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# REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

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## SERIES: A NEW LIFE

Join us throughout the month of March as we learn stories about the NEW LIFE Jesus Christ offers in Himself when we accept Him into our hearts! We will be reading through the books of Luke and John.

## REMEMBER VERSE

PSALM 139:23-24—Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

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## SCHEDULE

### *All Services*

0:00—0:35	Small Group (Respond Activity/Lesson)
0:35—0:40	Transition to Large Group
0:40—1:00	Large Group (B100)
1:00—1:05	Transition to Small Group
1:05—1:15	Bless and Dismiss

## NOTES

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# LEADER RESOURCES

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## SERIES OVERVIEW

WEEK 1: God's Plan Is Best

*Peter*

WEEK 2: God Knows Everything

*Woman at the Well*

WEEK 3: Jesus Seeks and Saves

*Zacchaeus*

CURRENT WEEK: Remember & Celebrate

*Feast: Trumpets*

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## EQUIP

Feasts of Trumpets: A Feast Celebrating God's Faithfulness

This feast is the first of the fall feasts. The Jewish people call this feast Rosh Hashanah, which literally means "head of the year," as it's observed as the start of the civil year on the Jewish calendar (in contrast with the religious year, which starts with Passover). This celebration focused on the faithfulness of God. It consisted of a time of rest, "an offering made by fire," and the blowing of the trumpets. The Feast of Trumpets would occur at the new moon when only the slightest crescent would be visible. Watchfulness was a critical ingredient of the feast. This need for watchfulness and preparedness with the Feast of Trumpets is echoed throughout the New Testament in connection with the Lord's second coming.

## ENCOURAGE

What are your stories of God's faithfulness? How has God used the faith community to rally around you in times of need? How has God orchestrated events so that the right help came just when you needed it? When did that much-needed listening ear, exact amount of money, or perfectly-timed event arrive at exactly the right time, in ways you knew could only come from God's faithful hand? Think back on your life and remember these stories. Write them down. Tell them to a trusted family member or friend.

Whether we're in times of trial or rejoicing, the stories of God's faithfulness remind us of the way God has shown Himself to be real. He is our strength, the hope of our life, and the One who loves us. As you remember God's faithfulness in your life, praise Him for His love. Praise Him for His mercies that are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23).

## WELCOME

*Some fun ideas to welcome kids as they check-in to your room at the beginning of service.*

Invite the kids to color on the provided coloring page or work on the provided activity page.

As kids arrive, feel free to ask them this week's Connect Question. Feel free to write the question on the board and encourage some fun dialogue before you start your lesson.

QUESTION: What has been your favorite ZONK! episode so far?

## RESPOND

*A chance for kids to respond to what God is putting on their hearts through creative expression.*

Today, we will be playing a review game! Feel free to add any other elements to the game that is provided!

INSTRUCTIONS: Place topic signs on board. Divide class into 2 (or more) teams depending on the size of the class (some ideas to divide are: by birthday month, by clothing color, randomly numbered, etc.). Have another leader be scorekeeper. Allow the teams a minute or two to create a fun team name. Pick one team to go first. That team will choose a question from a topic category for any point value left available. (Questions get more difficult as point value increases). The leader facilitating the game will read the chosen question to the group. Allow the whole team a chance to discuss with each other their final answer. The points possible are listed on each card based on difficulty but feel free to adjust as needed. Repeat for each team. Continue game until all questions have been answered or as time permits. Encourage leaders to sit with teams to help maintain a whole team effort within each team.

SUPPLIES:

- Topic Signs
- Question Cards

## REFLECT

*A chance to reflect on what kids have just learned about The Big God Story.*

The Feast of Trumpets was the first day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar—the end of the harvest season. It was a day for people to gather together, present offerings to the LORD, and for the leaders to blow trumpets. The Feast of Trumpets was like a New Year celebration and it reminded the Jews that God had been faithful to provide again.

- What does faithful mean?
- How can someone be faithful?
- How has God been faithful to you?

## BLESS

*A powerful way to bless the kids and parents by sending them off with a benediction.*

INSTRUCTIONS: Invite the parents into your room at the end of the service to say one last prayer together with the whole family. Instruct them to find their child and sit/stand by their side. Explain what their child learned today and read the verse below. Pray together and then dismiss.

PSALM 35:6 – Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

BLESSING: May you remember God's faithfulness each year. May you worship Him for sending Jesus to be your Savior.

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## RESOURCES PROVIDED

- None

## STORYTELLING

The Feast of Trumpets was a giant celebration of God's faithfulness. It was the beginning of a new year and the end of a harvest season. It marked the start of 10 days for the people of Israel to prepare themselves and repent before the Day of Atonement. The Feast of Trumpets was a yearly feast to remind Israel that God had not forsaken them, that God had kept His covenant to them, that God had led them, and that God had provided for them and forgiven their sins. Even though these people had so often fallen short of God's perfect law, God kept His covenant to them because He is faithful. God always does what He says He will do.

**QUESTION:** What did it mean when Jesus told Peter that he would "fish for people"?

- That his friends would all fall out of their boats, and Peter would have to fish them out.
- That Peter was going to be a part of God's plan to bring people into a relationship with God.
- That Peter's friends smelled like fish.
- That Peter needed to go out again and try to catch bigger fish in his net.

**ANSWER:** B. When Jesus told Peter that he would "fish for people" it meant that Peter was going to be a part of God's plan to bring people into relationship with God.

**QUESTION:** True or False: When people see how we treat them, and one another, they'll see that we're Jesus' disciples.

**ANSWER:** True.

**QUESTION:** Why was it so surprising that Jesus talked to the woman at the well?

- She was Samaritan, and Jesus was a Jew.
- She was a woman, and Jesus was a man, and men really only talked to women in their families.
- She was a sinner, and Jesus was sinless.
- All of the above.

**ANSWER:** D. All of the above. Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well was so surprising because she was a Samaritan, a woman, and a sinner, and Jesus was a Jewish man. But, He spoke to her because He knows everything, and He came to redeem her.

**QUESTION:** To the woman at the well, Jesus revealed that He is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** Messiah.

**QUESTION:** True or False: In Jesus' time, tax collectors were basically like really cool celebrities that everyone wanted to hang out with.

**ANSWER:** False! The people didn't like tax collectors and weren't friends with them.

**QUESTION:** Zacchaeus was ...

- A wee little man
- A tax collector
- Somebody that no one liked
- Changed by the love of Jesus
- All of the above

**ANSWER:** E. All of the above. Zacchaeus was a tax collector, whom no one liked. After Jesus called him to come down from the tree and had lunch with him, Zacchaeus was changed forever.

**QUESTION:** Finish the phrase: Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the lost.

- feed and free
- heal and help
- seek and save
- clean and shave

**ANSWER:** C. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

**QUESTION:** True or False: Right before Jesus called Peter to follow Him, there was a miraculous catch of fish after a long night of catching nothing.

**ANSWER:** True! Jesus told Peter to try again and they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink from the weight.

**QUESTION:** What did Jesus know about the woman at the well?

- Nothing, she was a stranger
- Everything
- Just her dog's name
- Just her favorite movie

**ANSWER:** B. Jesus is God, and He knows everything about us and loves us.

**QUESTION:** What did the Samaritan woman do after Jesus told her who He is?

- She got her water and went home.
- She yelled at Jesus
- She left her water jug and went back to her town to tell everyone that Jesus is the Savior

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d. None of the above

**ANSWER:** C. And the Bible tells us that many people from her town came to believe in Jesus.

**QUESTION:** How did Peter respond when he saw that they had caught lots of fish?

- He was excited and cheered
- He was angry because he didn't want to clean the fish
- He fell at Jesus' feet and said "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man"
- He told Jesus, "Thank you Lord, we have a lot of fish now."

**ANSWER:** C. Peter recognized that he was a sinner and that Jesus was no ordinary man: He is God. But Jesus didn't leave Peter, instead he invited Peter to follow him.

**QUESTION:** Based on His interactions with Zacchaeus and the Samaritan Woman, what kind of people did Jesus hang out with?

- The popular people who were perfect
- Sinners, outcasts, the needy, the lost, etc.
- Only tall people
- The Pharisees, Sadducees, and Teachers of the Law

**ANSWER:** B. Jesus came to rescue sinners—that's all of us. He came to seek and save the lost.