

Winter Fusion 2017'

FAMILY GROUP LESSONS

G O A L S

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Winter Fusion 2017' - "Goal"

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"Goal is.... what you say?"



INTRODUCTION

- ❖ Take time in getting to know the students that you'll be having in your group for this 1st family group session. Try to get to know each of them by name if you haven't already. You set the tone for how your group will go for the short time we have together and how open they'll be during discussions. The more you're open to them, the more they'll be with you. For the group to start talking and interacting with one another, use the icebreaker games provided below. Have fun 😊

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Introduce the theme for Winter Fusion 2017' entitled, "Goal" along with **Romans 12:1-12:2** which is the main scripture for this week
- ❖ *Learn what a goal actually is and the different types of goals out there*
- ❖ Continue to expand their understanding of the new gospel they're learning

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- ❖ *For Bible Study:* Bible, Paper, Pen/Pencil if the students need one
- ❖ *For the Game "Fongo Bingo":* Need paper plus pen/pencils and price for the winner

GAME TIME/ICE BREAKER *"Fongo Bingo"*

Each person is given a piece of paper and a pen. Everybody is given five minutes to go around the room and collect the names of six people in the room they don't know so well. They must find out three things about each person on their sheet (name, school, about family, pets, what you like, etc.). When everybody has six people on their sheet they take their seats again to play bingo. Leader will have a list of everybody in the room and their names. To play bingo the leader up front will read names of the sheet in a random order. People tick off names on their sheet as they are read out. Whoever is the first to cross off all six of the names on the sheet and yells out bingo wins! That person will receive a price and should be asked to introduce all six people on their sheet and say what they found out about them

GROUP TIME

- ❖ Once you have finished your game with your group, see what they're expecting to accomplish or goals for this particular trip. See if your kids have reconnected with their old friends from Fusion Camp. Pray as a group to God that he opens your heart and mind to what you're about to learn and encounter

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BIBLE STUDY

What does a goal mean to you?

Goal is something that a person wants or desires (trying to achieve your purpose)

Read the scriptures below to determine how we should achieve our goals by _____

Habakkuk 2:2-2:3 →

Writing exactly what you want in a goal and measure out progress if you achieve it or not

Romans 12:2 →

Seeing if your goal is realistic or not

2 Chronicles 15:7 →

Having the want or desire from within to achieve it

Determine the difference and similarities between short/long terms goals by reading

Luke 14:28-14:31

Long Term Goals →

A goal that takes a long time to achieve (over a year)

Short Term Goals →

A goal that you accomplish soon (today, this week, this month, or some point this year)

Similarities →

Takes time, effort, planning, patience, etc.

As you read **Matthew 28:18-28:20**, figure out what "Godly Goals" are

Commit spiritually, make settled commitments about your path, commit sincerely about your plans (Pray, Prioritize, Plan, Prepare, Pray)

Personal Goals and Godly Goals does have a difference. What is the difference?

Personal – giving glory to yourself, Godly – giving glory to God as you're doing everything you can in his name

FINAL POINT

Read **Romans 12:1-12:2**, what is our ultimate goal that we should be shooting for?

Serving, honoring, and doing what we can for God to make things better all-around to fully achieve what we truly want

The last 2 set of verses that you read, what is it going to take in achieving that ultimate goal?

Sacrifice is the key to serve God the way we need to get our goals accomplished and turns out even better than expected

Pray with your students at the end of the session that they figure out and understand what goal is. Along with what they want to achieve on this particular trip along with what they want to accomplish once they get back home!

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"Relationship Goals!"



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OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Introduce the theme for Winter Fusion 2017' entitled, "Goal" along with **Romans 12:1-12:2** which is the main scripture for this week
- ❖ *Learn what makes a good relationship with parents, friends, boyfriend or girlfriend*
- ❖ Continue to expand their understanding of the new gospel they're learning

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- ❖ *For Bible Study:* Bible, Paper, Pen/Pencil if the students need one
- ❖ *For the Game "Two Truths and a Lie":* Just people with ideas

GAME TIME/ICE BREAKER *"Two Truths and a Lie"*

Tell the group that each person will introduce themselves by stating two truths and one lie. They don't have to be intimate, life-revealing things, just simple hobbies, interests, or past experiences that make each person unique. The lie can be outrageous, wacky, or sound like a truth and the rest of the participants have to guess which statement is a lie

GROUP TIME

- ❖ Once you have finished your game with your group, see what they're expecting to accomplish or goals for this particular trip. See if your kids have reconnected with their old friends from Fusion Camp. Pray as a group to God that he opens your heart and mind to what you're about to learn and encounter

BIBLE STUDY

What makes a good relationship?

...relationship with parents?

...relationships with friends?

...relationships with b/f or g/f?

Distribute the Following Scripture Verses to read before answering the questions below:

John 15:12

Ephesians 4:32

Colossians 3:12-3:14

Romans 15:7

Ephesians 5:21

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Galatians 5:15

Philippians 2:2-2:4

James 5:16

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**After reading each verse, discuss what you can learn about relationships and how you can have better ones with the people in your life (parents, friends, etc.) Kids love stories. If you have a story that would enrich one of these verses, feel free to share it with the group*

Ask: According to these verses, what should our relationships look like? What should are relationship goals look like?

Ask: Do you see a recurring theme in these verses?
How Christ has done these things for you or how he has set the example. "as Christ did for you", "as Christ has done for you"

Ask: What is the best example of a godly relationship that you've seen?
It could be a marriage relationship, a friend relationship, or maybe a relationship between a player or coach

All relationships are important, there's no doubt about that. But, it's our relationship with God that's the most important. The way we interact with God sets the tone for the way we treat everyone else in our life. We're going to look at one more relationship before we finish today's lesson and that's the relationship that Jesus had with God

- ❖ The kind or relationship that Jesus had with God is the same kind of relationship that we should have with God

Take time to read verses **Matthew 14:23**, **Luke 6:12**, and **Mark 1:35**. What was the common thing that Jesus was trying to accomplish?

Jesus made several attempts to break away and be alone with God. He got away from his family, his friends, and everything else that Jesus dealt with and went to be alone with his heavenly Father

Ask: Why was that?

FINAL POINT

No matter who you are in a relationship with, there's always room for improvement. In some cases, there's a lot of room for improvement. Scripture doesn't say that relationships are easy. In fact, relationships are downright hard; that's why the Bible speaks so much about them. However, Jesus has set the ultimate example in two very specific ways. First, **he has shown us that a relationship with God is of utmost importance**. The better our relationship is with God, the better our relationship with others will be. And second, **Jesus has shown us time after time exactly how to treat those around us**

Pray together as a group for God to help and strengthen our relationships not only with each other, but with God as well. And pray to give us to patience to help build those connections with all!

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"Busting Barriers!"



INTRODUCTION

- ❖ Keep learning and getting to know your students as you begin this 3rd family group session. Take the time to get to know each other by name if you haven't already. Continue to set the tone for how your group will open up during your session together. The more you're open to them, the more they'll be open with you as well. For the group to start talking and interacting with one another, use the icebreaker games provided below. Have fun ☺

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Introduce the theme for Winter Fusion 2017' entitled, "Goal" along with **Romans 12:1-12:2** which is the main scripture for this week
- ❖ *Learn in this session on how to achieve your goals by overcoming and busting through barriers*
- ❖ Continue to expand their understanding of the new gospel they're learning

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- ❖ *For Bible Study:* Bible, Paper, Pen/Pencil if the students need one
- ❖ *For the Game "One Word Story":* Just people with ideas

GAME TIME/ICE BREAKER "One Word Story"

One person starts the story by saying one word, then the person next to them says the next word, and the process repeats until you've completed a sentence. You play as long as you like

GROUP TIME

- ❖ As you about to begin this session of your Family Group, check in with your kids to see how Winter Fusion is going and what they're taking away from it so far. Give them a chance to tell stories and experiences of their trip so far. See if they have built relationships with new friends or reconnected with old friends from Fusion Camp. Pray together as a group for God to open your minds and heart to what you're about to learn

BIBLE STUDY

As you read **Joshua 6:1-6:21**, discuss what obstacles that Joshua had to overcome in the story Time, Leading the Army, Gates and Walls of Jericho (How strong it was and looked indestructible)

Joshua was trying to overcome so many struggles internally and externally. And it starts taking tow on you in overcoming those obstacles just like Joshua was experiencing in trying to bust through the walls of Jericho with his army. Read **Romans 7:21-7:25** and figure out what was causing those struggles to happen

How we reacted to fear and sin internally and externally as people

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How does fear and sin hold you back from busting barriers and achieving your goal?

Sin → Keep us from fighting and holds us back spiritually on the inside to exhibit how it should be done on the outside

Fear → Hold us back on the inside to fight on the outside

What happens on how you react to your struggles on the inside can exhibit that same reaction on the outside in a negative way

Read **Hebrews 10:35-10:36** and think about items that we need to remember as we try to overcome barriers to reach your goal by realizing

- ❖ That any obstacle that you encounter is a **test** that you have to overcome to grow as a person
- ❖ It's an **endurance (patience)** type of race that takes **sacrifice** to get through and overcome

Re-read or recap some of the verses from earlier to figure out how you overcome your struggles and barriers like Joshua did to reach his goal

Joshua 6:1-6:3 →

Communicate to God in finding the solution to your issues

Joshua 6:4-6:16 →

Never was alone to battle for your goals as God is always with you (Just see and listen!)

Joshua 6:17-6:21 →

Anything that's impossible becomes possible by being positive and having confidence

FINAL POINT

Read **Romans 12:1-12:2**, what would describe our wall that holds us back and describe what we take from Joshua so we can bust the wall to get to our goals?

Holds Us Back – conforming to the world things is our barrier, From Joshua to Reach Goal – renew our mind with God to conquer and achieve

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"The Aftermath"



INTRODUCTION

- ❖ This is the last Family Group session that you'll have together. See what they enjoyed about the trip in taking some back with them. Connect with them one last time as you set the tone how open they'll be with you especially if you're open to them. Finish up what you started with them in leaving an everlasting impression on them. Enjoy☺

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- ❖ *Learn what do you do when you fail*
- ❖ Continue to expand their understanding of the new gospel they're learning

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- ❖ *For Bible Study:* Bible, Paper, Pen/Pencil if the students need one

GAME TIME/ICE BREAKER

Ask your kids to share about a time when they failed to achieve a goal, but kept trying and eventually succeeded

After you succeed in something, what comes next?

GROUP TIME

- ❖ Pray together as a group for God to open your minds and hearts to what you're about to learn as you'll start the final Family Group time session. Give them one more chance to open up to you and each other as you guys continue to develop and connect those relationships that will last forever

BIBLE STUDY

Read **Joshua 7:1-7:5** and **ask** them the following questions below

- ❖ Why/how did the Israelites fail?

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- ❖ What happened after the Israelites failed? **(Look specifically at verse 5)**
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Read Joshua 7:10-7:12 and ask them the following questions below

- ❖ According to verse 10, did God want the Israelites to give up and quit?
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God specifically names the sins that Israel had committed and he gives them a chance to correct their mistakes

- ❖ When you're given a second chance, do you take it? Why or why not?
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- ❖ If you are given advice on how to do something better, do you take it and apply it? Why or why not?
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- ❖ In verse 12, what did God say would happen IF the Israelites didn't make the appropriate adjustments?
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Come to find out, it was the man named Achan who took some things that God commanded all of Israel not to (see Joshua 7:16-7:21 for details). Scripture says that he "coveted" these items when he saw them – big "no no"!

Read Joshua 7:22-7:26 and ask them the following questions below

- ❖ How did the Israelites handle the problem?
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- ❖ Do you think this was a harsh way of dealing with a problem? Why or Why not?
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Read Joshua 8:1 and ask them the following question below

- ❖ So, that the adjustments have been made and the problems have been dealt with, what was God telling Joshua and all the people of Israel to do?
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This time Joshua and the Israelites succeed (read the rest of Chapter 8 for details).

Joshua went on to renew the covenant that God had made with all of Israel (Joshua 8:30ish). In other words, he worshipped and gave glory to God by saying, "We're going to continue to follow you and make you our God

Give the students a 3X5 note card. Tell them to fold it in half and write on one side what adjustments they need to make in achieving their personal Goals. On the other half tell them to write what adjustments they need to make in achieving the goals that God has for them

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FINAL POINT

Everyone will have times in their life where they don't succeed. This is just part of life. No one succeeds at everything every time. Unfortunately, the same is true when it comes to our personal goals and the goals that God has for us – we will fail from time to time. However, no matter how many times we fail, God will always give us a second chance. His Word is filled with things that we can use to make adjustments. His Word is also filled with things that we should stay away from as Christians – things that need to be removed from our life. God has a great reward for us when we throw off these weights and keep our eyes focused on him. Let's start running our race the right way and being achieving our goals!

Pray together as a group for safety home and taking something back with you to apply back in your life as attempt to make and create your goals with God