



Weekend Curriculum: **LARGE GROUP** **City & Alley**

August 6 & 7, 2016

WEEK 1 – My adventure begins with Jesus.

Bible Story: Acts 9:1-19 (Paul on the road to Damascus)

(As kids arrive, Worship Leader(s) will mingle with kids and welcome them to the space. When it's time to begin, the worship leader will go center stage.)

WORSHIP LEADER: Welcome to “At the Movies”!

VIDEO: 20th Century Fox movie intro, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXWFYPk11GM>

WORSHIP LEADER: We are so glad you are here today! My name is _____. We are talking all about movies this month but before we dive into that, let's worship Jesus! Stand up and sing with me! This first song is brand new! The motions to the chorus go like this. (Explain moves to the chorus) Great! Let's sing!

SONG: “Brighter”

WORSHIP LEADER: Great singing! Now this next song you may have done before but I bet you've never done it this way! Let's try this out! (Show the movements for the chorus)

SONG: "My Lighthouse"

WORSHIP LEADER: That was fun! This last song is about wanting everyone around us to see Jesus when they look at us and how we live. Here's how you do it. (Explain motions of the chorus) One way we show Jesus' love to the world is by giving what we have to take care of others and we can do that right here at Parkview Kids! Your offering goes to help our friends in Kenya! If you brought your offering with you today, you can bring it up while we sing this song!

SONG: "Look at Me"

WORSHIP LEADER: Thanks for singing with me! You can have a seat!

(Worship Leader exits stage and Host enters stage.)

HOST: Hey Parkview Kids, My name is _____. I am so glad that you are here. This is our showing room where we are going to show you our brand new movies. Movies are so awesome and I get to create them as a job. Some of my favorite movies are ____, ____, and _____. Wait, I want to know everyone else favorite movie, so shout it out on the count of three. Ready 1, 2, 3, (pause). That's one of my favorite movies too! Another one of my favorite movies is Star Wars. Here are some clips from the movie, check it out up on the screen.

VIDEO: Star Wars Clip, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WBG2rJZGW8>

HOST: That was awesome, and in honor of Star Wars we will be playing a game. This game is called Ship-Planet. This game is kind of like Ship-Island if you have ever played that before. I will be the captain and you guys will all be my crew. If one of you in the crew does not follow my orders correctly, you will be out of the game.

If I order "Ship": you need to run to my right

If I order "Planet": you need to run to my left

If I order "In coming missile": you need to lay down on your stomach

If I order "storm troopers ready": you need to salute and yell "waiting for orders commander" and freeze until I say "at ease."

If I order “Millennium falcon”: you need to find two partners, stand in a line, and pretend to be flying a spaceship. Players who can't find partners or who are too slow are eliminated.

If a player does the wrong action, you are out and need to sit at the side of the room.

Any questions? Great! Let's play!

(Host calls out orders, fast and slow, trying to eliminate kids, until you have just a few kids left and they will be the winners.)

HOST: Awesome, that was a fun game. Now, we are going to do our lesson for today. For our series, At The Movies, we will be covering a different movie and today's will be Star Wars.

HOST: Star Wars is another one of my favorite movies. Who also likes Star Wars I really like the new Star Wars: Force Awakening. What I think is awesome about Star Wars is that there are two characters; Finn and Rey had a calling to something bigger than themselves.

HOST: Finn was like every other soldier, but after he escaped the First Order everything changed for him. That is when he meets a girl named Rey. Rey was stuck on Jakku waiting for someone to come find her. This is where Finn crashed lands and meets Rey. Then the two escape and their adventure begin. It's such an awesome story.

HOST: What is crazy is that all of us are also on an adventure as well. No, it is not trying to save the galaxy from a giant death star. We are on an adventure with Jesus. Yeah, Jesus wants us to be on an adventure with him and has all the answers of where to go and what to do.

HOST: It's kind of like God is taking us on a road trip, and he knows where we are going and has Google maps that is telling us to go somewhere. However, God will let you choose what direction you go. You can either listen to him or go your own way. While your way maybe good at times, ultimately, God's plan is WAY better. It's just like the story of Paul/Saul. So why don't we watch our premiere showing of Paul on the Road to Damascus.

VIDEO: Bible story video

HOST: Hey I'm back. See just like Paul in the story, we have a place where Jesus wants us to go. We can start today! Now, I am not saying that Jesus is calling you on an adventure like Paul. Jesus isn't like, “Well now it's time for you to leave your friends, family, and home behind and go to the other side of the world. Also you are going to live in a hut and only eat figs and

crickets.” Of course not! Jesus may be calling you to be doctor, or firefighter, or video game designer, or even a pastor. Those are all great, but do you know what Jesus is really concerned about? Us following him and living the way He did. When you follow Jesus, you begin to think and act like Jesus, you can see where you are suppose to go next. Remember, Jesus’ way is better than our way. That’s why **your adventure begins with Jesus**.

HOST: You might be thinking, (host name), that sounds great, but how am I supposed to know what Jesus wants me to do? Great question, here are a few things you can do. First, Jesus wants you to pray, when you pray, you ask Him to show you where to go next and to make you more like his son Jesus. Another thing you can do is read the Bible; the Bible is an awesome book that God had all these men write down important stories that he wanted his people to remember.

HOST: Alright guys, now we are going to split into our small groups, so listen for your leader while I dismiss you.