

MUCH, MUCH MORE

BIG IDEA

When God uses us for his purpose he can accomplish much, much more than we can imagine. We feel limited by our lack of strength or understanding, but with God anything is possible.

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 3:20-12

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

- Props: Wind Bag™ or 8 feet of Diaper Genie™ refill.

GAME

- A object to toss (such as a ball, beanbag or shoe)

CRAFT

- Balloons (3 per child)
- Pony beads, corn starch, sand or other inexpensive small filler material
- Permanent black markers
- Funnels large enough to accommodate filler material yet small enough to fit into end of balloon

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



MUCH, MUCH MORE

BIBLE LESSON • INTERACTIVE

lesson 32

Preparation: Try the experiment several times before Kids Club until you can perform it consistently. There are some good videos on Youtube under “Bernoulli Effect” and “Bernoulli Bag”.

Lesson: You know, sometimes when I read the bible and remember all the stories of what Jesus did or what the apostles did, I feel really puny. I can’t accomplish those great miracles or bring thousands of people to Christ. Sometimes I don’t even know where to start and I wonder if God would even want to use me.

Then God reminds me that he can take my efforts, small as they may seem, and do much, much more than I can imagine. The bible even says that he is able to immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Seriously, can you grasp that concept? Let’s think about the problem of translating the bible into all the language in all the world. That’s a huge, huge job. I’m just one person. Maybe I could help some bible translators by contributing money for the bible printing, or maybe I could even go to another country and learn the language and start translating the bible on my own. But the most I could do as one person with one lifetime is to translate the bible into one language and share it with one group of people.

However, I can imagine that the bible is translated into all the languages in a region and enough copies are made that every person can have a bible. How awesome is that?

But remember, God can do even more than we ask or imagine. He is able to get missionaries to new villages to learn new languages, he is able to produce the funds needed to print the bibles, he is able to get those bibles into the hands of people that have never heard about Jesus, and he is even able to get the bible into countries where it is illegal to own a bible. And he is doing much more than that, more than we can even ask or imagine.

I have a fun example of this concept.

Now, maybe it is hard to see what this means for us, so let’s try this experiment. Here I have a giant bag that is tied at one end. Now I need a volunteer.

Now, please sit in this chair and blow up this bag. Go ahead, I know it is big but you have will power. Go for it. *Wait for a few moments for the volunteer to blow several times.*

Ok, so it is going to take a lot of time and effort for you to do this. How many breaths do you think it will take? How much time? What if I were to tell you that God has made it possible for me to inflate this bag in one breath?

I need my volunteer to hold the other end of the bag. *Open the bag a side as possible using both hands and have the volunteer hold the knotted end stretching the bag across the stage.*

You kids in the audience give me a count down starting at 5. Audience counts down. *On*

MUCH, MUCH MORE

BIBLE LESSON • INTERACTIVE (CONT.)

lesson 32

“one” place your mouth about 6 inches from the bag opening, take one deep breath and blow as long and hard as you can. As soon as you are done blowing grab the opening and pinch it shut. The bag should be nearly full.

WOW! What do you think of that? I just did something that seemed impossible. Does anybody have an idea of how I was able to inflate the bag? *Listen to ideas.*

Let me tell you why this works. Most of us, based on our own wisdom think that the only way to blow something up is to put our mouth to it and blow, and blow, and blow until it's full. Like a balloon for instance. But God, when he created the universe, made nature operate in a perfect and consistent way. Sometimes we call these the Laws of Nature. Over time scientists have discovered certain laws of nature and have given them names, like Newton, he studied the fact that things fall at a consistent speed and direction, this is called the Law of Gravity.

About 300 years ago a man named Bernoulli studied the movement of air and he noticed a pattern, which we call the Bernoulli Effect. The stream of air that I blew created low air pressure which attracts the higher pressure air that surrounds us. So my breath of air went into the bag along with lots, and lots of the air around me.

So you see, long ago when God created the world and set the laws in motion, he created this pattern of air pressure. Man did not study it or begin to understand it until 300 years ago and yet it has always been there doing things that seem impossible. God works in many ways. Sometimes he uses the patterns he already established in creation. Sometimes he breaks the pattern and does a miracle, like raising his Son Jesus from the dead. We can trust that he created you and me for a wonderful purpose and he will use us to accomplish much. It is important that we ask for His help and trust that He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

Reproducible curriculum produced and written by sharonministries.com. Adapted visually and/or translated for use on short term mission trips by Experience Mission.

MUCH, MUCH MORE

CRAFT & GAME

lesson 32

• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: BALLOON BEAN BAGS

Kids will make squish bean bag/stress balls.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

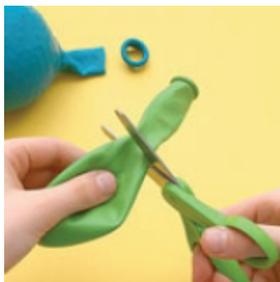
DIRECTIONS

- Stretch balloon by blowing up and releasing air
- Place tip of funnel into balloon
- Pour pony beads, corn starch or sand into balloon
- Snip off balloons thick opening, fold neck down
- Cut second balloon at base of neck and stretch over the ball
- Cut second balloon at base of neck and stretch over the ball in the opposite direction
- Decorate with permanent marker (optional)

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Balloons 11 inch (3 per child)
- Pony beads, corn starch, sand or other inexpensive small filler material
- Permanent black markers
- Funnels large enough to accommodate filler material yet small enough to fit into end of balloon

EXAMPLES

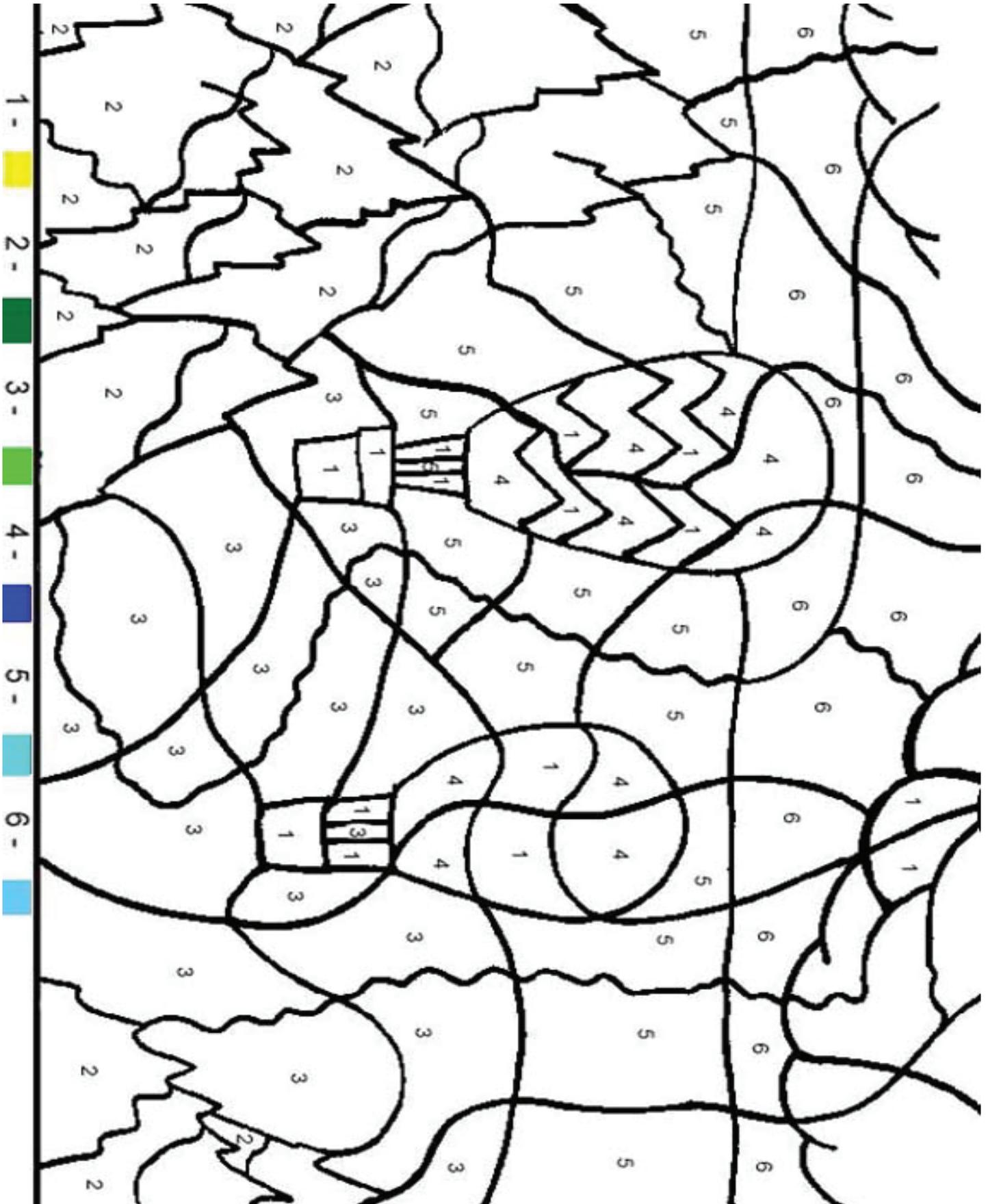


MUCH,
MUCH MORE

lesson 32



Kids Club



MUCH, MUCH MORE

CRAFT & GAME

lesson 32

• GAME •

OBJECTIVE: WINDBAG RELAY

Teams race to fill a windbag and take it through an obstacle course.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

Wind Bag™ or 8 feet of Diaper Genie™ refill (one bag per 8 children)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Divide kids into teams of 8 kids.
- Set up an obstacle course large enough for teams to run with a windbag. Make it somewhat challenging like having the windbag tossed over a high object or between the legs of a chair, etc.
- Give each team an empty windbag.
- Teams race to fill the windbag and run the obstacle course with their windbag.

SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- *Have teams stand in a line with hands on the shoulders of the person in front. Run through obstacle course in this manner.*
- *Have teams run through the obstacle course in simple relay style.*