Elementary
Week 2
July 8/9, 2017

Bottom Line
God made you for an adventure!

Staging:
- Gadgets and Gizmos Backdrop
- Large Inflatable Paintbrushes
- Tool boxes
- Story Poster
- Giant Gadgets and Gizmos Standee (Optional)
- Ladder (Optional)

Adventure Seeker Game
- How to Play:
  - Each small group will choose one contender to play.
  - Have the contenders pick out two pieces of “adventure gear” to start their adventure.
  - Have the contenders and their small groups come up with two sounds. One that means their contender is getting closer to the prize, and the other means they are getting further from the prize.
  - Our prize (wireless speaker) will be hidden somewhere throughout the room. It’s the blindfolded contender’s job to try to find the prize (wireless speaker) in 2 minutes as their small group guides them using their two sounds.
- What you’ll need:
  - Wireless Bluetooth Speaker (Prize/Provided)
  - Candy (Prize for the winning small group)
  - Blindfold
  - Gear box with these Props:
    - Goggles
    - Lab mask/coat
    - Cowboy hat
    - Snorkel
    - Pool noodle
    - Backpack
Hey, hey everyone! Welcome to the Way Station! My name is [Host’s name], and I really love all gadgets, gizmos, doodads, circuit boards, and anything electrical and creative.

- Each electronic device is uniquely made to serve a special purpose. For example, a tablet is made much differently than a smart watch, which is very different than any personal gaming device.
- They are all unique. Actually, that’s what we are talking about this month: uniqueness!
- Check this out!

At first, Pastor Steve wanted His spin art to look exactly alike. But what made them so special is that each one was unique. Just like you and me.

What does it mean to be unique? (Wait for response)

Uniqueness is discovering who God made you to be so you can make a difference.

Raise your hand if you’ve ever seen a corded phone? (Pause and count the raised hands.) Hmm, not many. I bet you’re like me: all about that wireless life!

Cords are a thing of the past, and the future is looking pretty wireless – wireless headphones, wireless chargers, wireless speakers!

In fact, I’ve got a game for all of you today, and the winner will get this sweet wireless Bluetooth speaker (hold up speaker)! It’s also waterproof, which is perfect for a brave adventurer, which, incidentally, is who we will look for in our game today!!

I need you to break into your small groups and pick one contender from your group to send to the middle of the room!

All volunteers make their way to the middle of the room.

Okay, adventurers! You’re about to embark on the journey of a lifetime to claim an awesome prize, but no adventure can start without first gathering the proper equipment. Each of you can choose two items from the gearbox to suit up for your journey. Once you’re all ready to go, grab a blindfold and return to your small group.
Allow kids to choose their gear. Don’t let this take too long. Encourage them to quickly choose, and do a countdown if needed.

Our prize will be hidden somewhere throughout the room. It’s the blindfolded contender’s job to try to find the speaker in 2 minutes. How will they find it if they’re blindfolded?

As a small group, you’ll pick out two sounds. One of those sounds will mean you’re contender is getting closer to the treasure, and the other will mean you’re getting further away. For example, “BEEP!” could mean you’re getting close, while “DING, DING!” could mean you’re getting further away. You’ll have 20 seconds to decide on your sounds, and then we’ll put on the blindfolds and let the adventure begin! Everything make sense? Any questions? Great, let’s get started!

Allow time for small groups to come up with sound cues and put the blindfold on their volunteer.

Host Leads Game
Gizmos_2_Minute_Countdown_Video
Gizmos_Logo_Slide

If no contender finds the speaking in the 2-minute time period, award it to the player who is closest at the end of the time.

And that’s a wrap! Congratulations, steadfast explorer! Let the record show that teamwork does indeed make the dream work. I need all our journey people to return their equipment to the gearbox and go back to their seats. (Give prize to winner contender and candy to winning small group) Today we will be looking at an adventurer who traveled blind like in our game, only it was a different kind of blindness. Let’s check it out!

Gizmos_Lesson
Gizmos_Wk_2_Teaching_1_Video
Gizmos_Wk_2_Bible_Story_Video
Gizmos_Wk_2_Teaching_2_Video
Gizmos_Logo_Slide

If we are all being honest, this adventure WAS crazy. God gave Abraham no direction or destination. He simply said, “GO!” God wanted Abraham to follow His direction without the convenience of a compass, Google Maps, or a dropped pin! But Abraham obeyed and charged full speed ahead toward an unknown, amazing adventure. It’s so amazing that we’re still talking about it thousands of years later!

• Which bring us to our Bottom Line today!
Say it with me...God Made You for an Adventure!

Now, I realize we don’t pack up a camel and roll up any tent homes with each new adventure God puts in front of us like Abraham did.

- Think about something in your life that didn’t go the way you planned. Could God use your unexpected situations in life for an adventure?
- Think about how God has made you special – unique. Could God use your unique interests to make a difference in the world? (Wait for response)
- Often times, we don’t get to pick our adventures in life. You know what I’m talking about – like when you have to move to a new town or when someone in your family gets really sick.
- Abraham wasn’t asking to move when God told him to go. But like Abraham, we all have a choice to trust God when an unexpected adventure shows up.
- In fact, I like to think we are all on an adventure right now. It helps me to think of life that way. So when something unexpected happens, you can face it with courage knowing that it’s just part of God’s adventure for you, because you were made for an adventure.
- So be on the lookout for yours! Let’s pray and thank God for the adventures He sends our way!

Lead kids in Prayer.

Dear God, thank You for Abraham’s story of courage and faith. You sent Abraham on an adventure, and he followed without question. Please help us to trust You with the same confidence as Abraham. We know unexpected turns will happen in our lives, but we ask You to help us remember we were made for adventure. We love You and we ask all these things in Jesus’ name, amen.

- What better way to thank God for the incredible adventure He’s given us than through our worship today? Let’s stand and worship Him!

Gizmos_Worship
  Gizmos_In You I’m Found_Worship Video
  Gizmos_Everything I Need_Worship Video
  Gizmos_Logo_Slide

- I just love that last song because it reminds us that it’s God who gives us everything we need for the adventure He has for us!

Gizmos_Announcements

I’m so thankful for this message we heard today. Let’s respond and put our faith in action as we give our offering and participate in our Family Mission.
When you’re grateful for what someone has done for you, you just want to thank them. Offering is like that. It’s a time when we give back to God because we’re so thankful for what He’s given us. And if you don’t have much, remember, God is looking at your heart — not the amount of money! If anyone has offering, please place it in (indicate area).

Gizmos_Offering_Animated Slide w/music

Let’s tune in to Part 2 of our “One Classy Collection”!

Gizmos_July Family Mission_Video
Gizmos_July Family Mission_Slide

All month long we will be collecting school supplies! You can bring in supplies like new crayons, folders, paper, notebooks, pencils, and scissors! Check out the flyer for more details!

Gizmos_Baptism Class_Slide

Baptism is a way you let others know “Hey, I’ve chosen to follow Jesus for the rest of my life.” If you’ve made this decision, sign up for our Baptism class!

Gizmos_Tiki Time_Slide

Summer 2017 has already been awesome, but we are ready to kick it up a notch here at CF Kids with Tiki Time!

Fruity drinks with little umbrellas.
C’mon girls, c’mon fellas.
Flowered skirts and limbo sticks,
beach balls and silly pics.
Grab a friend and don’t be late
Just be sure to save the date!

Join us in TWO weeks for some Tiki Time fun! And make sure to grab an invite to give to a friend!

In the spirit of summer, I thought it would be fun to play one more game before we leave today. These water balloons are about to pop! See if you can guess which one will last the longest.

Gizmos_Water Balloon_Game Video
Gizmos_Logo_Slide

That was so fun! Use your uniqueness for the adventure ahead. Now that you know about the adventure, you can anticipate it and be looking for the adventure God prepared you for. When it comes, trust God no matter what. Remember He has a plan, and follow Him. See ya next week!

Gizmos_Abraham_Music Video
Gizmos_Happy Song_Music Video