

Sense-ational!

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your strength.

– Deuteronomy 6:5

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Day One

Daily Theme: All In!

Promise Point: God made me and knows me.

Memory Verse: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. – Psalm 139:14

Day Two

Daily Theme: Reach Out!

Promise Point: God is reaching out to me.

Memory Verse: I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, “Do not fear; I will help you.” – Isaiah 41:13

Day Three

Daily Theme: Take a Whiff!

Promise Point: God wants me to be His.

Memory Verse: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. - Luke 9:23

Day Four

Daily Theme: Listen Up!

Promise Point: God loves me, no matter what.

Memory Verse: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

Day Five

Daily Theme: Look Out!

Promise Point: God is working even when I can't see it.

Memory Verse: We live by faith, not by sight. – 2 Corinthians 5:7

Day Six

Daily Theme: Mmm, Tasty!

Promise Point: God has a plan for me.

Memory Verse: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. – Deuteronomy 6:5

Day Four Take Ten

SENSE SCIENCE: Hearing

When any kind of sound occurs, it creates a vibration. These vibrations (soundwaves) get funneled in by the shape of your ears until they hit a thin membrane called the eardrum. The vibration of the drum moves three tiny bones. The movement of the bones sends the sound into a spiral area called the cochlea where fluid and hairs send an electric signal through a nerve to your brain, which sorts out what you are hearing.

What's the most annoying sound you can think of?

What's the most relaxing sound you can think of?

There are plenty of people who have wondered or researched or drawn or painted what Jesus might've looked like, but **have you ever wondered what He SOUNDED like?** He could've had a higher voice or one that was super low. When He taught the crowds, He probably spoke up, but when He was just with friends, was He more softspoken? What was His laugh like? Was He a good singer?

Music has long been a favorite way to worship for many people. Did you know that the book of Psalms in the Bible is actually a book of songs? There are songs of joy, sadness, and thanksgiving. There are songs asking for help and songs about forgiveness. There are songs of praise and songs that invite US to join be part of that praise! Psalm 66:1 says, "Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name. make his praise glorious." Psalm 100:1 (ESV) says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!"

Read Psalm 19:1-2 and Psalm 98:4-9. What does it sound like when the sky proclaims or when rivers clap or mountains sing?

One of the craziest "sound stories" in the Bible happened to Peter and his friends when they were in Jerusalem for the harvest festival of Pentecost. Tons of other people from other regions were in town, too, and they all heard something amazing.

Read Acts 2:1-8. Imagine! First a mighty, violent wind, rushing through the house like a freight train, and then the sound of all kinds of different languages being spoken at the same time - by people who didn't even know how to speak them ten minutes ago! Wild!

If the Holy Spirit were to give you a gift like that, what would you like it to be? What would you do with it?

Peter goes on to give a speech about who Jesus was and what happened to him (check out the rest of Acts 2 if you want!) and three thousand people were saved!

Have you ever been so inspired something you heard that you wanted to change something major in your life? Did you follow through?

We will hear later today about a huge mistake Peter made, but you can see that God still used him, even after that happened. It's the same for us. Take a minute to listen to what God may be saying to you about some of your choices. Don't worry! He still loves you and still wants you to be His!

Promise Point: God loves me, no matter what.

Memory Verse: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

Day Four Object Lesson

Supplies

- ~ Headphones (x5)
- ~ i-pod, cell phone, computer, or other music-playing device (x6)
- ~ speaker

Set Up

- ~ Cue up (appropriate!!) songs of various genres in the different headphones
 - *Classical, rap, country, rock, metal, ambient, jazz, hip-hop, techno, hymns?*
- ~ Cue up the same songs on a speaker so that audience can hear

Activity

- ~ Get 5 volunteers
- ~ Have them put on the headphones and “dance how it sounds”
- ~ Play song #1 through the speaker and ask audience to identify which dancer is listening to that song (repeat for all 5)

Application

- ~ What we put in, we get out
 - Philippians 4:8
 - ~ John 13:35, John 15:1-5
 - ~ God loves me, no matter what (Promise Point) – even if I can’t dance (ha!)
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- ~ *Optional Alternative: coordinate with volunteers ahead of time to dance “opposite” of the song they are listening to (so that audience guesses are wrong)*
 - *We don’t know what’s going on in other people’s heads/hearts/lives, do we judge them by what we see on the outside?*

Day Four Small Group: Listen Up!

****Helpful Hints****

Depending on your campers' experience level in church/Bible history, some extra background may be helpful for the Matthew passage: the Jewish people had been waiting for a promised rescuer from the family line of King David. Jesus WAS this promised one, but not quite the way they imagined it. They saw the prophecy being fulfilled and were excited about the possibility of a military uprising against the Romans who had invaded their land – this is probably why they were so excited as He entered the city. The same crowds who shouted “Hosanna” were shouting “Crucify him!” a few days later when He wasn’t who they wanted Him to be.

At the temple, because so many people were coming to Jerusalem for the Passover festival, money changers could charge the visitors more than necessary to convert their currency and merchants could raise the prices on the required sacrificial animals because the travelers would’ve have brought animals all the way from home. They didn’t care about making it possible for those celebrating to be able to accomplish their faithful duties to the Lord, they just wanted to make money. This is why Jesus was mad.

Today at chapel, the speaker will present the Gospel message and offer an opportunity to respond. Please be in prayer for your campers and for wisdom in what to say to those who have doubts or questions.

Promise Point:

- ~ God loves me, no matter what.

Memory Verse:

- ~ God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

INTRODUCTION

- ~ Recap yesterday
 - Promise: God wants me to be His.
 - Memory Verse: Luke 9:23
- ~ Theme Intro: Listen Up!
 - **What do you think of when you hear the phrase “Listen Up”?**
 - **What is your favorite song? Why do you like it?**
 - **Who has your favorite laugh?**

SENSES: Hearing

- ~ Shaker Egg Activity: pass out 2 plastic Easter eggs filled with jingle bells, 2 filled with cotton balls, 2 filled with pennies (Legos, marbles, etc. – *however many sets you need. Do not put the same items in the same colors!*)
 - Have campers find their buddy by shaking the eggs – no talking!
 - **How do you feel when you find someone who is the same on the inside as you are?**
 - **How hard was it to listen for your particular sound in the chaos?**
 - **What does it feel like when you are trying to listen for God when there's a lot going on in your life?**
- ~ **Whose voice can you always recognize, even in a crowd or from a distance?**
 - *Optional Personal Story: tell about a distinct voice of someone who used to cheer at your soccer games or call out down the hallway*
- ~ **What are some voices that seem to be speaking really loud in your life?**
 - *Looking for answers like friends, movies, social media, etc. more than specific people*
- ~ **What do these voices tell you about what's important?**
- ~ **What do these voices tell you about how you should act?**
- ~ **What do these voices tell you about how to know if you matter or have value?**
 - *Personal Story, Option A: Tell about a time when you believed the lies of the media or the enemy or a bully and got caught up in what they told you about who you are*
- ~ Read or have a volunteer read 1 Kings 19:11-13.
 - This passage takes place when the prophet (God's messenger) Elijah was really caught up in the what the voices of the world were saying.
 - **What are some of the "winds" or "earthquakes" we have to ignore to be able to actually hear God's whisper?**
 - *Personal Story, Option B: Tell about a time when everything and everyone in your life seemed to be pointing you in one direction, but you felt God gently pulling you a different way*
- ~ Read or have a volunteer read Psalm 29:3-9.
 - **When or how have you heard the powerful voice of God?**
 - **What does God's voice tell you about what's important, how you should act, or your value?**
 - **What voices in your life tell the Truth?**
 - *Personal Story, Option C: Tell about a time when a friend or Jesus spoke Truth in a powerful way when the world was telling you lies.*

DISCUSSION

- Yesterday at chapel/campfire, we heard about when Jesus and Peter and the other disciples had dinner at the beginning of the Passover Festival. They had come to Jerusalem, along with LOTS of other people from all over, but the way they entered the city was a little different than everyone else.
 - o Read or have a volunteer read Matthew 21:1-11.
 - o Imagine the sounds!! What a great celebration! But then...
- Read or have a volunteer read Matthew 21:12-13
 - o Whoa! From shouts of praise to the sounds of animals scattering and tables being flipped over and coins bouncing off the courtyard floor!
 - o **Why do you think Jesus was so mad?** (see “helpful hints” section)
 - o Jesus wanted the temple to be pure, to be holy, to be focused on His Father...so He blasted in and got rid of what wasn’t!
 - Yesterday’s Promise: “God wants me to be His.” When we are God’s, He changes us!
 - Our choices have consequences – God can’t stand sin, has to get rid of it.
- Read or have a volunteer read Matthew 21:14.
 - o *Optional Personal Story: Tell about a time when you had to ask your boss/parents for a favor right after they had just yelled at a coworker/sibling.*
 - o Those who need Him called on Him and He healed them. It didn’t matter that this was “not a good time.” It’s always a good time to call on Jesus!
 - o Jesus tore up the temple and then stuck around to heal. When we are off track from God, He may get upset, but He will never abandon us!
 - o The circumstances and sins of this world don’t change who Jesus is! (Today’s verse: Romans 5:8)
- Read or have a volunteer read Matthew 21:15-17.
 - o **Why were the temple leaders upset to hear the children praising Jesus?**
 - o **Have you ever been around someone who was upset by hearing the truth? Did it make the truth any less true?**

REFLECTION

****TO BE ANSWERED SILENTLY IN BOOKLETS****

- o **Have you ever heard God speaking to you?** (*out loud? in your heart? maybe through a song or a sunset?*) **What is something you wish He would speak up about?**
- o Today’s Promise Point is “God loves me, no matter what” – **do you really believe this to be true? What voices in this world do you need to quiet down so that you can hear His voice calling you?**
- o **Are there areas of your life that you need Jesus to “flip the tables” and clean out?** God’s “no matter what” love includes the ability to be completely forgiven of our choices and mistakes when we call on Him as our Lord – all we have to do is

ask! Talk to any staff member at any time if you have questions about this or are ready to make a commitment!

WRAP UP

- ~ Promise Point: God loves me, no matter what.
- ~ Today's Memory Verse: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8
- ~ Pray that the voice of God would be louder than the voice of the world, and for open hearts as the Gospel is presented this evening.

Day Four Chapel: Listen Up

Please see Speaker note on page 5-6

Main Text: Luke 22:54-62

- ~ Peter denies Jesus

Promise Point:

- ~ God loves me, no matter what.

Memory Verse:

- ~ God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Roman 5:8

INTRODUCTION

- ~ *Optional Activity: Use a speaker to play various sounds – stapler, sleigh bells jingling, phone ringing, crack of baseball bat, etc – and ask campers what is happening, what just happened, or what will happen in that situation*
 - *When we hear a sound, our brain makes an assumption. When we hear a drip, we think the sink is on. When we hear a door open, we think someone's coming.*
 - *When we hear that we're bad, that we're not good enough, we think that's true but [today's truth] God loves me no matter what*
- ~ *Personal Story, Option A: tell about a time when you knew you were busted doing something wrong by just seeing a look from across the room*
- ~ *Personal Story, Option B: tell about a time when you gave into peer pressure or fear of what others might think and did something you swore you'd never do*
- ~ Picking up where we left off last night, just after foot washing: John 13:33-38
 - *Or just before today's passage: Luke 22:31-34*
 - *Jesus calls Peter "Simon" again in Luke's version (see Day One Chapel) – certainly not a rock in this moment!*

SCRIPTURE/APPLICATION

- ~ Luke 22:54-62
 - v. 54-55 – Jesus has been arrested and taken to the high priest – Peter stays outside during the "trial"
 - Sounds! crowd, fire, "testimonies"
 - v. 56-58 – first and second denials
 - servant girl, man **saw** Peter with Jesus
 - heart must have jumped when **heard** them say this – scared to be found out, to be caught too?
 - v. 59 – someone recognizes as Galilean, must know Jesus
 - **heard** accent (John 26:73)
 - v. 60 – third denial and **heard** rooster
 - busted!

- v. 61-62 – Jesus looks, Peter remembers and weeps
 - Jesus turned toward Peter, not away
 - Genesis 3:8, God came looking for Adam and Eve, they **heard** Him coming
 - God is reaching out to me!
 - Close enough to be in Peter’s moment, noticed even though literally facing life or death
 - God is not “too busy” for us
 - God sees our sin and loves us anyway
 - Not an angry/“I told you so” look – Jesus can’t be disappointed because He’s not surprised (not expecting anything different, literally predicted this would happen!)
 - Luke says “the LORD” turned and looked – points out Jesus’ title, divine authority
 - When we encounter Christ in our moment of sin, we encounter His full light in our darkness
 - Our disobedience, choice, mistake, sin, unfaithfulness, will never change who He is, no matter the circumstance
 - Peter remembers
 - Remembers prediction, remembers promising loyalty even if faced with death
 - Recognizes self when face-to-face with Christ
 - Recognizes Jesus for who He is – even at moment of separation
 - Peter weeps
 - When face-to-face with His love/holiness/purity, we KNOW we’re wrong
 - Tears of repentance
 - Peter turned away when Jesus turned toward him
 - DON’T! Don’t hide in fear, shame, pain, regret
 - 1 John 2:1-2 – Jesus is our Advocate and atoning sacrifice – He’ll plead your case AND pay your price
- ~ Have you ever disappointed your parents and gotten “the LOOK”?
 - They still LOVE you
 - God the Father is still good, merciful
 - Jesus still loved Peter
 - Peter denied Jesus and He still went and died for him
 - and for you
 - knew Peter and loved him anyway
 - knew what Peter would do and loved him anyway
 - knew what Peter did and loved him anyway
 - Today’s Promise, Memory Verse

GOSPEL/INVITATION

- **We are all sinners, separated from God**
 - Our sin is our way of denying Christ
 - Maybe scared, sad, confused, didn't know – doesn't matter
 - Choose sin over God = denying His plan, goodness, holiness, sovereignty, the idea that He has something better for us than this moment offers
 - Peter chose fear over Jesus even though he had three years of seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, touching, experiencing who Jesus was
- **The only way to be reconciled to God is through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ**
 - Today's Memory Verse – died before we repented, because He LOVES us
- **When we confess Christ as Lord, we are forgiven, redeemed, saved**
 - Doesn't matter what you've done
 - God wants you to be His
 - Can you **hear** Him calling?

WRAP UP

- Jesus loved Peter (one of closest friends!) even in darkest moment
 - Turned TOWARD anyway, loved anyway
 - Loves YOU, too, no matter what
- Promise Point: God loves me, no matter what.
- Today's Memory Verse: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8
- Remind campers they can talk to any staff at any time with questions

Day Five Take Ten

SENSE SCIENCE: Sight

From being able to focus on fifty things every second to recognizing up to five hundred different shades of the same color, your eyes are amazing! Sight happens when light bounces off an object and enters the eye through the pupil (the black dot in the middle – it’s actually a hole!). The iris (the colored part) opens and closes to make sure the right amount of light gets in. This light gets focused on the back wall of the eyeball where cells called rods and cones convert the light to an electric signal that triggers a nerve to send a signal to your brain. Your brain processes these signals into pictures that make sense and tells you what you are looking at.

What is the most amazing thing you’ve ever seen?

What is one thing you hope to see in person in your lifetime?

For centuries, artists of all ages, skill levels, and notoriety have imagined what Jesus might’ve looked like. Today, take just a minute to think about what Jesus looked AT. As a baby, Jesus opened His eyes in a stable to see the face of His mother Mary (and possibly a sheep, donkey, or cow). As a child, He watched His human father Joseph work as a carpenter and witnessed His family and friends observing the Jewish traditions. As a young adult, He saw the impact of the Roman control in His country. During His ministry, He gazed out at the sea, over the city, and from the mountains. He saw the faces of the crowds, the sick, the disciples, the temple leaders, and the soldiers.

Not just when Jesus was here, but since the very beginning, our God has been a God who sees. In Genesis 1, when He created the world, we read over and over how “God **saw** that it was good.” In Hebrews 4:13, we see that “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight.”

Read Psalm 33:12-22. What does this passage say about trusting the God Who sees us?

God is not just a distant figure watching The Human Show on a heavenly television, He CARES about what He sees. In Isaiah 43:4, He promises to ransom us “since you are precious and honored in my sight and because I love you.”

How does it feel to know that you are precious, special, and valued in God's eyes?

One of the biggest ways we see God’s love for us is the Bible. Just the fact that this book still exists is a huge gift. Not only that, but the stories and messages in the Bible are not the same as any book, but the actual living word of God – still teaching us and changing lives today! Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” When it is hard to see what our next steps should be, God’s word lights the way in the darkness!

Promise Point: God is working even when I can’t see it.

Memory Verse: We live by faith, not by sight. – 2 Corinthians 5:7

Day Five Object Lesson

Supplies

- ~ Pictures of items super zoomed in
- ~ Pictures of items partially zoomed in
- ~ Pictures of items at regular distance

Set Up

- ~ Print or set up slideshow of pictures

Activity: Zoom Out

- ~ Show closest picture, have campers try to guess what the item is
- ~ Zoom out until they get it right/can see the whole thing

Application

- ~ God has the “big picture” of our lives
 - Hard to see when we’re in the middle of a situation
 - Today’s Promise Point

Day Five Small Group: Look Out!

****Helpful Hints****

The story of Peter and Cornelius is pretty long and kind of complicated. Please don't read the whole chapter with the campers, but **be sure read it ahead of time** so that you can easily explain what happened and why it's important.

Promise Point:

- ~ God is working even when I can't see it.

Memory Verse:

- ~ We live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

INTRODUCTION

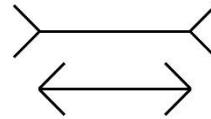
- ~ Recap yesterday
 - o Promise: God loves me no matter what.
 - o Verse: Romans 5:8
 - o Celebrate any decisions that were made, answer lingering questions, remind campers to talk to staff (*Take your time. Remember: THIS IS WHY WE DO THIS!*)
- ~ Theme Intro: Look Out!
 - o **Are you someone who has to “see it to believe it” (aka “pics or it didn't happen”)?**
 - *Personal Story: Tell your favorite unbelievable but totally true moment that you wish you would've caught on video*
 - o **What do you think when you hear the phrase “Look Out”?**
 - o **If you were “on the lookout,” what would you be watching for?**
 - o **If you were going to look out a window, what would you like to see?**
 - o Read Romans 1:20.
 - **When/how have you seen God in the things He has created?**
 - **When/how have you seen God so clearly that you “have no excuse” but to recognize Him?**
 - **What have you learned about God by seeing these things?**

SENSES: Sight

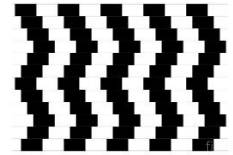
- ~ Big Picture/Small Picture Activity: Have campers make a circle with their hands about six inches in front of their face - **what you can see in that circle?**
 - o Have campers make the same circle and put it on the ground next to them – **what can you see in that circle?**
 - o **Do you ever feel like you're looking at life from a distance?**
 - o **What can you learn when you take the time to look closer at a person/situation?**

- **What do you like to look at?**
 - o **How are we formed by the things we spend time looking at/watching?**

- Show campers the Muller-Lyer Arrows
 - o **Which arrow is longer?** (*cover ends to prove they're the same*)



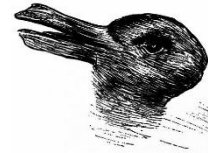
- o Show campers the Café Wall Illusion, then cover part of the picture to prove that the horizontal lines are parallel (*instead of slanted, as they appear*)
- o Optical illusions are images that trick us. Our eyes and brains are so good at making the world make sense that when we see pictures like these, we get confused.



- **When have you experienced something that seemed to be one way at first, but turned out differently once you “looked closer”?**

- *Personal Story, Option A – share about meeting someone who seemed really cold at first but who turned out to be really warm once you got to know them*
- *Personal Story, Option B - share about a job, relationship, or opportunity that seemed wonderful at first but quickly proved otherwise*

- Show campers the Jastrow Duck-Rabbit and a Rubin Vase and ask them to write down the first thing that they see.



- o **Did you see a duck or a rabbit first?**
- o **Did you see the vase or the faces first?**
- o Illusions like this (*technically called ambiguous images*) remind us that our brains work differently than other people.
- o There are also images that appear different, depending on the angle the viewer sees it from.
 - Draw a 6 on a piece of paper and lay it sideways in the circle. Ask campers to tell you what number they see. (*half should say 6, half should say 9*)
 - **Is anyone wrong?**
 - **When have you and a friend or family member disagreed about something you had different perspective on?**
 - *Personal Story, Option C – tell about a misunderstanding (funny or serious) that happened because you and the other party were seeing the same information through different lenses*
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DISCUSSION

- When we see images like this, it's hard to trust our own eyes! Hebrews 11:1 tells us that “Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”
 - o **If it's so hard to trust what we CAN see, how can we trust what we can't?**

- Our memory verse today is 2 Corinthians 5:7: We live by faith, not by sight.
 - o **What do you think this verse means?**
 - o **What does it look like to live by sight?**
 - o **What does it look like to live by faith?**
 - o **Who is someone you know that lives by faith? How can you tell?**
- Our eyes are incredible. Over TWO MILLION working parts, receiving and translating information instantly, all day long...and we don't even think about it most of the time!
- Similarly, think of all the things that had to work out for you to be here this week – what had to happen in the bigger picture so that *[baseball camp was moved to a different week than usual]* or so that *[your grandma had surgery so your mom had time off work to bring you here]*?
- Not just schedules, but how did your parents even find out about this camp?
 - o *Optional Personal Story: tell about how you ended up here this week! (Writer's Note: my first week at camp only happened because my friend's dad was a pastor, and I was at their house the day the camp brochure came in the church mail. I had no plans or desire to ever go to camp and certainly no idea that I would still be involved in camp ministry 23 years later!)*
- God is working so many pieces to line up moments in our lives! We have no idea the ways that He is making things happen – even and especially when we can't see it or feel it!
 - o Read or have a volunteer read 1 Corinthians 2:9 and 2 Corinthians 4:18.
 - **How does it make you feel to know that no one on earth has ever seen or even imagined what God has planned?**
 - **What do these verses say about how God is working?**
 - **What do these verses say about the difference between our sight and God's?**
 - **Ask campers to share about a time when they thought things weren't going to work out but God was moving behind the scenes to make it happen.**
 - *Personal Story, Option A: share your example of the same*
 - *Personal Story, Option B: tell about a time when you had NO IDEA that God was setting something up for you until the moment it all came to light*

PETER

- During his time with Jesus, Peter saw (actually physically saw, in real life!) all kinds of amazing things – countless healings, a storm calmed with just a word, the feeding of the five thousand.
 - o *Not only that, but Peter was part of Jesus' inner circle with James and John – the three of them got to see healings that others didn't (like Jairus' daughter in Mark 5:37) and got to go with Him when He was transfigured on the mountain and praying in Gethsemane before He was arrested.*

- One day when Peter was praying (after Jesus had gone back to Heaven), he saw something else...
- Read or have a volunteer read Acts 10:9-16
 - **Why do you think this was an important thing for Peter to see?**
 - *They might not have a clue. Go ahead and explain:*
 - *There were rules in the Law that God gave to Moses about what to eat and not to eat.*
 - *More than just tradition, following the Law was how the Jewish people (including Peter) showed that they were committed to God*
 - *Seeing and hearing this vision showed Peter that God was releasing the old Law and old Covenant because Jesus had established a new way!*
 - Another cool thing about this story, though, is what happened right before and after this vision!
 - Acts 10:1-8 – Cornelius, a Gentile (non-Jewish) soldier (but who DID believe in God) had a vision of an angel who told him to go get Peter
 - Acts 10:9 – Just as his servants got to the city, Peter went to pray (and have his vision)
 - God is working on things for both Cornelius and Peter (and US!) that they (we) can't possibly know or imagine
 - **Have you ever experienced a “coincidence” that you recognized right away as God’s hand?**
 - *[Acts 10:9-16 – Peter’s vision]*
 - Acts 10:17-26 – The servants arrive (just as the Holy Spirit tells Peter they are there!) and Peter goes with them to Cornelius’ house
 - Acts 10:27-33 – Peter realizes the meaning of his vision! Normally Jews would not go to visit or even associate with people who were not Jewish, but God chose Cornelius and this group of Gentiles to receive His message and believe in Him.
 - The vision showed that Jesus died for EVERYONE and that everyone can be part of God’s family now.
 - No matter your background/past! (Including us!)
 - God doesn’t play favorites!
 - There are no requirements other than faith in Jesus
 - Acts 10:34-43 – Peter tells the group about Jesus
 - Acts 10:44-48 – Holy Spirit comes to everyone – Jews are amazed, Gentiles are baptized
 - *There was some conflict in the early church about the idea that people would basically need to become Jewish first to become Christians (see Galatians 2:11-21) – this day at Cornelius’ house is a HUGE step toward realizing that Jesus is for EVERYONE*
 - **How does Peter’s boldness and willingness to be “all in” show in this story?**

- **How does God use Peter's obedience and trust to change lives in a situation that he never expected to be in?**
- The Holy Spirit is available to anyone who believes! **How does the Holy Spirit help us follow Jesus?**

REFLECTION

****TO BE ANSWERED SILENTLY IN BOOKLETS****

- **What is something incredible you have really seen that you wish you would've been able to have a picture or video of?**
- Read Psalm 27:4-5. **What is the "one thing" the writer of this passage asks for? What is so important to him to be able to "gaze upon"? Why do you think this is so important to him?**
- Ephesians 1:18 says, "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened" so that we can know God's hope and power. **Why is it important that the "eyes of your heart" would be given light? When/what have you seen with the "eyes of your heart" this week?**
- **Do you really believe that Jesus is for everyone?**
- Take a minute to pray about the things in your life that you need God's help with and ask Him to help you trust that He is working (even when you can't see it yet).

WRAP UP

- ~ Promise Point: God is working even when I can't see it.
- ~ Memory Verse: We live by faith, not by sight. – 2 Corinthians 5:7
- ~ Pray that the eyes of our hearts will be open to see evidence of God's love all around us.

Day Five Chapel: Look Out

Please see Speaker note on page 5-6

Main Text: John 20:1-9 & 19-29

- Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter see the empty tomb
- Thomas believes in the resurrection only after seeing Jesus

Optional Text: John 20:10-18

- *Mary Magdalene sees Jesus*

Promise Point:

- God is working even when I can't see it.

Memory Verse:

- We live by faith, not by sight. – 2 Corinthians 5:7
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INTRODUCTION

- *Optional Activity: show pictures of cakes that have been made to look like other foods or objects next to the real object and have campers try to guess which is cake*
- *Personal Story, Option A: Tell about something amazing you've actually seen with your own eyes that was completely true yet mind blowing-ly unbelievable*
- *Personal Story, Option B: Tell about a time when you didn't think things were going to work out, but God had other plans*
- *Personal Story, Option C: Tell about a time when you had no idea that God was working on something until the moment it all came together (and you realized you should've seen it all along?)*

SCRIPTURE/APPLICATION

- John 20:1-9
 - o v. 1 – Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and **saw** stone removed
 - “while it was still dark”
 - did she think her eyes were playing tricks on her?
 - o Optical illusion!
 - Mark 16 and Luke 24 say the women were taking spices to anoint Jesus' body
 - FULLY expected Him to still there, still be dead
 - God was working while they were weeping
 - (or sleeping or hiding)
 - Today's Promise Point
 - Didn't **see** what she expected to see
 - Relief - didn't really want to see her friend and teacher dead
 - Confusion - where is He?
 - Fear - what if this is a trap?
 - Anger - they took Him!!

- v. 2 – ran to Peter and John
 - **saw** and acted – didn't sit and cry
 - assumed He had been taken
 - Why didn't she assume He had risen?
 - Hebrews 11:1, faith in the unseen
 - *Personal Story: tell about a time when you made an incorrect assumption based on logic and physical evidence*
 - v. 3 – Peter and John ran to the tomb
 - heard and acted – didn't sit and wonder
 - Had to **see** it to believe it
 - vv.4-5 – John arrives first, **sees** linens
 - Why didn't he go in? Shock? Fear?
 - vv. 6-7 - Peter arrives
 - “went straight in” - Peter's boldness again
 - **Saw** strips from body and cloth from head
 - Imagine the scene! dim light, linen in a clump on the floor, cloth separate
 - *as if Jesus woke up, took off the head cloth, stood up and unwrapped Himself - in His real, physical body*
 - v. 8 – John enters, **sees**, and believes
 - Believes what? Resurrection or what Mary said?
 - v. 9 didn't understand prophecy
- ~ *OPTIONAL: John 20:10-18*
- vv. 10-11 – Peter and John go home, Mary stays
 - vv. 12-13 – **saw** angels, still doesn't get it
 - vv. 14-17 – **sees** Jesus
 - Didn't recognize at first
 - *Optional Personal Story: tell about a time when a loved one surprised you with a visit and it took you a minute to figure out who they were because there was no way they were supposed to be there*
 - Knew Him when she heard her name
 - *Our senses help each other help us make sense of the world*
 - v. 18 – tells disciples “I have **seen** the Lord!”
- ~ John 20:19-29
- v. 19 – Jesus appears to the disciples
 - In a locked room!
 - Jesus didn't NEED the stone to be moved to get out, but WANTED His friends to **see** that the tomb was empty!
 - v. 20 – shows His wounds
 - Real, physical resurrection

- Let them **see** so they'd believe
- They were "overjoyed when they **saw**" Him
- vv. 21-23 – peace and presence
 - Jesus gives them (and us!) the Holy Spirit for peace, courage, power
 - *Especially important to kids who are new believers, may be nervous about going home tomorrow after making commitments this week!*
- vv. 24-25 – Thomas doubts what the others **saw**
- vv. 26-28 – Jesus comes back, Thomas **sees** for himself
 - offers peace again – God is reaching out to me!
- v. 29 – "blessed are those how have not seen and yet have believed"
 - Including US!
 - 1 Peter 1:8-9

WRAP UP

- 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
 - Now we **see** in part
 - Then we will **see** fully
 - Even as I am fully known (*Day One!*)
 - Path of salvation is a path of transformation
 - We are fully saved in a moment, but grow every day
- Promise Point: God is working even when I can't see it.
- Memory Verse: We live by faith, not by sight. – 2 Corinthians 5:7