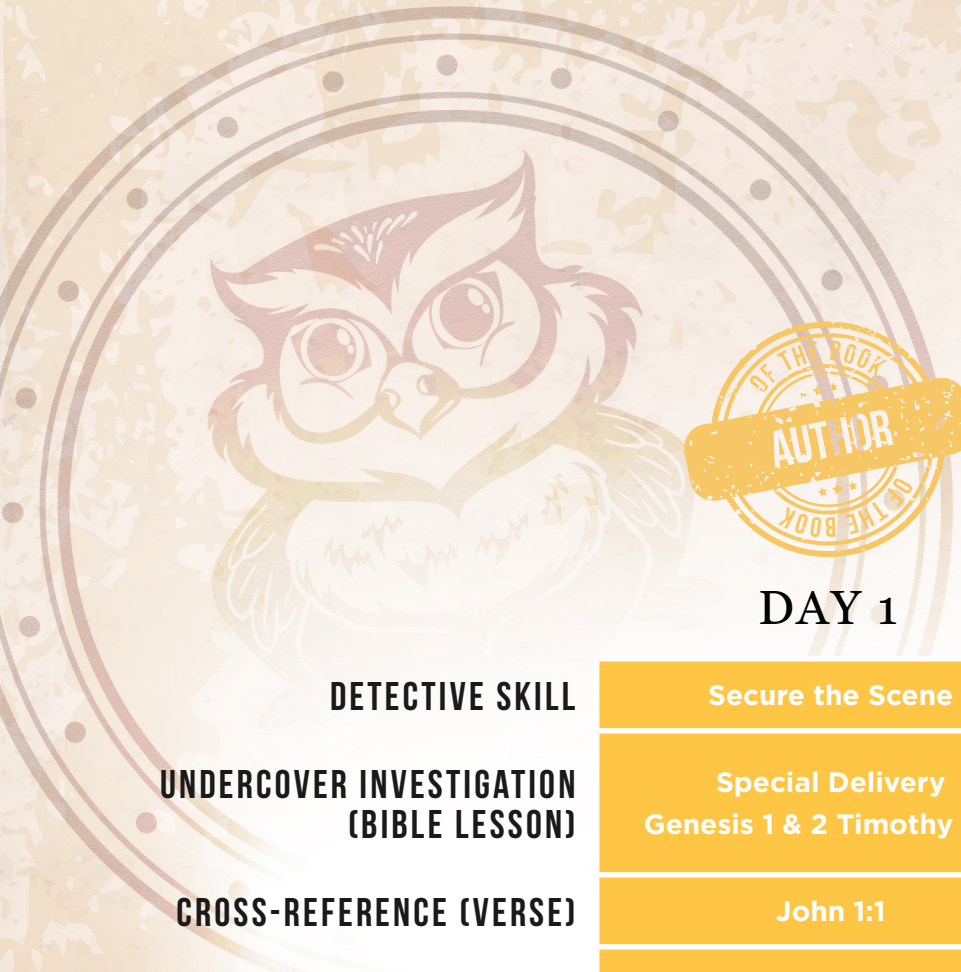




FINGERPRINT LAB

CRAFTS MANUAL

EVIDENCE



DAY 1



DAY 2

DETECTIVE SKILL	Secure the Scene	Collect the Clues
UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION (BIBLE LESSON)	Special Delivery Genesis 1 & 2 Timothy 3:16	A Bold Plan & Word Pictures Judges 7 & Matthew 13
CROSS-REFERENCE (VERSE)	John 1:1	Ephesians 6:19
TRUTH VERSUS LIE	TRUTH: God created all things. He designed me before I was even born and He has a special purpose for my life. LIE: The world and everything in it just happened by chance. I am just an accident.	TRUTH: The Bible shows me who I am and gives meaning to my life. LIE: The Bible doesn't apply to me. It isn't important for my life.
CHARACTER TRAIT	Alertness	Boldness
FINGERPRINT LAB (CRAFTS)	Top Secret Fingerprint Files	Exhibit #119 Lanterns
GUMSHOE GAMES	"The Game's Afoot!"	Puzzling Pieces
WHODUNIT DINER (SNACKS)	Truth Sleuths on the Trail & Donut Magnifying Glasses	Book Stacks & Carrots
WHOO'S CLUES (DAILY DUTY)	I.D. Tag	Bible Character Dress Up

This evidence board gives an overall view of the major themes and events;

"Thy

Word

BOARD



DAY 3



DAY 4



DAY 5

Examine the Evidence	Interview the Eyewitnesses	Crack the Case
The Lost Law 2 Kings 22-23	Jesus—The Way, Truth, and Life Various NT Passages	Faithful to the End The Books of John
2 Timothy 2:15	John 8:32	Isaiah 40:8
<p>TRUTH: The Bible tells me what is right and wrong. I am accountable for my actions, whether good or bad.</p> <p>LIE: There is no right or wrong. I make my own rules.</p>	<p>TRUTH: Jesus is the only Way to Heaven.</p> <p>LIE: There are many ways to Heaven. I can choose my own destiny.</p>	<p>TRUTH: Everything God has said in the past either has come true or will come true. Since the Bible comes from God, I know that the Bible is true.</p> <p>LIE: The Bible is just a book of fairy tales. I can't trust what it says.</p>
Forgiveness	Truthfulness	Faithfulness
Scrolls of Evidence	Morse Code Keychains	TSA Case Notebooks
Scribe Shuffle	TSA Targets	Sleuths & Suspects
Scrumptious Scrolls & Grapes	Mystery Cupcakes & Oranges	Snoop Scoops & Fruit Kabobs
Make an Owl	Team Color	Decorate a Bookmark

however, due to circumstances, facilities, and timing, some items may change slightly.

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Truth."

John 17:17

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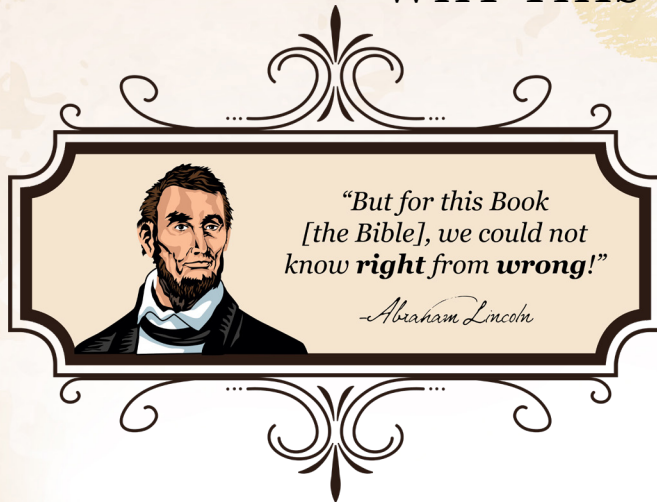
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHY THIS PROGRAM?



God has always honored His Word, and we ought to honor it daily as well. Every day our children are inundated with lies—lies about God, lies about the Bible, lies about reality, lies about themselves... the list goes on and on.

In a world where the lines between fact and opinion are being blurred, children (and adults) need to know the truth. At *Truth Sleuth Academy*, our goal is to help children see that the Bible is true, relevant, essential, and reliable.

Each day during VBS, we will uncover lies that bind us and the Truth that sets us free.

TRUTHS

1. God created all things. He designed me before I was even born and He has a purpose for my life.
2. The Bible shows me who I am and what I need to do.
3. The Bible tells me what is right and wrong. I am accountable for my actions, whether good or bad.
4. Jesus is the only Way to Heaven.
5. Everything God has said in the past either has come true or will come true. Since the Bible comes from God, I know that the Bible is true.

LIES

1. The world and everything in it just happened by chance. I am just an accident.
2. The Bible doesn't apply to me. It isn't important for my life.
3. There is no right or wrong. I make my own rules.
4. There are many ways to Heaven. I can choose my own destiny.
5. The Bible is just a book of fairy tales. I can't trust what It says.

CONCLUSION

God's Word is the definitive standard by which we measure all things, regardless of what men say. The Bible's amazing unity, indestructibility, accuracy, honesty, and life-changing power cannot be refuted.

Jesus said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is TRUTH!" (emphasis added). If we, as individuals or nations, ever intend to enjoy true freedom now and eternally, we must return to the absolutes of this sacred Book.



TRUTH SLEUTH ACADEMY COURSES

Do you have what it takes to be a good detective? What is the Bible? Is it really true?

At *Truth Sleuth Academy*, you'll discover clues to solve these and many other mysteries by going under the cover of God's Word and investigating the facts for yourself!

DAY 1—SECURE THE SCENE



To solve the mystery of the Book, we first need to find out “Who dun it?” Genesis 1 gives us a clue! We also learn about revelation, inspiration, and illumination—big words with big meaning for our lives!

DAY 2—COLLECT THE CLUES



What do a mirror, a sword, a light, and a seed have in common? The Bible! It shows us who we truly are inside, convicts us of sin and lights our path! If we want to grow spiritually, we must “take a little time each day to practice God's Word.”

DAY 3—EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE



When we look closely at God's Word, we discover what is right and what is wrong. In 2 Kings 22, King Josiah shows us the right response to have when we break God's Law and are confronted with our sin.

DAY 4—INTERVIEW THE EYEWITNESSES



During Jesus' trial, Pilate asked, “What is truth?” The answer to this mystery is found in the “Red Thread of Redemption” that runs throughout the pages of Scripture, pointing us to Jesus—“the way, the truth and the life.” (John 14:6)

DAY 5—CRACK THE CASE



Looking back, we can see how God's Word was true. Looking ahead, we can trust that what the Bible says will happen will happen. Cover to cover, our investigation reveals that God's Word is true!

From the moment Truth Sleuths arrive at *Truth Sleuth Academy*, they are immersed in an incredible VBS experience filled with mystery, excitement, and adventure!

The high-energy opening **Alpha Rally** is filled to the brim with lively, Scripture-based songs, dramatized Bible stories, a true-life Hero Story, character trait highlights, hilarious skits, and more! From there, the Truth Sleuths rotate through 5 fun-filled, thematic Field Assignments:

Study Hall: Here, Truth Sleuths search for clues found in God's Word. Exciting review games help reinforce the daily memory verse and everyone is given an opportunity to respond to the Biblical truths they've learned. Instructors watch closely to catch Truth Sleuths demonstrating the daily character trait.

Fingerprint Lab: At the Fingerprint Lab, Truth Sleuths get hands-on detective experience learning about fingerprints, designing codes and ciphers, and using their God-given imaginations to create beautiful art!

Gumshoe Games: Speed and agility are put to the test at this lively field assignment. Truth Sleuths must stay alert as they hunt for clues, practice their accuracy, chase suspects and more! “The game's afoot!” Can they solve the puzzle before it's too late?

Cross-Examination Station: It's non-stop motion at the Cross-Examination Station! Truth Sleuths learn fun songs that reinforce Biblical themes, investigate scientific and historic evidence for the validity of the Bible, and demonstrate their listening skills by answering questions!

Whodunit Diner: From edible magnifying glasses to stacks of “books” to “Mystery Cupcakes,” the Whodunit Diner is full of delicious surprises! Grab yourself some “Hot on the Trail” mix for quick energy as you track down the next clue!

During the fast-paced closing **Omega Rally**, Truth Sleuths are rewarded for their hard detective work. But, stay vigilant! There are always those that want to stop the Truth!

PERSONAL PREPARATION

YOUR ROLE

As the Leader at the Fingerprint Lab, you have the special job of encouraging creativity in the minds of the Truth Sleuths that visit your Field Assignment.

Crafts play a key role in VBS by helping children demonstrate their God-designed individuality in a hands-on way. In addition to developing fine motor skills and dexterity, children gain healthy friendships, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Crafts aren't just about making cute coasters and coloring—although those are key elements. Crafts provide a way you can reach out and demonstrate the love of Jesus to each Truth Sleuth that comes to VBS. Offering a word of encouragement, a thumbs up, or genuine praise can uplift the spirit of a struggling child.

Thank you in advance for your hard work, preparation, and willingness to serve. We appreciate you and are praying for you!

Thank you!

PLAN AHEAD

Reading this manual carefully in advance will help reduce last-minute emergencies or mishaps. If you have any questions, please contact your VBS Director as soon as possible.

The following pages contain several fun, yet inexpensive, crafts ideas. Feel free to adapt these according to your supplies or setting. If you choose to design your own crafts, please try to coordinate them with the daily or weekly theme.

PREPARE YOUR HEART

A good detective makes sure he or she has the right gear to be prepared for any situation. Don't let poor planning hinder your ministry. Immerse yourself in God's Word. Ask God for insight and a tender heart.

Amazing things happen when God's people pray. Please pray for the VBS workers and attendees. Pray fervently for souls to be saved and lives to be changed by the Good News they receive during VBS. Investigate and remove any sin that would hinder your ministry. Pray for God to work in your own life.



KEYS FOR SUCCESS

These “Six Simple S’s” will help guide you in your preparation before, during, and after craft time.

SHOW IT

Complete a sample craft in advance. A model may save you 1,000 words!

STATION IT

Collect supplies in advance. Pre-cut and sort items into kits for each student. Place items used by multiple students (glue, toothpicks, etc.) on tables. We recommend using disposable tablecloths on the tables to reduce cleanup time.

SAY IT

The “Truth Sleuth Tip” section provides a brief scriptural challenge that correlates with the day’s verse or theme. Feel free to share it with the Truth Sleuths as time permits.

Keep instructions “short, sweet, and to the point.” Encourage students to do their best with each project. Be sure to give lots of praise and positive feedback.

SCRIPTURE IT

Completed crafts should remind students of a spiritual truth. Attach a written verse to the craft or review the daily verse.

SIGN IT

Label each craft with the owner’s name.

STOP IT

Finish the project. Allow time for students to clean their stations as needed. Send the class to their next rotation on time.



**GREETINGS, DETECTIVE!
MY NAME IS, “WHOO!”
WATCH FOR MY CLUES
THROUGHOUT THIS MANUAL!**



CRAFT INSTRUCTIONS

DAY 1: TOP SECRET FINGERPRINT FOLDERS

MATERIALS

- GOD'S FINGERPRINT ON ALL CREATION MASTER
- TOP SECRET FINGERPRINT ART LABEL MASTER
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Manila folders, 1 per child
- White printer paper
- White cardstock
- Glue sticks, 2-3 per table
- Scrap paper, 1 piece per child
- Stamp pads, 1-2 of each color per table
 - Red
 - Blue
 - Green
 - Yellow
 - Brown
- Baby wipes, 1 per child
- Pencils, 1 per child



ADVANCE PREP

1. Photocopy TOP SECRET FINGERPRINT ART LABEL MASTER.
2. Photocopy one GOD'S FINGERPRINT ON ALL CREATION MASTER per child on cardstock.
3. Cut out one label per child and place inside the manila folder with the GOD'S FINGERPRINT ON ALL CREATION page.
4. Practice making the fingerprint animals with your assistants.

TRUTH SLEUTH TIP

Welcome to the Fingerprint Lab, Truth Sleuths! Today we learned that God created animals and humans on Day 6 of Creation, but He didn't make us all exactly the same. Our fingerprints demonstrate part of His unique design. We're going to use our fingerprints to create some special designs of our own!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Glue the "Top Secret Fingerprint Art" label to the front of the manila folder.
2. Print your name on the label and on the back of the Fingerprint Art page.
3. (Demonstrate how to use the ink pads to make fingerprint animals.)
4. Practice printing your fingerprints on pieces of scrap paper.
5. Clean your fingertip with a baby wipe before changing stamp pad colors.
6. Use your fingerprints to make animals on the Fingerprint Art Page.
7. Color your picture. (If you have extra time.)

WHOO'S
CLUES



STAMP PADS
CAN BE
PURCHASED
ONLINE FOR
AROUND
\$.60 EACH.