. Igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary.

5. What are the three states of matter? Solid, liquid, gas.

6. Mathematically, is zero considered an odd or even number? Even.

7. In computer terms, what does USB stand for? Universal serial bus.

8. In which organ of your body would you usually find a bezoar? Stomach.

9. What are two types of chemical bonds? Strong and weak. ☺

10. Which part of the body would be affected by tinnitus? The ear.

Some people know some or all these things, but nobody know everything, no matter how much you have studied. BUT God does know everything. Let’s read the Bible to see what the Bible says about how much God knows … especially about us.

**Bible passage**: Psalm 139:1-18

Have four people read the passage in four sections …

(verses 1-6) (verses 7-12) (verses 13-16) (verses 17-18).

Verses appear in four different colours on the screen.

Show video clip from Louie Giglio Indescribable.

There is so much more to know that we will never know in our lifetime on earth.

God knows everything about the whole universe and we don’t even know if there is more that God created out there. We just don’t have the equipment to find out.

**Application:**

Doesn’t that blow your mind? God is a great big God and yet He knows us and loves us individually. We should love Him back. There is no other appropriate response to God. He is great. We are not. We just think that we are great but God, He really is great.

Memory verse game with Lisa:

1 John 5:11-12

Blocks of ice in Jenga stack.

Small groups

Read the Bible passage for the day.

Draw in the three think bubbles what God thinks about you.

In the heart shape, write how that makes you feel.

Now that you know how much God knows about you, how can you get to know Him?

P … Pray; R … Read the Bible; T … Trust Him; O … Obey Him.

*Do you have a Bible? If not, we can get one for you to read. See your leader at the end of Holiday Club today.*

How can we show God that we think He is great? Write down 3 ideas you have.

Love Him, Trust Him, Obey Him. Read the Bible he has written for us. Talk to him in prayer.

God knows everything about life. Write the word “life” in the memory verse in a different colour each time it appears.

Review the memory verse. See last pages of the workbook.

Day 3

God Rules !

Bible: Colossians 1:15-20.

Key verse: Colossians 1:15 “Christ is exactly like God who cannot be seen. He is the firstborn Son, superior to all creation.”

LISTEN … Attention Getter:

Catch phrase retrieval via “Plucka”.

Key verse retrieval … video clip: God Rules. Review other catch phrases.

LEARN …

**Introduction …**

Ask four volunteers to come and stand out the front and participate in the Ice Cube Challenge.

Give each child an ice cube to hold. Give the following instructions for them to do with their ice cube.

1. Rub the ice cube in your hands while counting to ten out loud.

2. Balance the ice cube on your head for 5 seconds.

3. Place the ice cube on your elbow and wiggle your fingers.

4. Put the ice cube on the floor in front of you and walk around it twice.

5. Toss the ice cube up and catch it 3 times.

Thank you so much for participating in the Ice Cube Challenge.

Why did you do the things that I asked you to do?

Why do what I tell you to do?

We obey the people that rule over us … well, we should.

We should obey our parents, our teachers, our coaches, our referees, the police, the laws that our Government has put in place to look after us.

What about God? Is he the boss of the world?

Then why do we forget about Him and don’t worry about what He tells us to do?

**Bible reading: Colossians 1:15-20.**

Let’s read what the Bible says about who is the boss of the whole world.

What do these verses tells us that let us know that Jesus rules?

Jesus is exactly like God.

He is superior to all creation.

He is the Creator of everything, not just on earth.

He created everything that we see and cannot see.

He was before everything was created. He is eternal too.

Jesus keeps things going. Providing air, seasons, continuing life.

Jesus rose from the dead. This shows He rules over all of life.

If Jesus is so powerful and the ruler of all things, then what should we do?

Do what He says! Obey!

How do we know what He says to do? It is all written in the Bible for us.

What are some of the instructions that God has given us in the Bible that you already know? Write up on a board. See what kids know already.

Love the Lord with all your heart. Love others. Don’t lie. Don’t murder. Don’t want what others have, be content. Be kind. Forgive others. Etc.

You never argued with me when I asked you to do something so unimportant.

Don’t argue with God who tells us to do very important things in our lives.

Memory verse game with Lisa:

1 John 5:11-12

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Small Groups

Draw a picture of God showing what you know about Him now.

Explain why you drew God the way you did.

In the large numbered 1, 2 and 3 ice cubes, write down three rules that God has given us that we should obey.

God rules over everything. He is the boss of everything. We should respect Him and obey Him.

In the memory verse, fill in the blanks the words “God” and “Son”. Write the words in bold letters.

Review the memory verse.

Day 4

God Loves

Bible: 1 John 4:7-12.

Key verse: 1 John 4:9 “God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.”

LISTEN … Attention Getter:

Catch phrase retrieval via “Plucka”.

Key verse retrieval … video clip: God loves. Review other catch phrases.

LEARN …

**Introduction …**

Scoop the ice cream and mould the ice cream onto a plastic plate to make the shape of a heart the best that you can before it melts. Use disposable gloves.

Today, we are going to find out that God loves us. Love comes from God because He is love and if we belong to Him we will show this by loving other people too. His love is so good that it will never melt away. It is always there.

**Read 1 John 4:7-12.**

During the reading, follow the passage on the screen and watch for every time LOVE is said. When we say “LOVE” or “LOVED” throw your arms in the air and say out loud “LOVE” altogether. (Like a cheer girl).

How many times is LOVE mentioned in this passage?

Give kids time to do a quick count. 13 times. Give a heart stamp on their hand if they guessed the number correctly or not.

How has God shown us that He loves us? Vs. 9-10

He sent Jesus His Son into the world to show us His love for us. Jesus died on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven. God sacrificed (gave up) His own Son for us. That’s how much He loves us.

We can measure time but we can’t measure how old God is because he doesn’t have a beginning or an end.

How do we measure how much someone loves us?

We see it by the way they act towards us. What they do for us. How much they consider us. God loves us so much and wants us to love Him too but he doesn’t make us. He leaves that choice to us otherwise that wouldn’t be truly loving us and His love is perfect. God’s love never ends, just like He never ends.

What did God do for us?

**Fold paper and cut out as directed and unfold the paper to reveal a cross.**

Take an A4 sheet of paper. Fold top corner to make a triangle with the point at the top. There will be paper hanging below. Fold the top of the triangle down to the bottom right corner of the triangle. Fold in half with the point at the top. Hold the paper with the short side on the top and point on the left. Cut off top 1/3. Cut another 1/3 off the top. Unfold the remaining paper. It should make a cross.

He sent Jesus to die on the cross to take away our sins. Jesus

**Members of God’s family … picture message. (Max7)**

Jesus wants us to love each other too. This is how we can see what God is like in our world now. God shows others His love by the way we love others.

How are you doing at loving others? Can you love others better? I’m sure you can.

How are we doing at loving you? Can we love you better? We sure can.

Memory verse game with Lisa:

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Small Groups

How do you know that someone loves you?

How do you know that Jesus loves you?

Describe what God’s love is like using the letters …. L O V E .

Eg.

L Loving, lasts, leaks out to others,

O Outstanding, ongoing, overflowing to others,

V Very amazing, very wonderful, very …

E Excellent, extravagant, everlasting, enormous, essential to life,

What would the world be like if love was taken out of the world?

God wants us to love each other because it helps us to see what God is like.

How can you show love to someone today? To your family. To your friends.

Practice making your own paper cross following your leader’s instructions.

Insert the word LOVE into the verse.

Review the memory verse.

Day 5

God Saves

Bible: Ephesians 2:1-10

Key verse: Ephesians 2:5 “ … God loved us so much that he made us alive with Christ, and God’s wonderful kindness is what saves you.”

LISTEN … Attention Getter:

Catch phrase retrieval via “Plucka”.

Key verse retrieval … video clip: God saves. Review other catch phrases.

LEARN …

**Introduction …**

Watch Max 7 video clip of the man with demons in him. (Luke 8:26-39)

Sometimes we don’t see such a difference between people who love Jesus and those who don’t on the outside.

Knowing Jesus is as different on the inside as it is with this man in the video. We can’t see the difference so clearly on the outside most of the time, but the difference is real.

Compare dead (without Jesus) and alive (with Jesus).

**Read Ephesians 2:1-3.**

The Bible talks about our lives without God as being dead. That is, full of selfishness, disobedience, fighting against God, sad, lonely.

**Read Ephesians 2:4-10.**

The good news is that Jesus came to bring us to a new life. This life is a gift that all we have to do is receive. The life Jesus came to bring us is a life of love, selflessness, obedience to God and being at peace with God and others.

Death is sad, so very sad.

Life is happy and full of the good things that God wants us to have.

Remember how special you are to God. How do we know we are special?

God sent His Son to die on the cross to take away our sins so that we could be His friends and live the new life that Jesus planned for us from the beginning of time … our time, when he first made us.

Challenge children to think about whether they want to pray a prayer saying thank you, sorry, please.

Small Groups

Ephesians 2:1-10 talks about two ways to live.

How different are the two ways that we can choose to live?

Describe the difference that following Jesus makes. Share your own experience.

We might not look different on the outside, but we are very different on the inside.

What made the difference in the life of the man in Luke 8:26-39?

What does God think about you?

What do you think about God?

It only takes a prayer to make things different.

Read Ephesians 2:5. Explain how wonderful and kind God is. He loves us and it is because he loves us so much that he has done everything to save us from our sin. He waits for us to love Him back.

This the teaspoon (TSP) prayer.

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and dying on the cross for me.

Sorry for my sin. I have lived my own way and forgotten about you.

Please forgive me and help me to live your way each day.

Invite the children to pray the prayer along with you silently or out loud.