



### Need to Know:

#### The Bible

(make book with hands)

#### Is God's

(point up)

#### Word!

(cup hands around mouth)

### Bible Story:

#### Jeremiah Tells God's Words

Jeremiah 36

### Materials:

- ✿ Beanbag
- ✿ God's Story for Me Bible
- ✿ Treats
- ✿ Color Dice
- ✿ Safari Guide
- ✿ Animal Plates
- ✿ Hand Sanitizer
- ✿ Snacks
- ✿ Coloring Sheets
- ✿ Crayons
- ✿ Filler Activity Guide

### Get Their Attention! (5 min)

Materials: Beanbag

SAY the following to the group:

**Jambo** (Jah-mm-bo), **Rafikis** (Rah-fee-keys)! *That means, "Hello, friends!"*

**My name is** (your name)! **I am your Safari Guide!**

**Today we are going on a safari to see all the wonderful things God wants to show us! We'll look high** (look high) **and low** (look low) **for animals we know!**

PASS **beanbag** quickly around the group, while the group chants:

**Jambo! Jambo! We say "hello" to** (child's name who is holding beanbag).

Continue to pass **beanbag** and repeat chant until all group members have been introduced.

TELL kids that we are going to discover who wrote the very BEST book—the Bible!

### Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: God's Story for Me Bible, Treats

SHOW & READ p.236-239 from **God's Story for Me Bible** ("Jeremiah Tells God's Words").

ASK & SAY the following to review. Give kids a **treat** when they answer!

1. **Did Jeremiah tell people the king's words or God's words?** (God's Words, p.236)
2. **When Jeremiah would say God's words out loud, what did his helper do?** (Write the words on a scroll, p.236)
3. **Did the king like God's words?** (No, p. 238) **What did the king do with God's words?** (Threw them in the fire, p.238)
4. **Did the king stop God's words?** (No, p.239) **That's right! God told Jeremiah and Baruch to write his words on a new scroll & now we can read them in the Bible today!**

**God told people, like Jeremiah and Baruch, to write down HIS WORDS! Then they took ALL of God's words and put them into one big book that we call the Bible!**

**That's why the Bible is God's Word! Let's say this together:**

**The Bible** (make book with hands)

**Is God's** (point up)

**Word!** (cup hands around mouth)

**Application Summary:**

Kids will learn that the words in the Bible are God's words to each of us as they play a creative, fun game!

**Remember Verse:**

**"Open my eyes** (hands open wide beside eyes)

**so that I can see** (make binoculars with hands)

**all the wonderful things** (two thumbs up)

**in your teachings."** (make book with hands)

**Psalms 119:18**

**Getting To Know You:**

Use these questions to get to know your group during Snack/Coloring Time.

- ⊗ **If you lived with the zebras, would you rather eat berries and leaves or flies and grasshoppers?**
- ⊗ **Did you have fun today?**
- ⊗ **What did you learn?**

**Application Activity (10 min)**

**Materials:** Color Dice, Safari Guide

1. Allow each child to take a turn rolling the **Color Dice**.
2. Based on the color the **dice** lands on, read aloud one of the activities for the group to do from the **Safari Guide**.
3. Continue until all children have had a turn or as time allows. Then say:

**God told people to write down His words so that you and I can read them today! All of the words in the Bible are God's words. Say this with me one more time:**

**The Bible** (make book with hands)

**Is God's** (point up)

**Word!** (cup hands around mouth)

**Remember Verse Game (5 min)**

**Materials:** Animal Plates, Beanbag

1. Have kids repeat each line of Remember Verse after you, with motions.
2. Explain that this verse means we can ask God to open our eyes to all the wonderful things in the Bible!
3. Place **Animal Plates** in the middle of the group.
4. Allow each child to toss **beanbag** onto one of the **Animal Plates**.
5. Group will say verse together, acting/sounding like animal the beanbag landed on.
6. Continue until all children have had a turn, or as time allows.

**Wrap It Up (10 min)**

**Materials:** Hand Sanitizer, Snacks, Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Filler Activity Guide

**LARGE GROUP REVIEW:**

1. **What animal did we see on our safari today?** (Zebra)
2. **Did the Zebra say that ALL of the words in the Bible are God's words, or just some of them?** (All of the words in the Bible are God's words)

**PRAY** with your group, having them repeat the following after you in short phrases.

**Dear God, thank you for giving me the Bible so that I can read your words every day! Thank you for my snack. I love you! In Jesus' name I pray, amen!**

**SANITIZE** hands with **hand sanitizer** & **PASS OUT** **snacks**.

**PASS OUT** **coloring sheets** & **crayons**.

**STAY** in Small Group as families arrive. Use **Filler Activity Guide** as needed.