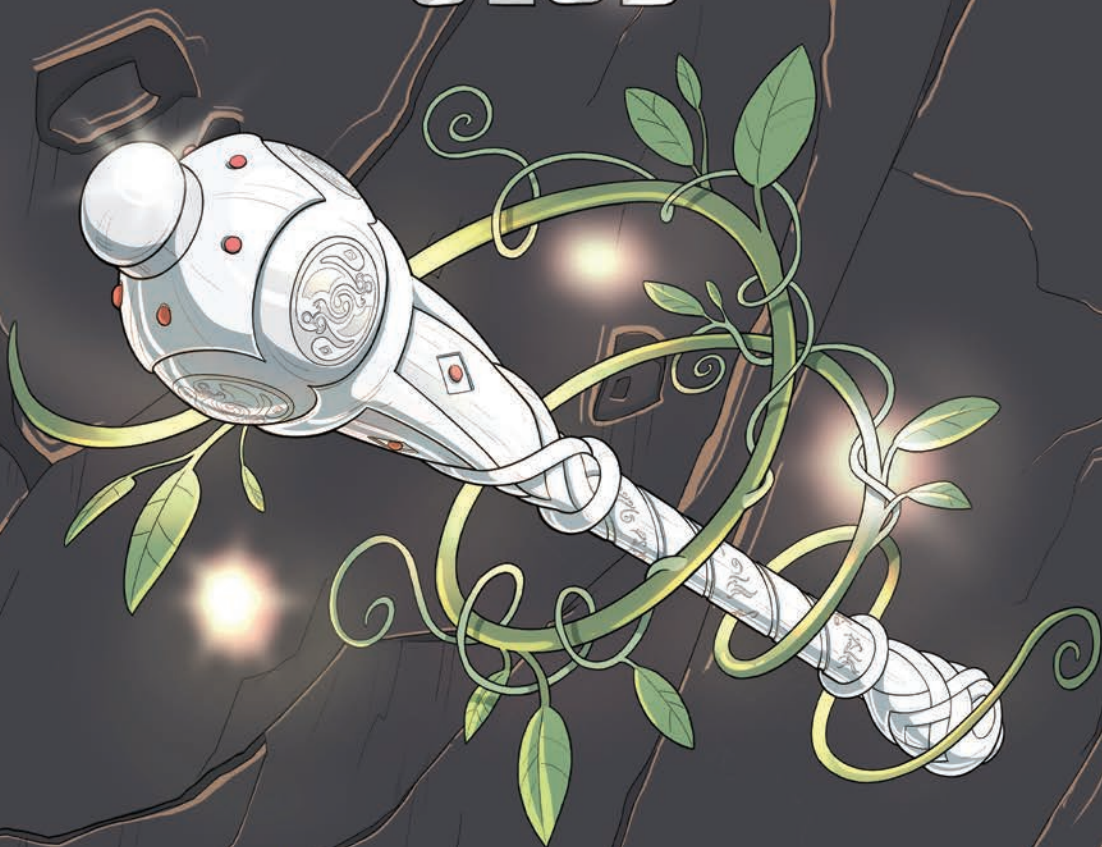


ADVENTURE CLUB



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WELCOME TO ADVENTURE CLUB!

This introduction explains the contents of this book and how you can best use it as you lead your Adventure Club kids. Help your AC kids as they follow their six character guides (two per age group) through their adventure of solving puzzles, working together, and learning lessons along the way. This story progresses every sixth week of the program, and the lessons are designed to help you effectively communicate. Every week the AC kids will learn sound theology through teaching, Scripture memorization, and songs. Let's dive in and meet our characters, and their associated age groups:



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Adventure Club is designed to run for 36 weeks over the course of a standard school year, beginning the first week of September and ending in May, with a break around Christmas and the new year. We recommend taking May through August off, so your volunteers and parents have time to rest before the start of another year. However, if you would like to run this program in different intervals or year round, you can contact our customer service team for help coordinating that schedule.

REVIEW WEEKS

Every sixth week in Adventure Club is a review week. Review lessons check the AC kids' comprehension by reviewing the preceding five weeks' material through fun and engaging means. It is also the week that the AC kids who have been memorizing their verses should be awarded their unique trading pins. (More on verses and pins below.) It should be the week that AC kids look forward to the most!



During review week's lessons time, the AC kids are grouped into teams to play a review game. This encourages the kids to:

- Work with others
- Build camaraderie with their teammates
- Attend regularly by providing accountability
- Invite others to join the program to help their team grow
- Listen to the lessons, and learn their questions' answers
- Memorize their verses
- Pray for each other

VERSE MEMORIZATION

The Bible commands us to hide God's Word in our hearts, and that necessary practice is woven into the curriculum to ensure the AC kids are learning what the Bible is truly about. Adventure Club promotes Scripture memorization by choosing weekly Bible verses that directly address each lesson's theological topic. We focus on the quality, not the quantity, of those verses. Encourage your leaders to hold the AC kids accountable during small group time to memorizing their verses. Each week, if the AC kids can recite their memory verse(s), the small group leader will track this progress in both the individual kid's book and their own leader book. They'll then award pins accordingly, as explained below.

TRADING PINS

AC kids receive trading pins each review week for having successfully memorized and recited their memory verse(s) to their small group leader for each of the five preceding weeks. The purpose of these pins is to help the AC kids both hide God's Word in their hearts and learn diligence. The pins also promote retention and growth by giving the AC kids fun rewards to look forward to, which may encourage them to invite their friends from both inside and outside the church. The AC kids can trade pins with each other as well, even across age groups. The pins are all tied into the curriculum characters' adventure story and are unique to each age group, and different each review week.

GAMES

Games incorporated into your Adventure Club program serve two main purposes:

1. To help the AC kids love the church and the Bible by making the program fun
2. To deplete the AC kids' excess energy and enable them to be more attentive to the lesson

LEADER'S MANUAL

There are multiple opportunities to incorporate games, such as during the check in/check out process. Having music playing and some sort of activity going as the kids arrive smooths this transition time and establishes a fun and energetic atmosphere from the start. All game information can be found under “Additional Resources” on our website.



MUSIC

By incorporating music, you're teaching your AC kids theologically sound songs for worshipping God. Those songs will stick with your kids for their whole lives, so Adventure Club does not underestimate the importance of music in the program. Music time is also a last opportunity to help the kids work out more of their energy so that they can hear the lesson to follow, so make this portion fun and engaging too.



As with the games and activities, you are welcome to use music of your choice; however, we do also provide support in this area with available songs, included with your annual membership through our website. Each song has a music video, a music video with lyrics, and a lyric video. If you would like access to chord charts, lyric sheets, or links to our partners' websites for physical copies of the music, they're available through the links on the “Additional Resources” page of our website. You'll find the music itself on our “Video” page.

SMALL GROUPS

As leaders, you should be prepared for small group time where you will interact with your AC kids on a more personal level. Small groups are key to your Adventure Club program and serve three primary purposes:

1. To review that week's lesson
2. To recite that week's memory verse
3. To respond together with prayer

Younger age groups may incorporate additional activities during this time like coloring or snacks, but the three main components should not be lost. Make sure that you are equipped and ready for this special time.



THE LEADER'S ROLE

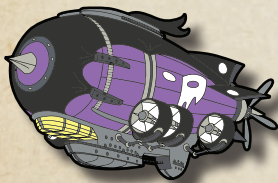
Your primary role as the leader is to oversee your group of AC kids and lead them in your small group time. Other responsibilities may include:

- Check in and out, or sign up new AC kids
- Facilitate activities
- Transition AC kids through each portion of the program
- Assist AC kids with their needs

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A standard Adventure Club program runs for an hour and a-half with time before and after for set-up and break-down. If your program calls for a different duration, contact us to discuss details.

Event	Description	Duration
Volunteer meeting	Prayer and program review	5 minutes
Drop off/check in		15 minutes
Games	Website (additional resources)	15 minutes
Transition		5 minutes
Music	Website (additional resources)	15 minutes
Transition		5 minutes
Lesson	Weekly lesson	20 minutes
Transition		5 minutes
Small group	Pray and review the lesson	15 minutes
	Ask questions and recite memory verse(s)	10 minutes
Pick up/check out		15 minutes



Pirate Zeppelin
Trackers



Cheetah Pirate
Scouts



Phillip the Rabbit
Trailblazers

LESSON 1:

GOD SPECIALLY CREATED MANKIND

TEXT: GENESIS 1-2



CENTRAL TRUTH:
**GOD PERSONALLY AND SPECIALLY
CREATED MANKIND**

MEMORY VERSE: **Genesis 1:26** – Then God said, “*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*” And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”



BONUS VERSES:

Job 33:4 – The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Psalms 119:73 – Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.



NEXT WEEK:
**GOD CREATED MANKIND
IN HIS IMAGE**



LESSON SUMMARY:

God showed His eternal, powerful, and good character when He spoke all of creation into existence in just six days. God created all that is not alive as well as all plants and animals, big and small, those that live on land and those that live in the sea. God then finished the sixth day of creation by specially creating man. Unlike with anything else, He formed man from the dust, fashioning him and breathing life into him. Mankind is specially created by God!

NOTES:



SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOSPEL:

Jesus promised to build His church, drawing people to Himself. Attending church or saying a prayer does not mean a person truly belongs to the church. Instead, they must turn from their sin and trust in Jesus Christ, for the church is made up of Christians.



LESSON QUESTIONS:

1. **How long did God take to create the heavens and the earth?**

- a. Six months
- b. Billions of years
- c. Six years
- d. **Six days**

Discussion Answer: God created everything in six days. He rested on the seventh and delighted in what He had made.

2. **How did God create the heavens and the earth?**

- a. Using His hands
- b. **By willing them into existence**
- c. Using construction equipment
- d. By letting them form themselves

Discussion Answer: God's willed that they would be and spoke them into existence.

3. **What is God's most unique creation?**

- a. Earth
- b. Space
- c. **Mankind**
- d. Animals

Discussion Answer: God's most unique and special creation is mankind, who bears God's own image.

4. **How do we know God created the heavens and the earth?**

- a. Eyewitnesses
- b. **The Bible says so**
- c. Scientific evidence
- d. Dreams

Discussion Answer: God has told us through His Word that He created all things.

5. **How do we know God created the heavens and the earth?**

- a. Eyewitnesses
- b. **The Bible says so**
- c. Scientific evidence
- d. Dreams

Discussion Answer: He saw that it was very good, which indicates that there was no evil or sin in the world.

6. **How do we know God created the heavens and the earth?**

- a. Eyewitnesses
- b. **The Bible says so**
- c. Scientific evidence
- d. Dreams

Discussion Answer: We should worship the Lord in all we desire, think, say, and do.