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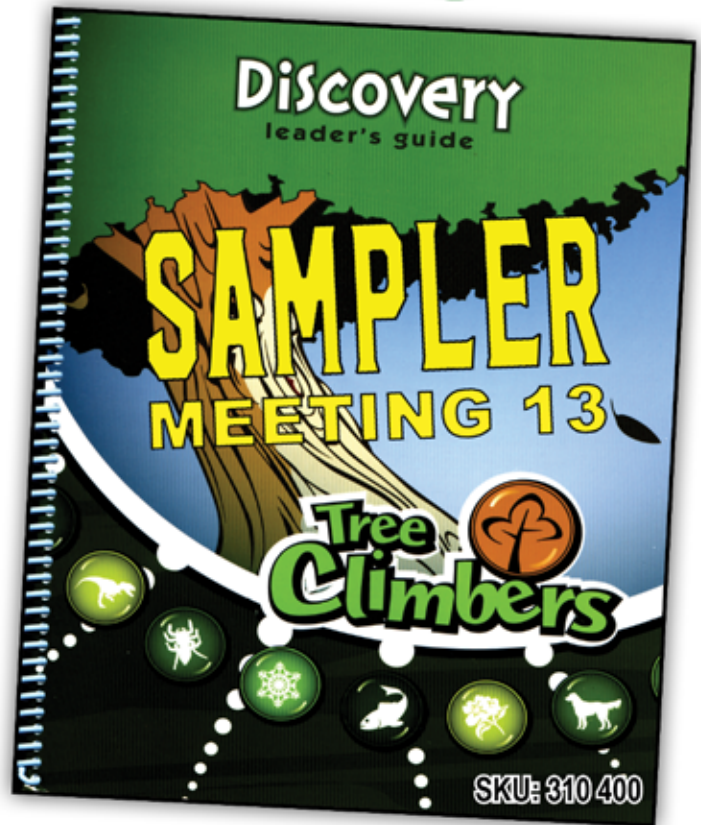
“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 2:1)

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There's no greater call we can answer than to be the instrument that God uses to unlock a young person's potential.

From the Tree Climber's Leader's Guide:

Welcome to the world of Tree Climbers, an exciting journey for dads and sons to grow in their relationships with Christ and with each other, while making new friends. At Tree Climbers, young boys spend quality time with their dads and other adult Christian men. Together, men and kids have fun, learn about God's creation and grow closer to God and each other. Games, projects and adventures are centered around a weekly theme and Bible verse. Young boys flourish with the one-on-one time with godly men. Dads gain leadership skills and confidence by taking turns leading games, explaining projects and sharing Bible stories.

God bless you on this journey and have a terrific year!

Contact CSB for information regarding the companion volume, *Tree Climbers Odyssey*.

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We Love God's Book

Unit Aim: To recognize that God wants us love and enjoy His Word and be fully devoted to following what it says.

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WEEK



Woody's Welcome

Did you know that Adam, the first man mentioned in the Bible, could be called the first zookeeper? When he was in the Garden of Eden, God allowed him to name all animals (Genesis 2:19-20).

Adam probably had some favorites. Maybe he liked birds best. Maybe he even had some for pets. Which animals are your favorites? Do you have any pets at home? What kind?



Woody's Games

Tag the Cat You'll need a stool and short piece of rope

Players stand in a circle. The "cat" (a dad) sits on a stool in the center. With him is a "keeper" (a Tree Climber). These two hold onto a piece of rope about two feet long. During play, they must not let go of the rope.

The other players try to dart in and tag the cat before the keeper tags them. If a player tags the cat, he becomes the cat, the cat becomes the keeper and the keeper joins the circle.

Woody's Hat Players sit in a circle. One person stands in the middle. He points to any other player and says, "Woody Raccoon can't find his hat and I think [He names the person he's pointing to.] hid it."

That player must deny the charge without speaking or smiling and point to someone else. This player also denies taking the hat by pointing to another person without speaking or smiling.

The first person to smile or talk becomes the person in the middle and starts the game over.

Adventure Verse



Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

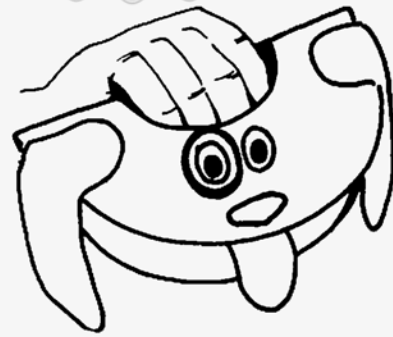


Fun To Do

Paper Plate Pets

Have paper plates, scissors, colorful felt or construction paper, staplers, staples and glue ready.

1. Fold a paper plate in half and cut out a half moon shape along the fold. Make this hole wide enough for your fingers to fit inside. Cut the hole shallow now. You can make it deeper later so your puppet fits on your hand comfortably.
2. Fold another paper plate in half and staple it under the first one. Staple along the edges, (not the hole!) Slip your hand into the pocket between the plates. Make the hole bigger if necessary.
3. Next, cut a piece of red construction paper or felt into the shape of a tongue. Glue the tongue near the center of the fold inside the plates. Make it long enough to hang out of the mouth.
4. Use your imagination to add eyes, ears, and even whiskers, feathers or scales to your pet.
5. When you are finished, slip your hand inside the pocket and have your pet talk to your friends.



Woody's Checkup

Spend time memorizing Psalm 119:11 and discussing these questions. Then, review previous verses.

1. The next set of verses we want to learn talk about the Bible, God's special gift to us. In Psalm 119:11, what does it mean to "hide" God's Word "in my heart"? (To memorize it and remember what it says.)
2. What is the purpose of "hiding" God's word in our hearts? (So that we don't sin.)
3. What do you think happens when people follow God's Word obediently?



Woody's Stretch

Guess My Animal Write the names of different pets on small pieces of paper. Place the papers in a bowl, basket or bag.

Seat players in a circle. Pass the bowl around and ask everyone to take out one piece of paper.

In turn, each player mimics the animal he chose. Other players try to guess the what kind of animal he's acting out.



Tree Climbers Circle

Tell the story, "Jacob's Zoo, Part 1."

Jacob's Zoo

Part 1

by Barbara Rohrbach

Jacob lived just three blocks from the zoo his father ran in a small town in northeastern Pennsylvania. In the summer, Jacob often visited the big animals there, especially during feeding time when they were most active.

One day, after a fun afternoon with the animals, Jacob decided to build his own zoo. He already had Boots and Fats, his dog and cat. With his parent's permission, he soon got a rabbit, two more cats, a canary and a tank of tropical fish. He took good care of all his zoo animals.

But it wasn't always that way. When Jacob was seven years old, he owned only Boots and Fats. He didn't take good care of either of them. Sure, he played with them a lot, but they needed more than that.

He often forgot to feed them on time. Fats kept himself clean like most cats do, but Boots needed to be brushed twice a week. Otherwise, his long hair became a tangled mess.

Even so, Jacob rarely brushed Boots. So Boots' hair snarled and matted more each day, but Jacob didn't notice. He was too busy having fun.

Instead of taking care of his pets, Jacob spent a lot of time at the zoo. Boots always went with him to chase squirrels and growl at Sam the lion.

One afternoon, Boots chased a fat squirrel past the reptile house and behind the lion's cave. Then Jacob heard a loud yelp. He ran around the cave only to find Boots whining and limping. Somehow he had hurt his back leg. Jacob tried to push aside

the clumps of hair on Boots' leg, but it was so tangled that Jacob couldn't see a thing.

That night, Boots wouldn't play or eat dinner so Jacob left him alone and went to bed.

The next morning, Jacob looked all around the house and yard, but Boots was gone.

"Boots was in so much pain all night that your father took him to the veterinarian this morning," Jacob's mother explained.

All Jacob could do was sit and wait until his father returned from the vet's with Boots.

Come back next time to find out what happened to Boots.

Talking about it

1. Why didn't Jacob brush Rusty's hair when he was supposed to?
2. What are some of your responsibilities at home?
3. One of our responsibilities is to follow God's Word and honor him through our actions. How does memorizing Bible verses make that easier?

**Put the
Bible
in the
bank
of your
brain**

**(another way to think of
Psalm 119:11)**

**Thinking about
what the Bible
says is like
tasting your
favorite food
all day long.**

**(another way to think of
Psalm 119:97)**