

## ***God wants to use you for his good work!***

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 15:58 *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

**Main Teaching:** God wants to use you for his good work!      **Word Up:** God Can Use Me!

### **Supplies:**

- Word Up Visual – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Recording for "No Turning Back" "Turn your Eyes to Jesus" and "Thanks be to God" - Worship (Sing About the King 3 CD)
- Optional Song Visuals for "No Turning Back" and "Turn your Eyes to Jesus" (cefpress.com)
- Pencil and piece of paper for each child– Small Group
- Clear gel beads, clear vase or glass, pitcher of water, An object - Object Lesson
- Memory Verse Visual – Memory Verse (Resource Pack)
- Isobel Kuhn Flashcard Visual 4 – Missionary Story (Resource Pack)
- Memory Verse Token for 1 Corinthians 15:58 (week 4) for each child – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

### **Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):**

15 min – Small Group  
10 min – Worship / Rules / Word Up  
10 min – Object Lesson  
15 min – Memory Verse  
10 min – Activity  
5 min – Missionary Story  
10 min – Small Group Wonder Time



## **SMALL GROUP**

### **Good Ingredients**

Give each kid a pencil and a piece of paper. Tell them to draw an ingredient in their favorite. Go around the circle asking each kid what their ingredient is and what food they're going to make with it. I think those food are going to make something really good! Did you know that God can use you to make something good? God can use you to do his good work. We'll learn more about that today.

## **WORSHIP**

To learn songs and motions, go to YouTube and type in CEF and the name of the song in the search bar.

**"No Turning Back"**

**"Turn Your Eyes to Jesus"**

**CLUB RULES**

Review the Up Rules reminding the kids that following the rules helps everyone be able to feel safe and learn. If there is a particular rule the children are having trouble with, do a skit to highlight that rule and why it is important.

**WORD UP!**

**"God can use me!"**

If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, God wants to use you for His good work! God's good work is the good things He has for you to do—things you do that please God and show how great He is. God can use you even when you feel like you can't do what God wants you to do. When God uses weak people like you and me to do things we can't do on our own, He shows how powerful He is. WORD UP! "God can use me!" (Say with children.)

**OBJECT LESSON****Making it Clear**

What you need:

- Clear gel beads
- Clear vase or glass
- Pitcher of Water
- An object

What you do:

Soak the gel beads in water before club for 4-6 hours, or till they have expanded. Fill a vase with these expanded gel beads. Hide a small object inside these gel beads. You should not be able to tell what this object is. During your demonstration, you fill the vase up with water. When the beads get surrounded by water, they will become invisible and you will be able to see the object you placed in there.

Video Demonstration:

<https://www.tiktok.com/@mrs.b.tv/video/6906284096066981126>

What you say:

I've hidden an object in this vase. Who can guess what the object is? (Allow response) You can't tell what it is, and if I hadn't told you, you might not even know it was there. Maybe that's what God's good work for you feels like. You don't know what it is, or you question if it's even there. For you God's good work seems foggy and unclear, like this vase. You wish that God would make his work for you clear. That he would send you a letter in the mail telling exactly what he wants you to do. Well, God probably isn't going to send you a letter, but he has given us a message. In fact, it's not just a message, he has given us a whole book full of his words to us! Do you know what book this is? (Allow response) That's right, it's the Bible! When was the last time you read the Bible? If you have

believed in Jesus, you should be reading your Bible and talking to God. This water is going to be the Bible. When you read the Bible and talk to God (pour the water into the jar) look what happens!

God makes his work for you clear. He will show you how he can use you to do his good work. **WORD UP!** “**God can use me!**” It probably won’t be what you will do the next 10 years, but he will show you how he wants you to act now. Hebrews 4:12 says, (Read Hebrews 4:12) God’s word, the Bible, is living - able to change peoples’ lives. It is active – able to show you clearly how you can be doing God’s work. God’s word is powerful!



## **MEMORY VERSE**

1 Corinthians 15:58 *“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”*

### **INTRODUCTION**

(Stand on one foot and wobble.) Do you think it will be easy for (name of teacher) to push me over? (Allow response, then have teacher give gentle push to make you stumble.) I wasn’t standing very steady so it was easy to make me move. (Stand firmly on both feet with knees bent.) Now do you think (name of same teacher) can easily push me over? (Allow response, then have teacher give gentle push while you stand firm.) This time I was standing steady so (name of teacher) couldn’t make me move. God wants you to be unmovable when it comes to living for Him.

### **PRESENTATION**

(Read verse from Bible.) The Bible is God’s Word and God uses His Word to show us how to live. Because God is truth, you can know everything in the Bible is true—you can trust it! When you have an important decision to make or when you don’t know what to do, you can think about what you know from God’s Word. You can read the Bible and pray to God, asking Him to help you understand it. Another way you can know God’s Word is to memorize it. Last time we learned 1 Corinthians 15:57. Today we are going to learn the verse found right after that one. It’s also found in the book of 1 Corinthians, chapter 15. This is verse 58. (Read verse from visual with children.)

### **EXPLANATION**

*Therefore, my beloved brothers*—Everyone who believes in Jesus is part of God’s family. They are brothers and sisters who are greatly loved. This verse is for them.

*be steadfast, immovable*—Both of these words mean unmoving. That doesn’t mean you have to stand in one place but that God wants you to not be discouraged when you are doing good. You can keep doing good even when it is hard.

*always abounding in the work of the Lord*—The work of the Lord is the good things God wants you to do. It could be telling others about Jesus or doing your best at school. It might mean showing kindness to someone who is mean to you or standing up for what is right when you know someone might make fun of you. You can always be asking God to show you His good work and then do it. You abound in good works when you keep choosing to do the right thing more and more as you grow to know God better.

*knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain*—When something is in vain that means it is worthless or pointless. But the work of the Lord is never worthless. In the Lord means trusting in God and His strength to help you. You can know that the good works you do for God and with His strength will not be in vain. God can and will use them for His good!

You don't have to be discouraged when doing God's good work. In Jesus, you can keep doing good more and more, trusting that God will use it!

## APPLICATION

**Saved:** If you have believed in Jesus, are you choosing to do God's good work? You can remember that when you do good, it is never worthless or pointless. God will use it for His good! You don't have to be discouraged. Can you think of something good God wants you to do this week? Ask God to help you do His good work more and more each day.

**Unsaved:** If you don't believe in Jesus as your Savior, no matter how hard you try to do good things, those good things won't make you right with God or forgive your sins. Your sins can only be forgiven through Jesus, who died and came alive again to save you. Once you have believed in Jesus, He will help you to do His good work and use it for His great good.

## INVITATION



What about you? Do you know that you have sinned? Do you know that your sins can only be forgiven through Jesus? Have you made the decision to put your trust in Him? The Bible says in Acts 16:31 *"Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."* When you believe in Jesus, trusting that He died on the cross for your sins, you will be saved – rescued from sin's punishment. God will change you on the inside, helping you to do His good work and use it for His great good. Will you turn from your sin and believe in the lord Jesus today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you called on Jesus for the very first time today, or you want to talk to someone more about doing that, please show me by raising your hand. If you raised your hand, please meet me (*designate location*) and I'll show you more from God's Word how you can be saved.

## REPETITION

### Frozen Actions

(Lead the group in an action; e.g., pretending to play basketball, be a muscle man/ woman, swim from a shark, walk through the jungle, play a musical instrument, etc. When you yell "FREEZE" everyone "freezes" and says the verse. Repeat the verse as time and interest allow.)

Sing Memory Verse Song *"Thanks be to God"*

## ACTIVITY

### Follow the Leader

Today, we've been learning how we should follow God, and do his good work. In the game we're about to play you'll have to follow what someone else shows you to do.

Have the kids sit in a circle. Pick one kid to be the detective, and have them leave the circle. Then, pick a kid to be your leader. The leader starts by doing an action (patting their legs, clapping their hands, snapping, etc.) Everyone must do the action that the leader is doing. The leader should change his action every few seconds. Have the detective come back and try to guess who the leader is.

## MISSIONS STORY

Isobel Kuhn

Part 4



Isobel's years at Bible school went quickly. While she was there she met a young man named John Kuhn. John, who was ahead of Isobel in school, also planned to be a missionary in China.

When it was time for John to leave for China, he asked Isobel to marry him. She would have gladly said yes except for one thing. God has work for me to do with the Lisu tribes, I'm sure, she thought. What if I marry John and he is sent to work in a different part of China? She wanted God's work with the Lisu to come first, no matter how much she loved John. After she prayed and talked to John, they decided to wait until they knew where the mission was going to send John before she agreed to marry him.

At last the answer came. John had been assigned to the province of Yunnan (yoo-NON)—the area where the Lisu lived!

Isobel was so happy! Finally, she made it to China to begin her work as a missionary. She and John made plans to marry as soon as she finished her language studies.

Following their wedding John and Isobel set off for the country town of Chengchiang (CHONG-chee-ang)

All around them stretched the farms of thousands of Chinese people. Isobel was excited to finally be in China but she had a lot of new things to get used to.

One of the first things Isobel noticed was that it was hard to find time to be alone. The Chinese people were around Isobel all day long, staring at her strange white skin or peering into her house. How she wished she could get away by herself once in a while!

There were other things about China that bothered Isobel too. In those days people in that part of China were poor. They didn't take hot baths or change into clean clothes when they needed to, so they didn't always look or smell very clean. The white pork fat they served in big, shiny chunks on top of their rice made Isobel sick. When she visited in their houses with their dusty mud floors, Isobel discovered that bedbugs, lice, and fleas also lived there. She often came home covered with itchy flea bites!

Isobel wanted to tell these people about Jesus and wished she could ignore the bad smells, food, and bugs. She constantly prayed, "Dear Lord, help me not to care about these things so the Chinese people can hear about you and be saved."

**Would Isobel learn to live with all the changes or will she give up and go home? What would you do? We'll find out what Isobel and her husband did next time.**

**SMALL GROUP / WONDER TIME****Stop and Start**

When Jesus died on the cross and came back to life, He had victory over sin. He took away the power of sin and death. Jesus is the all-powerful God, who defeated sin and came back to life! His power is for all who believe on Him. He can take away sin's power in your life. If you believe on Jesus as your Savior, He will help you stop your sin and start doing what is right.

We are going to play a game called "Stop or Start." The Bible says that God has power to help us stop doing what is wrong and start doing what is right. When you read the Bible, ask God to show you things He wants you to stop doing and things He wants you to start doing. We're going to try this right now. I'm going to read some verses from the Bible. If I read something God says to stop (put off), stay seated and put your hand in front of you like you are telling someone to stop. If I read something God wants you to start (put on), stand up and point forward. Before we begin, let's pray and ask God to help us learn what we should start doing and what we should stop doing. (Pray; then read Ephesians 4:25-26, 28-29, 31-32. Pause after each phrase for the children to make the appropriate sign. Then discuss briefly to help the children understand. Have "Stop" and "Start" columns on a whiteboard or pocket chart and have an older child or helper add actions to the appropriate column as you discuss them; e.g., put "Speaking the truth" in the "Start" column and "Lying" in the "Stop" column.) When you spend time with God this week, ask Him to show you if there is anything He wants you to stop doing. Ask Him to show you the things He wants you to start doing instead. God doesn't expect you to do this on your own. He will be with you to help you. Trust that He has the power to give you victory over sin in your life.

**DISMISSAL**

Hand out memory verse token to each child and encourage them to memorize the verse and bring the token back completed next week. Remind the kids to read their Bible, and let God use them to do his good work.