

11/1 Bible Breakout - God Sightings

Opening Song – Open the eyes of my heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtCu1tm4qWo>

Game:

As you are introducing today's lesson, put on 10–15 accessories as you talk.

Game (cont'd) Have the kids grab their paper & pencil. While they are, drape a sheet over yourself to hide the accessories. Ask students to list as many accessories as they remember. After a minute or two, take off the sheet and see who remembered the most items. You saw me put on each accessory, but no one remembered every item I had on.

Supplies:

Construction paper – 4 ½ sheets, different colors

Googly eyes – 2

Heart stickers

Scissors

Glue

Markers

Pencil

Paper

Sheet

10 accessories

Bible Breakout

November 1, 2020

10:30AM

Enclosed are the materials you will need to join me for Bible Breakout on Sunday morning (11/1). This month's theme is God Sightings. We will be using the same link that we do for service. If you need the link, visit our website – www.allsaintsabq.org. Come for the service or hop on a few minutes before 10:30am. Then we'll "breakout" from the group and have some fun! I will be using activities, videos, and music each week to tell the story or theme.

In this month's packet, you will find our discussion on what a God sighting might be. I encourage you to talk with your children about some God sightings you've had lately. We will be making a craft to remind us to open our heart's eyes to see God everywhere. We will also be playing a couple games throughout the lesson.

From home you will need to glue, markers, scissors, paper and a pencil. Please let me know if you need any of these items. I will drop them by your house.

Because of the weather this weekend, we will only be Zooming. Be sure to have your BBO bags from your Faith @ Home Kits.

Blessings.

Martha

What is a God sighting?

A time, a place, a moment when you see God present.

How do you know God is present?

Is there anything or anyone good in your life? That and they are a gift from God. That's a God sighting.

Have you experienced love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness or self-control in yourself or from others? Those are straight from the Spirit. That's a God sighting.

Do you have tasks to do each day? Do you have good work to be part of where you bless others and benefit your world? That's a God sighting.

Have you ever been forgiven? That's a God sighting.

And if we realize something is a God sighting, we can then say, "Hey, thanks God." Or "Thank you Abba Father." "Thank you Jesus."

God's not picky how you thank Him. But it is a very good thing to have a thankful heart. People often explain that hearing God doesn't come through our ears but through our hearts. The trouble is, our hearts don't *hear* God either!

The Bible *is* God's Word. It is His message to us, and **God speaks to us through the Bible**. If we want to recognize God's voice, we must spend time in His Word.

Sometimes **God directs our thoughts or gives us an idea**. For example, if I see ice cream on the table, I might shout out, "I love ice cream!"

Anyone in the room would hear me say that out loud. But if instead of saying those words out loud, I think to myself, "I love ice cream!" no one else can hear those words. But to me, those silent words are just as clear as the ones spoken out loud. They are real words and thoughts, even though my ears can't hear them.

Sometimes God speaks to us through the thoughts and ideas He puts into our head.

Explain to your kids that we often experience God speaking in this way when

- someone's name is on our mind. Maybe God is encouraging us to pray for the person.
- you have a strong feeling about something. It might be that God is directing us in the way we should (or shouldn't) go.
- a Bible verse comes to mind. God may be encouraging you to *do* what that Bible verse says, or He might be bringing you peace or courage through it.
- a picture of doing something plays on the screen of your mind. God could be showing you a way you can serve Him or help another person.

God often puts thoughts and ideas into our minds and "moves in us" in this way.

What God tells you will NEVER go against what the Bible says. This is another reason why it's so important to get our kids in God's Word!

Here we will play a game.

Sometimes we see things, but forget about them until we take another look. That's true about God too! We can forget that God is there until we take a closer look. But when we search for God, we will find him.

There are so many things we search for. Some are things we think are really important today, but next week we don't feel the same way about them. Toys can break. Money gets lost. Friends might not want to be together anymore. Sometimes, we hunt for some

treasures and never find them, no matter how hard and how long we look. But there is one treasure that I know for sure you and I can find if we search for it. In fact, the Bible promises we'll find it. The promise is in Jeremiah 29:13. Read this verse. This is a totally true promise, and it means the most valuable treasure in the world is one we can find for sure.

There's one problem with searching for God. What do you think it might be? Let kids respond. Yes, it's forgetting to search! We remember to search for the ball we left on the sidewalk, or for a school backpack. But since we can't see God the same way we see our toys or pets or homework, we forget to search for him. If we forget to search for God, will we find him? Let kids respond.

When we open our hearts to God, we open our eyes also. So we are going to do a little project so we don't forget to open the eyes of our hearts and search for God.

Activity:



Get up Activity:

Search for something that reminds you of God.

Pray:

Dear God: We praise you because you want us to find you. We ask God that you show us reminders to seek you this week. I confess and ask your forgiveness for times we forgot to look for you. Help me to open the eyes of my heart so that I can see you every day. Thank you God that even when we might forget to seek you, you never forget us. In Jesus' name. Amen.