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**EVIDENCE FILE**

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Bible Exploration  
Battalion Camp - Grades 7-12

## **Welcome to Brigade Camp at Stony Glen**

Stony Glen is a place to explore and discover in a new and different environment. There is something special about being in the great outdoors experiencing the adventures of Brigade Camp. It is a chance to gain a new perspective on life. That's true for your approach to Bible study too. Like the great new experiences of camp, here's a chance to look at the Bible in a fresh new way. Allow the truths of the Bible to give you a fresh view of life and it's meaning.

## **Morning Case Background**

You'll begin each day with the Morning Case Background. This will be your personal devotion. This is a special time for you to be alone with God. During this time you will begin to investigate the evidence for our case. Don't be afraid to ask God the tough questions that you may have about that day's subject. He gave us a mind to do just that. He wants us to ask Him. Also, write down your questions. You may want to ask your leader these questions.

## **Evidence Investigation**

The Evidence Investigation is a time for your Bible Exploration as a cabin group. While it's important to have time alone with God, it's also important to learn from and with each other. As you investigate the day's evidence, share your discoveries with the group. You will probably find that others in the group may have discovered other aspects about the evidence than you did.

Give honest answers and avoid the temptation to say what you think others are expecting to hear. Don't be afraid to express your doubts and questions; that's how a good investigation goes. You must be willing to ask the tough questions and be willing to change your mind when presented with God's truth. Some questions in this Bible Exploration are personal. You don't need to give your answers out loud. Sometimes, though, it's great to share a 'personal' answer. You'll probably find that others in the group feel the same way you do. You might even help somebody in his discovery of God's truth.

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**TRUTH**

**Morning Case Background**

**PRAY** that God would help you to see the truth and accept it as truth.

**READ** 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Our theme for this week of camp is *Evidence*. We will be spending the week investigating the case for Christianity. Is the Bible really God’s truth? Can we trust it? Is there evidence for Christianity?

Many Christians would say you don’t need evidence, you just need faith. But faith in what? These statements just lead us to the idea that our faith is in faith. Our faith needs to be in the truth claims of God. If the Bible is not true, then there can be no basis for our Christian beliefs.

Even the rest of the world asks the question, “What is truth?” You might hear it like this: “Well that may be true for you but it is not true for me” or “Every culture has their own truth.” How do we begin our investigation when we may not know the truth ourselves? This process begins with a renewing of the mind.

In today’s lesson we will begin our investigation into truth and its importance to God and the Bible.

**MEMORY VERSE**

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. - Proverbs 25:2

**fast fact:**

**Theme Verse**

1 Peter 3:15b

"Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

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**TRUTH**

**Evidence Investigation**

**PRAY** that God would help you and your cabin mates focus on and learn from today's study.

**fast fact:**

**John 14:6**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Here are some interesting facts taken from a survey conducted by the Barna Group. I find the results very enlightening:

- 64% of the American people say there is no moral truth (an ultimate right and wrong)
- 54% of born again evangelicals say there is no moral truth
- 83% of teenagers say there is no moral truth
- 6% of teenagers say there is moral truth
- 9% of teenagers from evangelical families say there is moral truth – Barna Group Survey

How does the world view moral truth (an ultimate right and wrong)?

What about you, do you believe there is a moral truth? Why or why not?

What did Jesus say his purpose for coming into this world was?

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**TRUTH**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

**READ** John 18:28-40

What did Jesus say was his purpose for coming into this world?

What do those on the side of truth do?

What was Pilate's response?

**READ** I Timothy 2:3-4

What does God want of all men?

**READ** John 14:16-17

Who is the Spirit of Truth?

**READ** John 16:13

Where will the Spirit of Truth guide you?

**fast fact:**

**Absolutes**

To say that there are no absolutes is in itself an absolute and therefore a self-defeating statement.

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**TRUTH**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

**READ** John 8:31-32

What sets us free?

What is truth?

Where do you find truth?

Is there a connection between truth and salvation?  
Why or why not?

**READ 2** Timothy 4:3-4

Why do men turn away from truth?

**PRAY** that God would help you understand the significance of truth and it's importance to salvation and to God, the Author of all truth.

**fast fact:**

**Truly**

“I tell you the truth” is used 79 times in the New Testament by Jesus.

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**EVIL**

**Morning Case Background**

**PRAY** that God would help you to see the world through His eyes and help you to understand that His ways are not our ways.

**READ** Mark 7:14-23

I constantly hear from people (even Christians) that man is basically good. How then do we explain murder or war? When people say man is basically good, what they are actually saying is “I am not a bad person; I try to do good.” It becomes a justification—I do more good than bad.

“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” *C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), Mere Christianity*

In order for us to call something good or evil, we must first have something to compare it to. Otherwise, we are just giving our opinion on it. We must have a reference point to give us the definition of good and evil. What is your reference point?

**MEMORY VERSE**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. - Isaiah 55:8-9

**fast fact:**

**Atheism**

Atheism cannot call something good or evil, because ultimately, they have for basis on what is good or evil. Only something outside of our universe can give us the definition of good and evil.

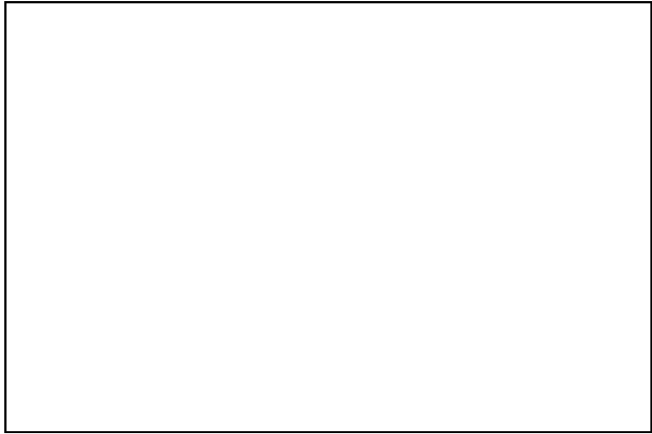
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**EVIL**

**Evidence Investigation**

**PRAY** that you begin to understand what is good and evil, and that God would help you to see His ways.

Put a dot somewhere in the box below:



**fast fact:**  
  
**Consider**  
  
“Good can exist without evil, whereas evil cannot exist without good.”  
  
Thomas Aquinas

Now without showing a friend your picture, have him put a dot in his box in the same exact location you have put yours.

What were the results? Did your friend get his dot in the same exact location? How did you do it?

What did you use to help your friend get the exact location?

I would guess, no matter how you told your friend where to place his dot, you had to give him a reference from which to start. This is the same with right and wrong - good and evil; we need a reference point.

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**EVIL**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

Where do we get our reference point?

**READ** 2 Timothy 3:16

What is scripture good for?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Would the Bible be a good reference? Why or why not?

**READ** Exodus 20:1-17

Are the Ten Commandments a good reference? Why or why not?

Could God have created the opposite of the Ten Commandments?

What is the significance of the Ten Commandments then?

Only God can be our reference and it can only be the God of Christianity.

**fast fact:**

**In His Image**

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians  
4:22-24

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**EVIL**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

Another question we must investigate when discussing evil is where did evil come from? Or did God create evil?

**READ** Psalm 148:1-6

Did God create the angels?

So if God created all things, did He create evil?

**READ** Genesis 2:15-17

Consider—God gives us a choice; we can choose to obey Him or not to obey Him. Disobeying Him is the beginning of evil. God is good. He is the essence of goodness.

**READ** James 1:17

Where does every good thing come from?

Evil is when we choose to disobey God or consider ourselves equal with God. Consider that darkness is the absence of light or cold is the absence of heat.

**PRAY** Father in heaven, help us to understand who you are and your ways. Help us to follow your Son, Jesus the Christ, and to do what is right according to your Word. Amen

**fast fact:**

**In His Image**

But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter  
1:15-16

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**HISTORY**

**Morning Case Background**

**PRAY** that God would help you to understand the historical truth of the Bible. And that we can trust it as His word.

**READ** John 21:20-25

What do you think is important in these verses?

First, these verses acknowledge that John is a witness to the accounts in this book and he is also the author. Would you rather hear about an amazing play at a football game from a stranger that heard about it from someone else, or would you rather hear it and see it from someone who was there. Even in a court of law, the testimony of an eyewitness to a crime is important.

Secondly, John admits that “Jesus did many other things as well.” John did not write down everything that he witnessed.

Today, we are going to investigate the historical accuracy of the Bible. Is the Bible something we can believe and trust? We will put the Bible to the test and compare it with other books from ancient history to determine how well we can trust it.

**MEMORY VERSE**

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. - 2 Peter 1:16

**fast fact:**

There are more than 3,200 verses with fulfilled prophecy either within the Bible itself or since the Bible was written.

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### HISTORY

#### Evidence Investigation

**PRAY** that we will open our minds to the truth presented to us and we will be discerning between the truth and lies.

**READ** Luke 1:1-4

From whom did Luke get his information for his gospel?

Why did Luke write his gospel?

To test whether an ancient book is authentic, we need to examine four things:

1. Manuscript Evidence
2. Archeological Evidence
3. Prophetic Evidence
4. Statistical Probability Evidence

We will only be able to take a brief look at each of these. You can find links to more evidence on our web site.

#### 1. Manuscript Evidence

Several factors are considered when investigating the manuscripts. We need to look at who is the author, how many copies of the manuscript do we have, and what is the time span between the original copy and the oldest copy discovered.

#### Fast fact:

**Dr. Norman L. Geisler**

“There are more [New Testament] manuscripts copied with greater accuracy and earlier dating than for any other secular classic from antiquity.”

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## HISTORY

### Evidence Investigation - cont

Author (Work)	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Number of Copies
Caesar (Gallic Wars)	100-44 BC	AD 900	10
Euripides	450 BC	AD 1000	9
Sophocles	450 BC	AD 1000	193
Catullus	54 BC	AD 1550	3
Homer (Iliad)	900 BC	400 BC	643
N.T.	AD 40-100	AD 125	24,000+

When we compare the New Testament to other books from ancient history that are not disputed, we see that the New Testament has better evidence than any other book from ancient times.

**READ I** John 1:1-3

According to this passage, is John an eyewitness?

**READ II** Peter 1:16

Was Peter an eyewitness?

If you were on a jury in a court of law, would eye-witness testimony be important?

### Fast fact:

**Hank Hanegraaff**

“Secular historians like Josephus (before AD 100), the Roman Tacitus (around AD 120), the Roman Suetonius (AD 110), and the Roman governor Pliny the Younger (AD 110) all affirm historical New Testament references.”

**HISTORY**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

**2. Archeological Evidence**

When archeologists (think Indiana Jones without the people shooting at him) are digging up old cities and ruins, we find that the Bible has not been wrong. And archeology today continues to prove the accuracy of the Bible as a historically reliable text.

**3. Prophetic Evidence**

This is one of the most important tests for the accuracy of the Bible. No other religion contains the amount of prophecy that has been proven true as Judaism and Christianity. Jesus was born of a virgin, born in Bethlehem, and later crucified on a cross. These were all predicted in the Bible long before Jesus was even born.

**4. Statistical Probability Evidence**

This is taking the prophecies of the Bible and calculating the probability (chance) of their occurrence. If we take only eight of the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Jesus Christ, we can conclude that the odds of their coming to pass are 1 in  $10^{17}$  or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. That is the same as flipping a coin and getting heads 56 times in a row.

**PRAY** Thank you Lord for the evidence you present to us through your Word. Help us to realize its truth.

**fast fact:**

**Sir Fredric G. Kenyon**

“It is reassuring at the end to find that the general result of all of these discoveries and all this study is to strengthen the proof of the authenticity of the Scriptures, and our conviction that we have in our hands, in substantial integrity, the veritable Word of God.”

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**SCIENCE**

**Morning Case Background**

**PRAY** that God will reveal Himself to you through His creation as we begin investigating our universe.

**READ** Psalm 19:1-4

The main accusation against Christianity is that it is anti-science and is all faith. When you read the scripture above, does it indicate to you that science and Christianity are at war with each other?

“..they pour forth speech...they display knowledge.”

This sounds like a universe that reveals God through His creation. Early scientists, like Sir Isaac Newton and Robert Boyle, believed in an ordered universe created by God.

The biggest battle being fought between modern science and Christianity is Darwin’s Theory of Evolution vs. the Biblical account of creation (sometimes called the Intelligent Design Theory).

“What can be seen on earth points to neither the total absence nor the obvious presence of divinity, but to the presence of a hidden God. Everything bears this mark.” - Blaise Pascal (1623-1620), mathematician.

Let’s take a closer look at science and Christianity.

**MEMORY VERSE**

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?  
Tell me, if you understand. - Job 38:4

**fast fact:**

**Sir William Herschel**

“All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths contained in the Sacred Scriptures.”

**Central Camp**

- 1 Dining Hall
- 2 Water Tower
- 3 Rec Hall
- 4 Gym
- 5 Carl Smith Chapel
- 6 Nurse Dispensary
- 7 Shower House
- 8 Candy Store
- ★ Welcome Center
- Future

**Cabins**

- 11 Mildon
- 12 Beech
- 13 Hawthorne
- 14 Stoddard
- 15 Crusader
- 16 Walnut
- 17 Hickory
- 18 Juniper
- 19 Maple
- 20 Cherry
- 21 Willow
- 22 Don's Place
- 23 Sam Gray Lodge
- 24 Pine
- 25 Bob & Connie Patrick Memorial Cabin

**Activity Areas**

- 40 Playground Area
- 41 Parade Field
- 42 Tennis Court
- 43 Volleyball Court
- 44 Soccer Field
- 45 Swimming Area
- 46 Boat House
- 47 Canoe Docks
- 48 Footprints Pavilion
- 49 Archery Range
- 50 Rifle Range
- 51 Horse Stables
- 52 Coral
- 53 Back 40

**Scenic Spots**

- Scenic Glen
- 60 Small Falls
- 61 Middle Falls
- 62 Big Falls
- 63 Historic Milner Cabin
- 64 Tree House
- 65 Cathedral Falls
- 66 Border Falls

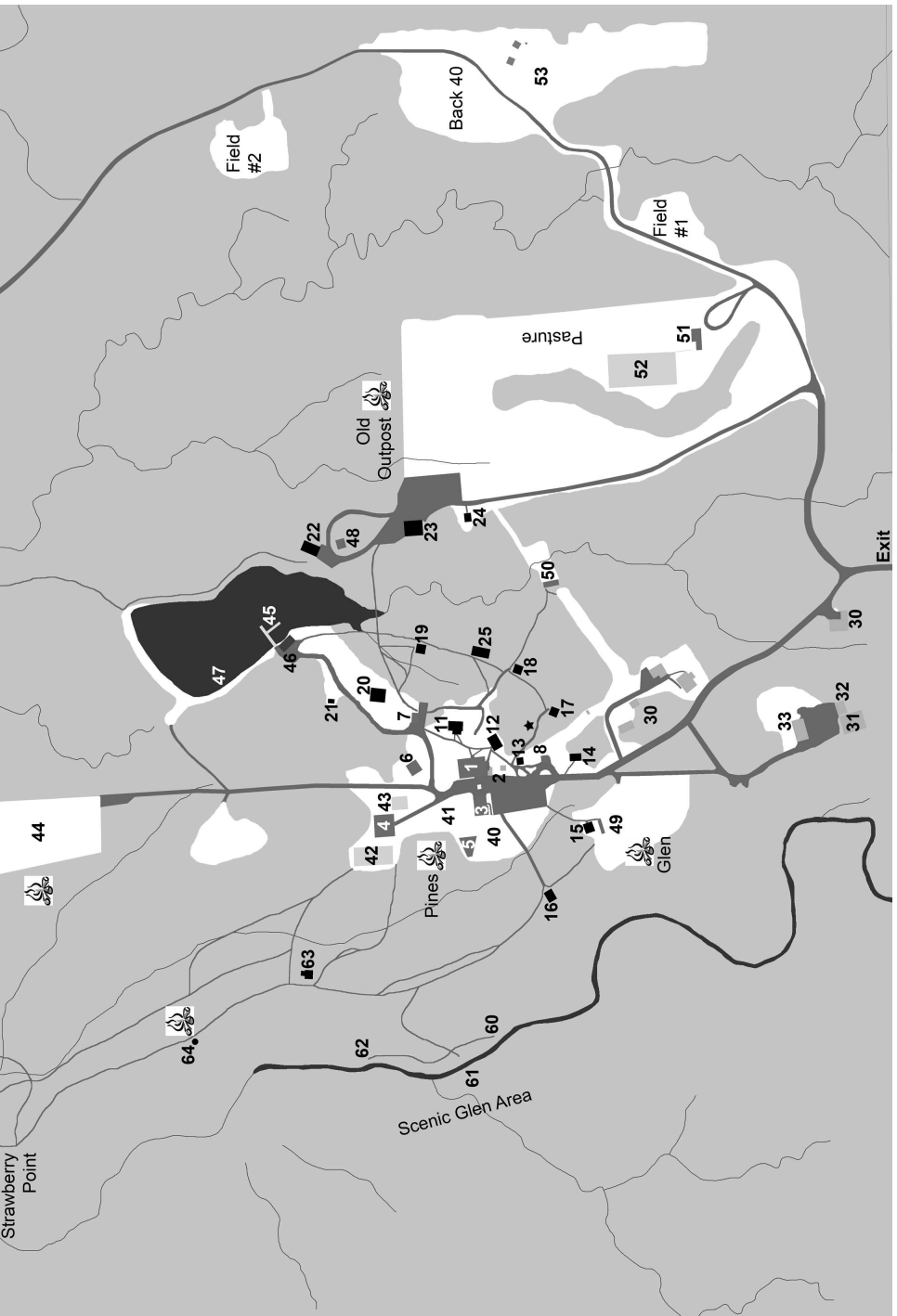
**Restrooms**

- 1 Dining Hall
- 3 Rec Hall
- 6 Nurse Dispensary
- 7 Shower House
- 23 Sam Gray Lodge

**Staff Areas**

- Off-limits**
- 30 Staff Housing
- 31 Maintenance Barn
- 32 Wood Shop
- 33 Vehicle Barn





**SCIENCE**

**Evidence Investigation**

**PRAY** that God will help us to see His glory through His amazing creation.

**Fast fact:**

**Johannes Kepler**

“The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the rational order and harmony which has been imposed on it by God.”

**Science Points us to God**

**READ** Psalm 19:1-4

What do the heavens declare?

What do the skies proclaim?

What do they do day after day and night after night?

**Count the Stars**

**READ** Jeremiah 33:22

How many stars do you think there are?

Hipparchus (Greece—128 BC) counted 1,026 stars  
Johannes Kepler (1600 AD) counted 1,005 stars

Do you think they were right?

How many stars have scientists counted today?

**SCIENCE**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

**READ** Romans 1:18-20

What is made plain to men?

What qualities does God reveal?

**READ** Romans 1:21-25

They claimed to be wise but became what?

What do they exchange the immortal God for?

What do they exchange the truth for?

**Evolution vs. Creation**

**READ** Genesis 1:26-27

In whose image did God make man?

From what you have learned in school, in who's image is man, according to evolution?

**fast fact:**

**Phillip  
Yancey**

“For me, the world of nature bears spectacular witness to the imaginative genius of our Creator.”

SCIENCE

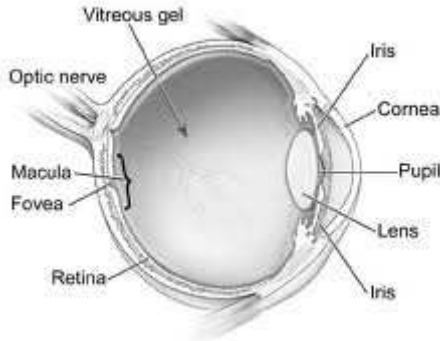
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**Problems with Evolution and Science**

Have you ever asked the questions why am I here?  
Or, what is my purpose in being here?

Science and evolution cannot answer these questions. They cannot give us purpose; they cannot tell us why we are here.

Let's consider the eye. Can you name the different parts of the eye?



Now which part evolved first? And why? Don't worry. Science cannot explain it either.

There are many more problems with evolution. Check out the reference section in the back of this book to find more information.

**PRAY** Thank you God for this amazing planet you created specifically for us to explore and prosper. Help us to learn more about you through your creation and science.

**fast fact:**

**Sir Fred Hoyle**

"The chance that higher life forms might have emerged in this way is comparable with the chance that 'a tornado sweeping through a junk yard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein'."

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**SINFULNESS OF MAN**

**Morning Case Background**

**PRAY** that God will help you to examine your heart as we look at the sinfulness of man.

**READ** Genesis 3:1-24

The fall of man. It happened through one man choosing to disobey God’s command to “not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...”

I often wonder, “why did God create the tree in the first place?” But when you investigate the issue further, you realize that the tree represents choice. That choice is to follow God or follow ourselves, making ourselves god. This is what the Devil did when he wished to set a throne for himself higher than God’s (Isaiah 14:13).

However, it didn’t stop with Adam. Everyday we choose our way over God’s way. We choose to be more like Adam, when we should choose to be more like Christ. Investigating the sinfulness of man is really an investigation of our own hearts. We can point fingers at all the horrible deeds being done by others. But are we really any better?

We will go deeper later in today’s investigation.

**MEMORY VERSE**

The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. - Luke 6:40

**fast fact:**

**Benjamin Franklin**

“Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.”

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**SINFULNESS OF MAN**

**Evidence Investigation**

**PRAY** Lord help us to see how great You are. Help us to see our own hearts and where we fall short of Your commands and need Your grace and mercy.

**READ** Galatians 5:16-17

How are we to live?

From this passage, what is in conflict?

Do we live by the Spirit?

**READ** Romans 7:15-20

What do we want to do?

What causes us to do what we don't want to do?

Does this mean we are victims?

**fast fact:**

“You would not have called to me unless I had been calling to you,” said the Lion.

The Silver Chair:  
Chronicles of Narnia

**SINFULNESS OF MAN**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

**READ** Romans 7:24-25

Who is Paul calling a “wretched man”?

Who does he find salvation in?

Paul’s mind is a slave to \_\_\_\_\_ but his sin nature is a slave to \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Roman Road**

One of the best ways to evangelize is to use what is called the Roman Road. It is one of the simplest methods to explain our need for salvation and how God provided us with a way of salvation. It is found in the book of Romans.

**READ** Romans 3:23

Who have sinned? Does Paul include himself?

**READ** Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but the gift of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**fast fact:**

“Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the Lord. “Do not I fill both heaven and earth?” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah  
23:24

**SINFULNESS OF MAN**

**Evidence Investigation - cont**

**READ** Romans 5:8

When did Christ die?

**READ** Romans 10:13

Who will be saved?

**Looking in the Mirror**

Have you asked God to save you?

Ask yourself these questions: Have you ever wanted to hurt someone? Have you ever looked at a girl in the wrong way? Do you always obey your parents? Ever use God's name in vain? Have you taken something that did not belong to you?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are a sinner through your own admission.

What's holding you back?

You need to acknowledge you are a sinner and you fall short of God's glory. Ask God to forgive you of all your sins and ask Him to help you follow Him.

**PRAY** Father in heaven thank You for Your gift of salvation. Help us to follow Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Fast fact:**

**2 Timothy  
2:24-26**

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

**WHAT'S NEXT**

**Morning Case Background**

**PRAY and READ** Mark 16:14-20

Jesus himself commands us to go and preach the gospel (the good news) to all the world. This was the focus for our week at camp. Our hope was to prepare you with answers to some of the questions the world is asking. But there are more questions to be answered. Our investigation does not stop when we go home. The real adventure begins after camp.

John Eldredge, in his book *Wild at Heart*, explains the idea of life as “an adventure to live” and “a battle to fight.” God has given us a purpose and an adventure. Just look at the world and universe He created. It is alive with adventure, but this adventure is not an easy one. There will be trouble and there will be joy. But God is faithful. Jesus said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

It is time for you to live that adventure. The quest is to find the truth of God. The adventure begins with our acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God.

The case is not over. The investigation has just begun. Go now and continue the investigation. Search for the truth. God will not disappoint you. Remember our theme this year - 1 Peter 3:15b, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Share the evidence you find with those who need to know the Truth.

**Fast fact:**

**Mere Christianity**

Until you have given up yourself to Him you will not have a real self.

C.S. Lewis

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### RESOURCES

#### Evidence Further Investigation

In developing this Bible Exploration, we have used a number of different resources. We encourage you to continue investigating the evidence.

#### TRUTH

The Truth Project - Dr. Del Tackett  
Produced by Focus on the Family  
[www.TheTruthProject.org](http://www.TheTruthProject.org)

TrueU - Dr. Stephen Meyer  
Produced by Focus on the Family  
[www.trueu.org](http://www.trueu.org)

*Mere Christianity*  
C.S. Lewis

*Trilogy*  
Dr. Francis Schaeffer

*Case for Christ*  
Lee Stobel

*Without a Doubt: Answering the 20 Toughest Faith Questions*  
Kenneth Richard Samples

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**RESOURCES**

**Evidence Further Investigation**

**EVIL**

Apologetics Press  
[www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org)

“How Could a Good God Allow Suffering and Evil?”

Article by Andy Naselli  
[www.reformation21.org/articles/what-is-evil.php](http://www.reformation21.org/articles/what-is-evil.php)

**HISTORY**

“The Historical Accuracy of the Bible”

By Jim Sasser  
[lavistachurchofchrist.org/LVarticles/HistoricalAccuracyOfTheBible.htm](http://lavistachurchofchrist.org/LVarticles/HistoricalAccuracyOfTheBible.htm)

“Does Archaeological Evidence Prove the Bible?  
How do Archaeological Discoveries Relate to  
Events in Scripture?”

Josh McDowell Ministries  
[www.josh.org/resources/](http://www.josh.org/resources/)

“10 Amazing Bible Facts”  
What Christians Want to Know  
[www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com](http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com)

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**Evidence Further Investigation**

**SCIENCE**

God and Science  
[www.godandscience.org](http://www.godandscience.org)

Answers in Genesis  
[www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org)

Institute for Creation Research  
[www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org)

TrueU - Dr. Stephen Meyer  
Produced by Focus on the Family  
[www.trueu.org](http://www.trueu.org)

*Case for a Creator*  
Lee Strobel

*Do Science and the Bible Conflict?*  
Tough Questions Series  
Judson Poling

*Without a Doubt: Answering the 20 Toughest Faith Questions*  
Kenneth Richard Samples

**RESOURCES**

**Evidence Further Investigation**

**SINFULNESS OF MAN**

Youth World

[www.ubdavid.org/youthworld/ttt/timely-topics\\_01.html](http://www.ubdavid.org/youthworld/ttt/timely-topics_01.html)

Free Sunday School Lessons

[www.freesundayschoollessons.org](http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org)

The Hound of Heaven

[www.bible.org/article/hound-heaven](http://www.bible.org/article/hound-heaven)

“The Hound of Heaven” by Francis Thompson

[www.bartleby.com/236/239.html](http://www.bartleby.com/236/239.html)

Roman Road—Got Questions

[www.gotquestions.org/Romans-road-salvation.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/Romans-road-salvation.html)

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Climbing for Christ

[www.climbingforchrist.org](http://www.climbingforchrist.org)

*Raising a Modern Day Knight*

Robert Lewis

[www.rmdk.com/](http://www.rmdk.com/)

*Wild at Heart*

John Eldredge

[www.ransomedheart.com](http://www.ransomedheart.com)

## **God's Plan of Salvation**

### **What is God Like**

God made you and loves you. He wants you to be His child. But God is perfect and holy. He hates sin and can't even look at it.

### **What Are We Like**

Here's the problem - all of us have sinned. We have all done many wrong things. Sin separates us from God and sin must be punished. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

### **God's Solution**

What's the solution? God loved you so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for your sin. Instead of punishing you, God punished Jesus. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

### **Your Part**

What do you have to do? Jesus' death allows you to be friends with God. Here is what you have to do:

1. Believe Jesus died for you personally.
2. Tell Jesus you are sorry for the sin in your life and want to be changed.
3. Ask Jesus to take away your sins and to direct your life.

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, though shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)*

When you give your life to Jesus, you become His child and belong to His family! Wow! What could be better?

## WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE and Who is CSB Ministries?

**Our Mission:** Christian Service Brigade is part of CSB Ministries headquartered in Wheaton, Illinois. We have representatives located throughout the U.S. and Canada. We provide weekly programs that enable men to guide groups of boys and young men through adventure-packed, action-filled experiences that grow young people closer to God... and equip them to be our leaders of tomorrow.

**Partners:** CSB Ministries offers programs and resources for evangelical churches. CSB serves these churches through training leaders and providing ministry tools that equip men and women to serve Christ.

### **Ministries:**

**Tadpoles/Tree Climbers:** For boys (ages 4-7), Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
At Tadpoles/Tree Climbers, young boys spend quality time with their dads and other adult Christian men. Together, men and kids have fun, learn about God's creation, and grow closer to God and each other.

Games, projects, adventures and snacks are centered around a weekly theme and Bible verse. Young boys flourish with the one-on-one time with godly men.

**Stockade:** Boys (ages 8-11), 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

Stockade is a weekly opportunity for guys to spend time with guys. Adult Christian men serve as their role models, and demonstrate Christian Manhood in action and attitude.

Through physical and mental activities, fun, service, achievement and Bible stories, boys develop the foundations of godly character and leadership skills.

**Battalion:** Young men (ages 12 – 18) 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

In CSB's hallmark program, Battalion, adult Christian men disciple teenage boys. Young men grow through physically and mentally challenging activities, Bible studies, service projects and personal hands-on leadership experiences.

Action time, game time, achievement challenges, small group meetings, council rings, adventure outings, and competitions allow young men to gain practical life skills, learn cooperation, develop teamwork – and become leaders of tomorrow.

**GEMS:** For girls 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

*CSB Ministries also partners with GEMS girls' programs to enable women to guide groups of girls through adventure-packed, action-filled experiences to help them grow closer to God and equip them to be our leaders of tomorrow.*

Go to [www.csbministries.org](http://www.csbministries.org) to see the full compliment of programs from CSB Ministries.

## **Battalion Sunday Schedule**

1:00 Registration & Swim Tests  
3:45 Recall (Change from Swim Suits)  
4:00 Line-up and Orientation  
4:30 Cabin Photos  
5:30 Clean-Up  
5:40 Supper Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
5:45 Supper  
6:30 Store Time & Make-up Swim Tests  
7:15 Battalion Action/Ranger's Special  
8:15 Leaders' Huddle (Campfire Prayer)  
8:30 Clean-Up & Prepare for Campfire  
8:45 Line-up and Flag Lowering  
8:50 Campfire  
10:00 Call To Quarters  
10:15 Cabin Devotions  
10:30 Taps (All Quiet)

## **Battalion Daily Schedule**

7:00 Leaders' Huddle  
7:30 Reveille  
7:50 Line Up & Flag Raising  
8:00 Personal Devotions  
8:15 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
8:20 Breakfast  
8:45 Cabin Clean-Up  
9:15 Skill Period A  
11:30 Clean-Up  
11:40 Lunch Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
11:45 Lunch  
12:15 Store Time  
12:45 Bible Exploration  
2:00 Skill Period B  
4:15 Free Time  
5:30 Clean-Up  
5:40 Supper Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
5:45 Supper  
6:30 Store Time  
7:15 Battalion Action/Ranger's Special  
8:15 Leaders' Huddle (Campfire Prayer)  
8:30 Clean-Up & Prepare for Campfire  
8:45 Line-up and Flag Lowering  
8:50 Campfire  
10:00 Call To Quarters  
10:15 Cabin Devotions  
10:30 Taps (All Quiet)

## **Battalion Wednesday Schedule**

7:00 Leaders' Huddle  
7:30 Reveille  
7:50 Line Up & Flag Raising  
8:00 Personal Devotions  
8:15 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
8:20 Breakfast  
8:45 Cabin Clean-Up  
9:15 Skill Period A  
11:30 Clean-Up  
11:40 Lunch Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
11:45 Lunch  
12:15 Store Time  
12:45 Bible Exploration  
2:00 Skill Period B  
4:15 Free Time  
5:30 Clean-Up  
5:40 Line-up and Flag Lowering  
6:00 Cookout (Dinner-Campfire-Sleep out)

## **Battalion Saturday Schedule**

7:00 Leaders' Huddle  
7:30 Reveille  
7:40 Battalion Formation & Flag Raising  
7:45 Police the Grounds for Trash  
8:00 Personal Devotions  
8:10 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
8:15 Breakfast  
9:00 Cabin Clean-Up  
10:00 Cabin Inspection & Check-Out