

The Grid: Truth

Week 1

Props: Make a large banner with the words "The Grid for Kids". Add 5 large paper rocks with the words Truth, Love, Faith, Obedience, and Grace written on them.

-SLIDE- Welcome (Start kid's countdown once all classes are present)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Today we're starting an awesome new series called "The Grid." Grid is just a fancy word that means how you look at life. Has anyone ever watched a 3D movie with 3D glasses? **(allow kids to raise hands)**. The glasses make it so that you see the movie in a different way! The glasses were your grid because they changed the way you looked at the movie.

This is how it works in life, too. We all see the world around us through a grid. For example, as a kid, you see the world through a kid grid. That means you think about homework, what you will do at recess, and how to bug your siblings. Your parents see life through an adult grid. They think about having a good job to pay for stuff like a place to live and food to eat. Now, in this series, we're going to talk about a grid that everyone should see through- whether you're a kid or an adult. It's called a Christian Grid.

We'll talk more about that in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song to God.

-SONG- Happy Day (3 min)

Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea together.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: A Christian grid helps you sort out good ideas and bad ideas. (repeat)

-VIDEO- Grid 1 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Your grid is all about how you ___ _____. (see life)
- A Christian grid helps you do what? (sort out good ideas and bad ideas)
- True or False: The first rock of the Christian Grid is Truth. (True)

Great job! When we have a Christian grid, that means we allow the Bible to help us sort out good ideas and bad ideas. The Bible is God's truth he has given us so we know how to live to honor him. If we didn't have the Bible, we would all just do our own thing, never knowing if it was right or wrong.

Let's go back to the sand sifter. Remember how it works? When you pour sand and rocks on the sifter what happens? **(allow kids to answer)** Right! The sand falls through and the rocks stay on top. The Bible is like a sand sifter. When you pour your ideas on it, the bad ideas **(the sand)** will fall through the holes. But the good ideas **(the rocks)** will stay on top. Those are things worth holding onto. So, in today's lesson, the rock worth holding onto is truth. We need God's truth, the Bible, in order to see the world the way God wants us to. Without truth, we have no direction.

That reminds me of our memory verse, let's stand and say it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "And you **(point out)** will know the truth **(hands in prayer)**, and the truth **(hands in prayer)** will set you free. **(arms spread wide)**" John 8:32
(Repeat)

This verse tells us to look for what is true, and do you know where we find truth? **(allow kid to answer)** Right, in the Bible! So, what should we do when we hear an idea from a friend? **(allow kid to answer)** Correct! Put it through the Bible sifter first. And, here's another really important thing. When we know God's truth, this verse says we are free. When we see things God's way, we're free to live for him. We won't be confused by other ideas.

Now let's stand together and sing one last song to God!

-SONG- Light of the World (3 min)

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: A Christian grid helps you sort out good ideas and bad ideas.
(Repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)