



Big Bible Beginnings – An 8-Week Series

The Book of Genesis on the Big Screen!

Welcome to **Bible Blockbusters: Big Bible Beginnings!**

Bible Blockbusters: Big Bible Beginnings is an 8-Week series that provides an overview of the Book of Genesis covering creation through the reconciliation of Jacob and Esau. It's a movie-making theme that your kids will love! Why it's skits are super fun as he is trying to come up with the next big blockbuster and keeps describing films the kids already know and love. Your kids will be filming a movie as part of the Bible Story and there is an option to include a green screen background if you want! In addition to the Bible stories in this series, your students will also be learning 8 Attributes of God. Encourage them to memorize all eight along with their definitions. A prize for learning them all is a great incentive. One of our goals as teachers is not just to teach the content and application of the Bible, but to deepen kids' knowledge and appreciation for who God is. By learning some of the God's attributes, they will grow in their understanding of who God is and why He is worthy of worship!

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Lesson 1: The Real Big Bang (Creation)

God is Infinite - and worthy of LOVE

Lesson 2: The Big Fall (Selfishness)

God is Immortal - and worthy of OBEDIENCE

Lesson 3: The Big Crime (Jealousy)

God is Immutable - and worthy of HONOR

Lesson 4: The Big Tower (Pride)

God is Invisible - and worthy of WORSHIP

Lesson 5: The Big Promise (Abraham's Covenant)

God is Omnipresent - and worthy of FOLLOWING

Lesson 6: The Big Test (Abraham's Test)

God is Omnipotent - and worthy of TRUST

Lesson 7: The Big Swindle (Jacob Tricks Esau)

God is Omniscient - and worthy of FAITH

Lesson 8: The Big Showdown (Jacob and Esau Reconcile)

God is Holy - and why I need a Savior

DECORATING FOR THE SERIES

Unit 4 is the first of our Big Screen Adventures. Keep in mind that the Big Screen Adventure theme is repeated every year, so you will be able to reuse backdrops, props and costumes again for the next Big Screen Adventure next Summer. We do this so your investment in props and costumes is not just for this eight-week series but can all be used again next year! **PLEASE POST PICTURES** of your set in the Kidology Facebook Group! You'll inspire others and share ideas, and you'll make my day!

Every lesson has the word "BIG" in it, so go big with your theming and decorating. You will want to gather from around the church as much video and sound equipment as you can. Often, there is a closet somewhere filled with old cords, mics, mic stands, lights or even an old sound board. The more you make your stage and room look like a set, the better. Perhaps you need a nice tall Director's Chair to sit in as you teach.

As mentioned in the curriculum, if the green screen set is too big for your stage area, feel free to place that in the rear of the room or on a side wall and call it "the set," and have the kids turn and face that area for the Teach It section of the lesson. You do not need to do any editing with green screen. This is a "behind the scenes" feel, so you can just film the skit and post it to your church's social media* as a fun memory of this series. However, if you want to do some video editing, there are free green screen apps that are pretty easy to learn or you may be able to find someone who can edit on a computer for you. They can drop in fun backgrounds, and a background is provided in your downloads for each lesson. But please don't stress about creating high quality movies! The point is to have fun and just consider your movies as the "raw" film before it went to the production team to "make the movie."

What camera to use? Seriously, a smart phone camera is really all you need. You can use a volunteer's (put it in airplane mode) or perhaps there is an older phone that someone can loan for this series if memory or privacy is a concern with a borrowed phone. But remember, filming is **OPTIONAL**. You can just pretend to film, because it is the **LIVE EXPERIENCE** that is all that truly matters. **Moviemaking** is the theme. No need to actually make a movie!

You can give kids a ticket at check-in that they "need" to get into your service and have a ticket taker. You could serve popcorn during this series as a snack! If you have stanchions or movie posters, those can be used for decorating.

In your **Every Week Files**, you'll see a folder called **DECORATING IDEAS** that is filled with high resolution images that you can crop, print, and use for decorating around your set or room. There are **over 100 images** available! The intent is **NOT** for you to use them all! Choose the theme that works for you and print as many as you need!

There are so many fun things you can do with this theme! We have provided some ideas, but we try to keep it simple, so we aren't asking too much and never want to overwhelm you with ideas. But have fun with it, be creative, and if you come up with ideas not in the materials, please **DO SHARE** in our Kidology Facebook Group. I just might use your idea myself!

SMALL GROUP OPTIONS?

If you incorporate small group discussion time into your service, there are several options available to you. Small Group leaders can use the **TAKE IT** form to lead a discussion. Kids can look up the verses, review the theme verse, and answer the discussion questions. You can still send the TAKE IT paper home for parents to use as well. You may also find an activity from the lesson that small groups can use instead of during large group. If you find there is more material than the time you have allowed, during this series you could let small groups focus on the attributes of God. Typically, **it Bible Curriculum** offers more ideas than time allows so you should be able to find extra activities to do during a small group time.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, ideas, or see any corrections we need to make to the curriculum, please do not hesitate to let us know through our Kidology Facebook Group. **Kidology.org/facebook** will take you right there!

FOLLOW UP TO UNIT 1: If you taught Secrets of the Ancient Scrolls, try to keep up the challenge for kids to memorize the Books of the Bible and post their name and photo to your WALL OF SCHOLARS. This is a skill that will serve them well for life! The younger they learn it, the easier it is!

See the **HOW TO USE it PDF** included in your **READ FIRST FILES** for a detailed description of each element for every lesson.

We loved writing this series for you and pray that God will use it to help your kids be inspired by the stories you tell, the application of those stories to their lives, and are excited to hear how your kids respond to learning about some of the attributes of God!

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