

Blue Jay Challenges



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Bible Challenges

Family Sword Drill Night

In Ephesians 6:17, Paul tells the readers to stand up to the devil by using, “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” That’s why we call it a sword drill when we look up verses as fast as we can in our Bibles- because the word of God (the Bible) is the sword of the Spirit! For this challenge, have a family sword drill night. Choose a set of verses from the list provided- keep it a secret and then see if your family can guess what the common word is in each verse. **Take a picture of your family holding up their bibles ready to go OR write about what was the hardest common word for your family to guess.**

Campers Need:

- Bibles
- Family Sword Drill Instructions (page 4)
- People to play with!

Bible Character Match

God’s Word is full of people we can learn from. This activity tests your ability to recognize some of the most famous ones. Match the Bible characters in the left column with their description from the right column. If you don’t know who a character is, look up the Bible passage in parentheses () to read about them! **Upload a picture of your paper when you are done.**

Campers Need:

- Bible Character Match (page 6)
- Pen/Pencil
- Bible (for reference)

Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that, “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” But what does Paul mean when he talks about the *fruit of the Spirit*? Is he talking about growing apples and bananas? Watch the following video about the Fruit of the Spirit and draw a picture of what you think those fruits would look like. **Take a picture of your drawing and upload it for us to see!**

Campers Need:

- [Fruit of the Spirit Video](#) (SafeYouTube link)
- Paper
- Drawing materials (camper’s choice)

Sword Drill Activity

A "Sword Drill" is designed to be done in a family or group setting. It is a fun way to learn the books of the Bible and where they are located by turning quickly to a specific verse in the Bible.

Instructions:

1. The leader explains the rules.
2. Everyone should have their Bible closed.
3. The leader holds up his Bible and says, "Swords ready."
4. Everyone lifts their closed Bible with the spine in the palm of their hand, to head level or higher.
5. The leader says the book, chapter and verse (for example Genesis chapter 6, verse 8) and everyone repeats the book, chapter and verse.
6. The leader says "ready" and then shouts "go!"
7. Everyone brings their Bibles down and turns to the verse as quickly as possible.
8. As soon as a person finds the verse they stand up. The leader recognizes the first person to stand and that person reads the verse out loud to the others.
9. The person who finds the most verses first wins the round; in a larger group, the side (team) with the most verses found first, wins.
10. An extra point can be given to the person who correctly identifies the word that is found in each of the 10 Bible verses.

Use the following sets of 10 Bible verses for each round of Sword drill. The underlined word to the left is found in all 10 verses.

Grace

Genesis 6:8

1 Peter 5:10

John 1:17

James 4:6

Ephesians 2:8

Judges 6:17

Psalms 84:11

Zachariah 12:10

Acts 15:11

Romans 3:24

Salvation

Genesis 49:18

Romans 13:11

Job 13:16

Hebrews 2:3

Luke 2:30

Psalms 25:5

2 Timothy 3:15

Habakkuk 3:18

Micah 7:7

Revelation 12:10

Beginning Genesis 1:1 John 1:1
 Proverbs 1:7 Hebrews 1:10
 Job 42:12 Acts 15:18
 Psalm 119:160 1 John 3:8
 Matthew 14:30 Revelation 22:13

Rock Psalm 18:2 Romans 9:33
 1 Samuel 2:2 Matthew 7:24
 Matthew 16:18 Jeremiah 23:29
 Exodus 17:6 Psalm 78:16
 1 Corinthians 10:4 Isaiah 32:2

Trust Proverbs 3:5 Psalm 188:8
 1 Timothy 6:17 Isaiah 12:2
 Matthew 12:21 2 Samuel 22:31
 Ruth 2:12 Zephaniah 3:12
 Job 13:15 Mark 10:24

Filled Matthew 5:6 Genesis 6:11
 Ezekiel 43:5 John 12:3
 Mark 6:42 Isaiah 6:1
 Psalm 71:8 Ephesians 5:18
 Luke 6:11 Acts 5:3

Brethren Genesis 13:8 Hebrews 3:1
 1 John 3:16 Ruth 4:10
 Exodus 2:1 2 Thessalonians 3:6
 James 3:10 Psalm 133:1
 Deuteronomy 18:18 Mark 3:34

God Genesis 1:3 Romans 4:3
 Matthew 1:23 Jonah 3:5
 Exodus 3:11 Titus 2:13
 John 1:6 Ruth 1:16
 Psalm 48:14 Jude 25

For a complete list of verses, visit: <https://www.wholesomewords.org/family/sworddrill.pdf>

Bible Character Match

Directions: Match each Bible character on the left with the correct description on the right.

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| Jesus (John 1:29) | Mother of Jesus, wife of Joseph. |
| Joseph (Genesis 37:23-28) | Prophet who spent 3 days and nights in a great fish. His preaching saved a whole city. |
| David (1 Samuel 17:32-50) | Disciple who walked on water. His name means "rock." |
| Noah (Genesis 6:9-7:5) | Was sold into slavery by his brothers. Later became Pharaoh's right-hand man. |
| Jonah (Jonah 1:1-17) | Main character of the Bible who came to save mankind. |
| Esther (Esther 7:1-6) | Persecuted Christians before he became one himself. Wrote a lot of the New Testament. |
| Peter (Matthew 14:22-33) | Built an ark to save the world. |
| Mary (Luke 1:26-38) | Fought the giant Goliath as a boy and won. Later Became the king of Israel. |
| Daniel (Daniel 6:6-24) | The queen who saved her people. |
| Paul (Acts 9:1-22) | Prayed to God even when it was dangerous. Was thrown into a lion's den and was not hurt. |

Nature Challenges

Creatures in your Neighborhood

On the fifth day of creation, “God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:21). He made those creatures for us to see and enjoy! So take a walk through your neighborhood or look outside your windows and watch for all kinds of different creatures. Take a picture or draw a picture of those you find (pencil sketches are fine!). Keep watching throughout the week until you spot: 8 different kinds of insects, 4 different kinds of birds, and 3 different kinds of furry animals. **Upload your pictures OR type a list of all the insects and animals you identified in the response box.**

Campers Need:

- [Creatures Checklist](#) (pages 8-9)
- Camera/smartphone OR pencil & paper for animal sketches

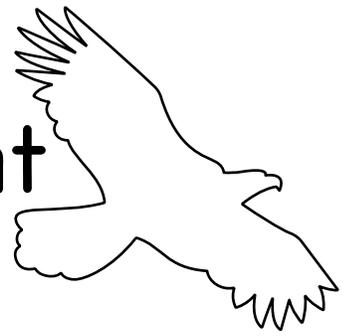
Tree Scientist

An arborist is someone who studies trees. For this challenge, we want you to try to be an arborist-in-training and collect a leaf from at least 4 different kinds of trees. Use the guide below to try to identify what kind of tree it's from! **Upload a picture of your leaves with the name written below OR type in the response box what kind of trees you think the leaves came from.**

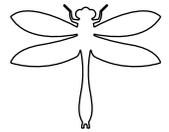
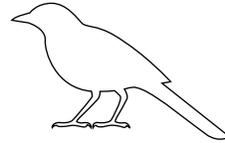
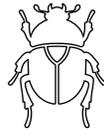
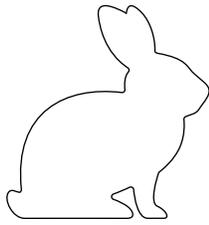
Campers Need:

- Camera or smartphone (optional)
- [Leaf Guide](#) (LeafSnap link)

Creature Scavenger Hunt Checklist

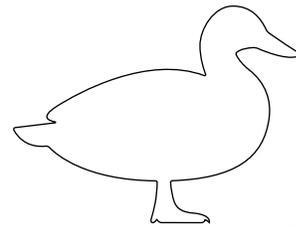
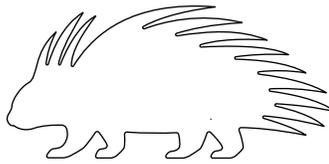


Insect 1



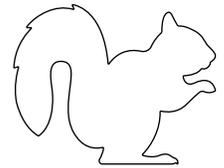
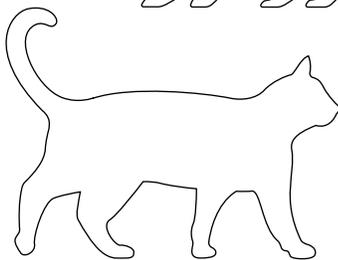
Insect 2

Insect 3



Insect 4

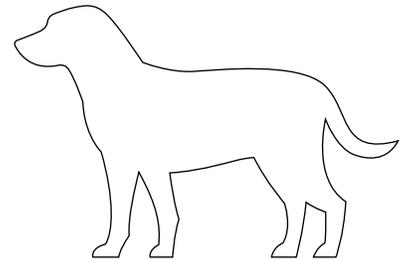
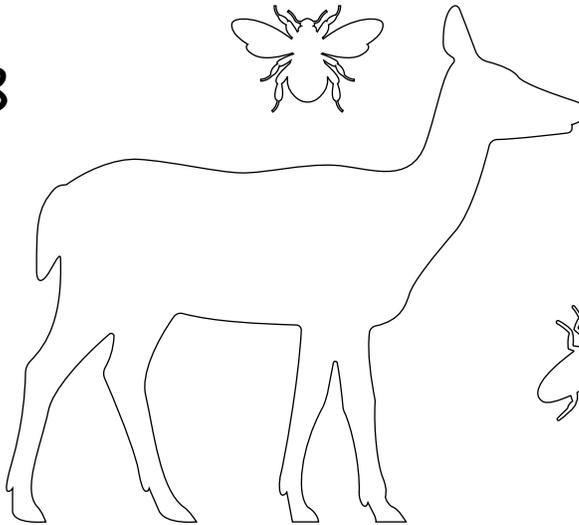
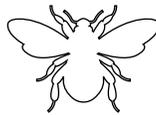
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Insect 6

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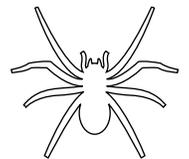
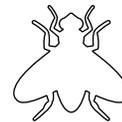


Bird 1

Bird 2

Bird 3

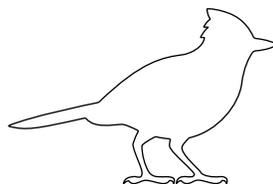
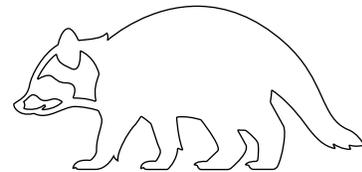
Bird 4



Furry Animal 1

Furry Animal 2

Furry Animal 3



Creature Sketches

(if you're not taking pictures of them)

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Maker Challenges

Camp Art

If you ever go to a museum, you'll find that artists use all kinds of different "mediums" to create their works of art. In art, *mediums* are just materials or supplies used to make a work of art. Create a piece of art that reminds you of Camp Li-Lo-Li. You can use any art medium you want! **Upload a picture of your work of art and explain why it reminds you of camp in the response box!**

Here's a list of just *some of* the mediums you could use for your work of art:

Paint, chalk, perler beads, boondoggle, toilet paper/paper towel rolls, cardboard boxes, craft sticks (popsicle sticks), pipe cleaners, yarn, embroidery floss, ...

Campers Need:

- Artist's choice of materials!

Graham Cracker Surprise

One of the most requested desserts at camp is what we call Graham Cracker Surprise. There are several variations so that's why it's a surprise! If you'd like to try the recipe at home you just need a few things. No cooking required. Make one for you and one to share! **Upload a picture of the finished product OR write about which flavors of pudding and frosting you would like best in this dessert.**

Always wash your hands well with soap and water before making any food!

Campers Need:

- [Graham Cracker Surprise Recipe](#) (page 11)
- Graham crackers
- Vanilla pudding cup
- Frozen whipped topping, thawed (or the kind in an aerosol can)
- 1 can prepared chocolate frosting
- Spoon & small container

Individual Graham Cracker Surprise

3 graham crackers

1 individual serving size vanilla pudding cup

frozen whipped topping, thawed (or the kind in an aerosol can)

1 can prepared chocolate frosting

Directions

Mix one individual prepared pudding cup with about 1/3 cup of whipped topping. Place two squares of a graham cracker (1/2 a cracker) in a small container or in two separate containers.

Layer half of the pudding mixture over the two crackers. Top each with another graham cracker square. Add the rest of the pudding as a layer. Top each stack with a third cracker.

Cover and refrigerate until set.

Take about 2 Tbsp of chocolate frosting and microwave for about 5-10 seconds to soften. Top each graham cracker stack with chocolate frosting.

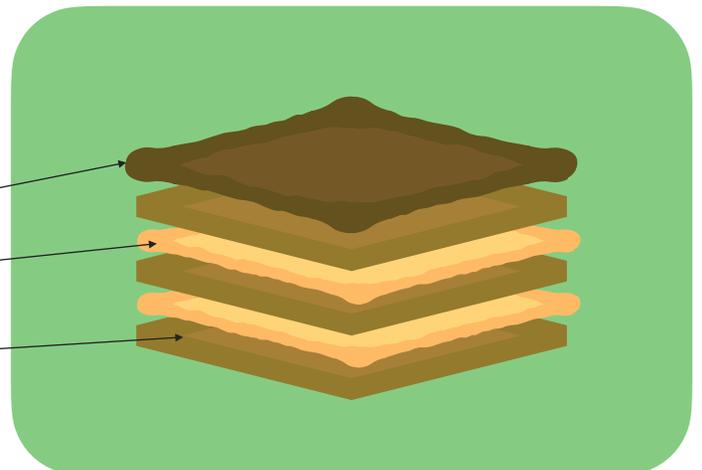
Chill again until frosting sets and enjoy!

Serves 2

Frosting

Pudding

Graham crackers



You can experiment with other flavors of pudding or frostings

Helper Challenges

Garden Weeding

Do you remember the parable that Jesus told in Matthew 13 about the “sower”? When the sower (someone who plants seeds) planted seeds in the thorns, the good plants were choked out by weeds and died. When we plant gardens, we have to be careful to pull up all the weeds so our good plants don’t get choked out and die. That makes a lot of work for us to do! To complete this challenge, help someone weed their garden*. Some people you could help are: your neighbor, relative, church, or parents. **Upload a picture of the garden before and after you weeded it OR write what was the hardest thing about weeding the garden in the response box.**

*Be sure to always talk to the garden owner to know exactly what plants they want pulled up :)

Campers Need:

- [How to Weed A Garden Guide Link](#) (optional)
- A garden to weed! :)
- Gardening Tools (trowel, gardening gloves) (optional)

Card Making

What if you received a hand-made card in the mail? It would make you feel pretty special, wouldn’t it? For this challenge, pick someone you want to encourage and make a card or postcard to send to them. You can either mail it to them or give it to them in-person. **Take a picture of your card/postcard OR write a description of it in the response box. Tell us why you chose to send your card/postcard to the person and how you hope it makes them feel.**

Campers Need:

- Blank paper / card / cardstock (for postcard)
- Coloring or painting supplies
- Envelope & stamp (optional)