

Lesson 9 / April 27, 2008

Will We Be Like Marshall?

for use as

STEP 1

Lesson 9

Focus:

All Christians have
Jesus in common.

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Bible Basis:

Acts 1:8; 2:5-11, 14,
40-42, 46-47

Students will explore some of the differences between Christians, but will leave remembering that the most important thing is that we all have Jesus in common.

Materials:

- Game Buzzer
- Paper and Pencils

Today's Step 1 activity is designed to help students recognize the common bonds between things which, upon first glance, may appear to be very different. To accomplish this task, we will play a modified version of the game TriBond. If you've never played TriBond before, it is a popular board game that asks what certain three things have in common. Players try to figure out the "common bond" between the three clues.

You can play this game with your class in two possible ways. (1) You could split the class into two teams and have opposing players face off. This option allows for some head-to-head competition and can help the class get energetic and excited. One at a time you call a team member from each team up to the front of the class. They stand and face one another with their hands behind their backs. This option would work best if you had some type of buzzer (either a Taboo game buzzer or a Staples "Easy Button") for the students to hit. With the students facing one another, you read the first TriBond question. The first person to hit the buzzer gets to answer first. If he/she is wrong, the opposing player gets a chance. A point is awarded to whichever team answers correctly. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins. (2) The other option is to hand out paper and pencils to your class. You would then read each question aloud, having the students quietly write their answers on their paper. Once all the questions have been read, go through the questions once more, this time providing the answers. The person with the most correct answers wins!

The questions for this game become progressively harder. Any of the movies with an asterisk (*) after their name means that movie is currently showing or will be opening later this year.

Lesson 9 Memory Verse

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or Jew, circumcised or
uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian,
slave or free, but
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all.

— Colossians 3:11

- HORTON HEARS A WHO* • THE GRINCH • THE CAT IN THE HAT
 - Dr. Seuss stories which have been turned into movies
- TROY • GABRIELLA • SHARPAY
 - Characters from “High School Musical”
- SEE YOU AGAIN • LET’S DANCE • G.N.O (GIRLS NIGHT OUT)
 - Songs by Miley Cyrus
- DAVID COOK • JASON CASTRO • DAVID ARCHLETA
 - 2008 American Idol Contestants
- HOLES • TRANSFORMERS • INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL*
 - All movies in which Shia LaBeouf appears
- TREE • CAR • ELEPHANT
 - They all have trunks
- RUSH HOUR • RUMBLE IN THE BRONX • FORBIDDEN KINGDOM*
 - Jackie Chan Movies
- FLORIDA • A LOCKSMITH • A PIANO
 - They have keys
- KING • QUEEN • TWIN – Bed Sizes
- HOT DOG STAND • FRENCH BANK • SINATRA FAMILY
 - They all have Franks.
- BUFFALOES • CELLULAR PHONES • NOMADS
 - They roam
- HUMERUS • RADIUS • ULNA
 - Bones of the arm
- EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED* • FERRIS BUELLER’S DAY OFF • THE MASK
 - All movies in which Ben Stein appears
- FIREPROOF* • FACING THE GIANTS • FLYWHEEL
 - All movies by Sherwood Pictures

To find out more information on most of these movies, go to www.movies.go.com. If you want info on the upcoming Sherwood Pictures film, *Fireproof*, go to www.fireproofthemovie.com. For more info on the contestants on *American Idol*, go to www.americanidol.com/contestants/season7

- **Which question do you think was the hardest? Why?**
- **Which question seemed to have the most totally random things lumped together? How did you feel when you were told the common denominator to that question?**

As we saw from our game, sometimes things that look totally separate really do have some things in common. Today, we are going to look at something that all Christians have in common...Jesus!

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your *Middle School Teacher’s Guide*; your Step 4 appears below.)

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STEP 4**Lesson 9**
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Jesus in common.**Lesson 9**
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40-42, 46-47**Materials:**

- "We Are Marshall" video clip

Christians come from all over the world. We have different homes, different cultures, and different traditions. We eat different food, sing different songs, and have different skin. Even Christians who live here in the United States have differences. But one thing—Jesus Christ—should always unite us.

- **What kind of message does it send the world when Christians argue amongst ourselves?**
- **Do you think Jesus likes to see us argue with each other? Why or why not?**

In 2006, the movie *We Are Marshall* shared the story of the 1970 plane crash that killed most of the Marshall University Thundering Herd football team; the rebuilding of the program; and the healing that the community underwent. We're going to watch a clip from that movie right now.

If you have Internet capability in your classroom, simply download the clip from WingClips here:

http://www.wingclips.com/cart.php?target=product&product_id=16449&substring=marshall.

You can also view the video on YouTube here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te77A40WxBc>.

However, you will need to stop the video around the 1:19 mark because the president of the college says a cuss word shortly there after. If you don't have Internet in your classroom, you are strongly encouraged to rent or borrow the DVD from a friend (or bring it in yourself if you own it!). This scene shows a lot of different people unified under a common bond. It will help your students visualize what the church could and should look like.

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When the clip ends, say **All those people were standing outside, chanting “We are Marshall” because they wanted the tradition of football to continue at their school. They came from different families, different social classes, and different religious and political backgrounds, and yet they stood unified. What would it be like if the church could stand unified like that! What would it look like for the church to stand and chant “We are Christians! We are Christians! We believe in Jesus! We believe in Jesus!”**

- **Do you personally know any Christians who believe different things about the Bible than you do?**
- **What can you do to reach out the hand of fellowship with other believers from other denominations?**
- **How can you show in your life that Christ is someone that you will always rally around?**

Let's take some time now to close in prayer and ask God to help us live as the unified church He desires us to be.

Websites:

<http://wingclips.com>

<http://youtube.com>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/We_Are_Marshall

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