



**SEPTEMBER'S THEME**

**WHAT HAPPENS HERE**

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 26:26-29

**BOTTOM LINE** Because you can trust the Bible, you can trust what the Bible says

**MEMORY VERSES** Matthew 26:26-29

**LIFE APP** Use the Bible to put your world back into focus



- This week we will reintroduce Monkey Tickets. Encourage kids to come to Freestyle to get tickets to be invited up for games!
- We will have communion tonight. Ask students to be respectful of the space and claim the presence of Christ in that moment.

**MY GOAL FOR THE NIGHT:**

**THINK ABOUT THIS**

As Christians, we spend a lot of time asking one another to “trust the Bible.” Trust it with our relationships, with our money, with our purpose in life. But, how can I really be sure that what is in the Bible is trustworthy? Like trusting new glasses or contact lenses to give you clear vision to navigate your world, it can be hard to trust the Bible to navigate the important aspects of our lives. Tonight we’ll look at three reasons why students can trust the Bible, and thereby what the Bible says. Engage the students in a conversation about how they view the Bible and how they feel they can trust it to lead them in the right direction. Share your own story on this journey of trust.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- How many of you have had to wear corrective eye-wear? Describe what it was like for you the first time you wore them. What made you anxious? Did you trust them right away?
- What are some of the different ways people see the Bible? What are some comments you’ve heard for it or against it? If the Bible were a tool, what kind of tool would it be? If the Bible were a type (genre) of writing, what would it be? How does your description affect the way you see the Bible?
- Jason talked about the way that the New Testament and the Bible line up with other historical documents? Why does that matter?
- How does the reliability of the New Testament help your faith or change your relationship to God?
- How do the more experiential elements of your relationship with God affect the way that you think about the Bible? For example, how does Communion or worship connect you to what is happening in the Bible?
- Many of the good and bad things that happen in our world can, in many cases, be traced back to a way that someone used the Bible. The Bible is supposed to make our world “come into focus.” Given what we said about the way that Jesus is the “image” of God last week, what would it mean to say to think that Jesus is the “lens” we should use to interpret the Bible? (Jesus is love, God is love, this book is a love story)

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# EXTRAS

## PEOPLE IN FOCUS

All throughout the Gospels, Jesus does things that show people that he is someone to listen to: he heals people, he casts out demons, and raises the dead. One of the other things he did that demonstrated his uniqueness was interpreted the Bible. All over the place he is pointing out the right way to use the Bible to see the world.

The majority of his teaching dealt with how we see the marginalized in our society: the poor, the weak, and the powerless. Jesus brought the humanity of these people into focus in ways that very few others had up to that point.

That was 2,000 years ago, so of course we have 100% adopted Jesus' way of seeing people! Right?!? Sadly, no, we haven't. Recent events confirm that truth. Revisit the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:1-16 and then talk about the people in your life who fall into those categories. What are their names? How do you know them? What is their story? If those are hard questions for you to answer, commit to connecting with one of these people this week. Make one of those moments where "heaven and earth meet" a reality. When you do, I promise that you will start to see people, the world, in focus.

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# JUST FOR FUN

## GAME #1: STUMIN IN FOCUS

Tonight we're going to practice putting the people we do StuMin with into focus through a selfie scavenger hunt. Go with your group and take the following selfies around campus. Along the way, kids will get to know some people they maybe haven't met and find some parts of the building perhaps they haven't been. Post your selfies on the StuMin Instagram for a shot at a group trip to Chipotle!

### Suggested Selfies

1. Take a selfie with Russ
2. Take a selfie with Darren
3. Take a selfie with Jason
4. Take a selfie in the sanctuary in front of the StuMin set
5. Take a selfie with the cross tower in the background
6. Take a selfie with someone wearing your school colors
7. Take a selfie with another group arranged tallest to shortest
8. Take a selfie in the Atrium
9. Take a selfie in the cafe
10. Take a selfie with someone in a jersey
11. Take a selfie with a guy with facial hair
12. Take a selfie with a girl with facial hair
13. Take a selfie with a person from each grade
14. Take a selfie with Prince of Peace facilities staff