

I Spy: Salvation's Story Bulletin Notes

The following summaries of the *I Spy Salvation's Story* Sunday School lessons are intended to be placed in the congregational bulletin or weekly newsletter to provide a Sunday School link to parents and the congregation. These paragraphs can be copied and edited from this Director CD using a word-processing program. We suggest that the general paragraph be included each week, followed by the specific paragraph for the week.

General Bulletin Announcement

This summer our Sunday School students delve into *I Spy Salvation's Story*. Each week students use clues from the Bible account to investigate and solve a mystery.

Week 1

In Sunday School this week students investigate "The Case of the Broken Debris: Tower of Babel." They will learn that God calls us to repent of the sinful desire to make a name for ourselves, seeking glory apart from God. Instead, God makes a name for us and blesses us through His Spirit. Parents might ask, *"How does God bless us today?"*

Week 2

"The Case of the Floating Basket: Birth of Moses" is today's Sunday School investigation. God sent Moses to deliver the Israelites from slavery, in the same way God sent His Son, Jesus, to deliver us from slavery to sin. Discuss: *"How does Jesus deliver us from slavery to sin? How can we respond to this gift?"*

Week 3

Today in Sunday School students look into "The Case of the Scarlet Cord: Rahab Believes." No matter what sins we may have committed, God delivers us, through repentance and faith, from destruction and eternal death. Consider discussing, *"How did God rescue the spies? How has He rescued us?"*

Week 4

The investigation for this week is "The Case of the Little Coat: Hannah's Prayer." God cares and provides for the humble and lowly. Parent might ask, *"How does God respond to your prayers? Who could you pray for?"*

Week 5

Sunday School students probe "The Case of the Burning Coal: Isaiah Sees the Lord" today. God's Word calls us to repentance. Christ—the Word made flesh—restores us to life. Discuss, *"How can your mouth cause you to sin? How did God restore Isaiah and you?"*

Week 6

Today in Sunday School students examine "The Case of the Missing Scroll: King Josiah." God blesses all who hear and honor His Word. Parents could discuss, *"Where do we hear God's Word? How does God's Word strengthen you?"*

Week 7

This week students probe “The Case of the Old Bed: Jesus Heals at Bethesda.” Jesus is the One who brings healing, not only from sickness but from sin and death. Consider discussing, *“How does God heal people today? How can you help someone who needs healing?”*

Week 8

Today students examine “The Case of the Oil and Bandages: Good Samaritan” in Sunday School. God desires that we show mercy [compassion] to and serve our neighbor, just as His Son had mercy on us. Parents might ask, *“How did the Samaritan show mercy? How can you show mercy to someone in need?”*

Week 9

In Sunday School today students investigate “The Case of the Worn Broom: Jesus with Mary and Martha” The one necessary thing for happiness now and always is the Word of God. You could discuss, *“What kinds of things distract you from God’s Word? How are you blessed by God’s Word?”*

Week 10

The investigation for Sunday School today is “The Case of the Dried Palms: Triumphal Entry.” Jesus is the one true King of heaven and earth, worthy of praise and worship. Parents could ask, *“How did the people celebrate the arrival of Jesus? How can you celebrate Jesus your Savior today?”*

Week 11

Today students delve into “The Case of the Sharp Sword: Jesus in the Garden” in Sunday School. In the face of treachery, violence, and all kinds of evil, Jesus steadfastly serves the Father’s will to fulfill the Scriptures and save His people. Discuss, *“Why is it important that Jesus fulfilled His Father’s will? Where do you learn God’s will?”*

Week 12

Today Sunday School students look into “The Case of the Broken Bread: Road to Emmaus.” As happened after His resurrection, today we recognize Jesus through the teaching of His Word and the breaking of bread. Possible discussion questions include: *“How did the men on the road respond to seeing Jesus? How can you share the good news of Jesus’ resurrection?”*

Week 13

This final week of *I Spy Salvation’s Story*, students investigate “The Case of the Wind and Fire: God Sends the Holy Spirit.” God sends His Spirit to establish, unite, sustain, and expand His Church. Parents could ask, *“How did the Holy Spirit change the disciples on Pentecost? How does the Holy Spirit help the Church today?”*