



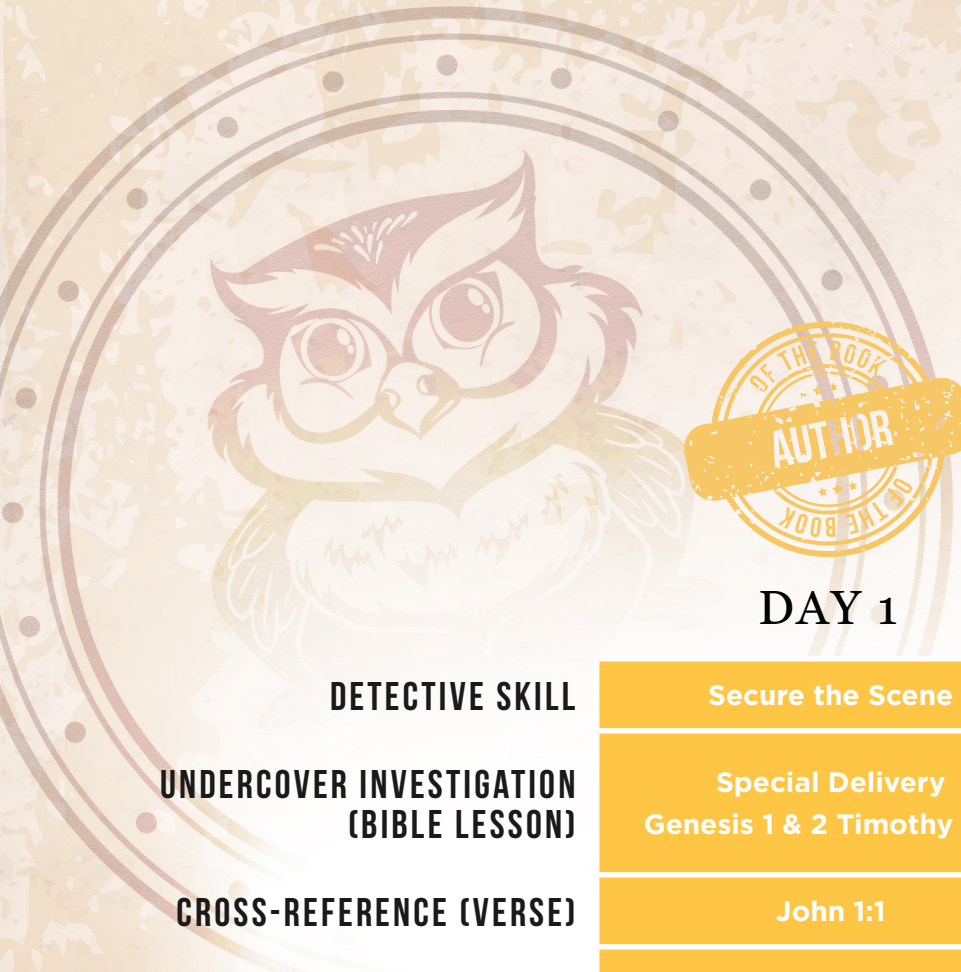
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**TRUTH SLEUTH**  
ACADEMY  
A MET VBS ADVENTURE

# WHO? DUNIT DINER

SNACKS MANUAL



# EVIDENCE



## DAY 1



## DAY 2

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

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

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*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
<b>TRUTH:</b> The Bible tells me what is right and wrong. I am accountable for my actions, whether good or bad. <b>LIE:</b> There is no right or wrong. I make my own rules.	<b>TRUTH:</b> Jesus is the only Way to Heaven. <b>LIE:</b> There are many ways to Heaven. I can choose my own destiny.	<b>TRUTH:</b> 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. <b>LIE:</b> The Bible is just a book of fairy tales. I can't trust what it says.
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.

*Is*

*Truth."*

*John 17:17*

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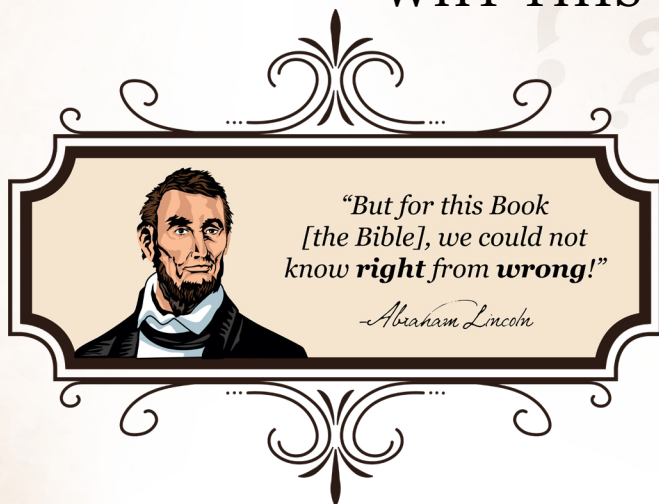
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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## 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 the 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 Sleuth's 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 Whodunit Diner, you have the special opportunity to feed not only the Truth Sleuth's stomachs, but their hearts as well.

Every person that comes through your snack line has a life story. Many of those stories are happy. Unfortunately, some are not. Sadly, in recent years we've seen an alarmingly high number of children arrive at VBS hungry.

These precious souls are hungry for love, hungry for acceptance, and just plain hungry for food.

For children like this, receiving a delicious snack offered by someone with a cheerful smile and kind word may brighten even the darkest of days.

As you rush to keep cupcakes from burning, find another rotten apple in the bag, or miss out on an activity because you're rolling out crescent dough, you might be tempted to become

discouraged. In those moments, remember that you are entrusted with the extraordinary privilege of being Christ's hands and feet to these children.

Snacks aren't just about yummy treats and cute plates—although those are important. Snacks are a way you can reach out and demonstrate the love of Jesus by meeting children's needs.

*Thank you!*

Thank you in advance for your hard work, preparation, and willingness to serve. We appreciate you and are praying for 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 tasty, yet inexpensive, snack ideas. If you choose to use your own snacks, 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 or "dull" Christianity 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 your workers and potential VBS attendees. Pray fervently for souls to be saved and lives to be changed. Investigate and remove any sin that would hinder your ministry and pray for God to work in your own life.



# SNACK INSTRUCTIONS

## DAY 1: TRUTH SLEUTHS ON THE TRAIL



TRY PIPING  
THE YOGURT  
INSTEAD OF  
SPREADING IT  
WITH A SPOON.

### INGREDIENTS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mini frosted chocolate donuts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2½ inch popsicle sticks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vanilla yogurt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Graham crackers, crushed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sprinkles
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mini chocolate chips
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blueberries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Strawberry slices

### DRINKS

- Apple Juice
- Water

### DIRECTIONS

1. Make a trail of yogurt on each plate.
2. Top the yogurt with crushed graham crackers, sprinkles, mini chocolate chips, blueberries, and strawberry slices.
3. Place one popsicle stick in each donut to make it look like a magnifying glass and set it on the plate.
4. Serve the prepared snack with a drink. (The popsicle stick makes a great spoon for the yogurt!)

### TRUTH SLEUTH TIP

#### Author of the Book: John 1:1

Hello, Truth Sleuths! Welcome to the Whodunit Diner! “Whodunit” is a phrase people say when they are trying to solve a mystery. Today, we asked, “Whodunit? Who wrote the Bible?” Do you remember who it was? (Pause for answers.) That’s right! God is the Author of the Bible! Good job solving that mystery!

Detectives often use magnifying glasses to examine things more closely. Today in the Whodunit Diner, you’ll use your edible magnifying glass to track down yummy pieces of evidence on the trail of yogurt!

