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Series 1: At the Movies

Week 1: The Lion King - Embracing Our True Identity

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Theme: Discovering and embracing our true identity in Christ.

Teaching Points:

- Show Simba running from his past (Rafiki scene).
- Teach how Christ gives us a new identity rooted in His righteousness.
- Contrast worldly identity vs. gospel identity.
- Share a testimony of identity transformation.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What does it mean to be a 'new creation' in Christ?
- 2. Where do you struggle with identity or self-worth?
- 3. Who is a spiritual mentor in your life?
- 4. What step can you take to embrace your identity in Christ?

Week 2: Avengers: Endgame - The Power of Sacrifice and Redemption

Scripture: John 15:13

Theme: Understanding sacrifice and hope through Christ.

Teaching Points:

- Show Iron Man's sacrifice.
- Teach on Jesus' sacrifice as the ultimate act of love.
- Discuss redemption in Scripture and in personal lives.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What does Jesus laying down His life mean to you?
- 2. How do you respond to being loved sacrificially?
- 3. Who models selfless love in your life?
- 4. How can you reflect Jesus' love this week?

Week 3: The Hunger Games – Standing Up for Justice

Scripture: Micah 6:8

Theme: Acting justly, loving mercy, walking humbly.

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Teaching Points:

- Show Katniss volunteering as tribute.
- Teach God's heart for justice.
- Share a modern testimony of justice in action.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What does justice look like in your life?
- 2. When have you stood for what's right?
- 3. How can we be bold yet humble?
- 4. What injustice burdens your heart?

Series 2: Fix Your Face

Week 1: Poor in Spirit – Humility Over Hype

Scripture: Matthew 5:3

Theme: Embracing humility and our need for God.

Teaching Points:

- Contrast pride vs. spiritual poverty.
- Use visuals/skits to explore humility.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What does being 'poor in spirit' mean?
- 2. Why is humility hard in today's world?
- 3. How can you be humble this week?
- 4. Where do you need to rely on God?

Week 2: Those Who Mourn - Embracing Brokenness

Scripture: Matthew 5:4

Theme: Comfort through grief and repentance.

Teaching Points:

- Discuss godly sorrow vs. worldly regret.
- Teach vulnerability and healing.

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Small Group Questions:

- 1. What does godly mourning look like?
- 2. How has God comforted you?
- 3. What are you holding back from God?
- 4. How can we support others in pain?

Week 3: Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Scripture: Matthew 5:6

Theme: Longing for God's righteousness.

Teaching Points:

- Use a hunger object lesson.
- Talk about godly vs. worldly desires.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What are you 'hungry' for in life?
- 2. How do we pursue righteousness?
- 3. What inspires you to live for God?
- 4. What can you do this week to grow spiritually?

Week 4: Peacemakers - Reflecting God's Peace

Scripture: Matthew 5:9

Theme: Living as agents of peace.

Teaching Points:

- Define shalom: wholeness.
- Role-play peace-making scenarios.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What is a peacemaker?
- 2. Where do you see division?
- 3. How do you bring peace without compromise?
- 4. Where can you bring peace this week?

Series 3: To Infinity and Beyond

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Week 1: The Call to Go

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Theme: Living out the Great Commission.

Teaching Points:

- Use space launch metaphor.
- Emphasize that all are called to go.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What stands out in the Great Commission?
- 2. Are you called to go? Why?
- 3. What holds us back?
- 4. Who needs Jesus in your life?

Week 2: Equipped for the Journey

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10–18

Theme: Armor of God and spiritual readiness.

Teaching Points:

- Teach each armor piece.
- Use real-life examples of spiritual resilience.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What armor piece stands out to you?
- 2. Why do we need preparation?
- 3. How can you "suit up" this week?
- 4. How has prayer helped you recently?

Week 3: Beyond Our Borders

Scripture: Acts 1:8

Theme: Global mission mindset.

Teaching Points:

- Use a globe and map.
- Share missionary stories.

Small Group Questions:

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- 1. What does it mean to be a witness?
- 2. Is your school a mission field?
- 3. Why reach the whole world?
- 4. What's one step you can take in missions?

Week 4: Mission Possible

Scripture: Luke 10:2

Theme: Responding to God's mission with urgency.

Teaching Points:

- Use mission-themed visuals.
- Highlight the importance of prayer.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What does Luke 10:2 mean for you?
- 2. Do you feel urgency to share the Gospel?
- 3. How can you support missionaries?
- 4. What's your next mission step?

Series 4: At Your Fingertips

Week 1: What's Your Story?

Scripture: Matthew 12:34b

Theme: Your digital narrative reflects your heart.

Teaching Points:

- Analyze bios/posts.
- Align private and public lives.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What do your posts reflect?
- 2. Are you the same online and offline?
- 3. Why do we post perfect images?
- 4. What could you post that reflects Jesus?

Week 2: Be True to God

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Scripture: Romans 12:2

Theme: A Christ-centered online presence.

Teaching Points:

- Don't conform to digital pressure.
- Highlight Christian digital influencers.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What is a Christ-centered online life?
- 2. What digital habit needs changing?
- 3. Who inspires you online?
- 4. What can you post to reflect truth?

Week 3: Be True to Yourself

Scripture: Psalm 139:14

Theme: Embracing God-given uniqueness.

Teaching Points:

- Talk about online comparison.
- Teach confidence in Christ.

Small Group Questions:

- 1. Have you compared yourself online?
- 2. What makes you unique?
- 3. What helps you see your value?
- 4. How can you celebrate God's design in you?

Week 4: Guard Your Heart

Scripture: Proverbs 4:23

Theme: Setting boundaries online.

Teaching Points:

- Discuss the heart as the control center.
- Encourage wise content consumption.

Small Group Questions:

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- 1. What online content affects your heart?
- 2. What boundaries could help?
- 3. Does God care what we watch?
- 4. What changes will you make this week?

Series Wrap-Up: Digital Detox Challenge

- One week of mindful digital habits.
- Screen limits, faith-focused posts.
- Small group accountability.
- Devotions on identity and discipline.