


**BEAR
HUG 22**

Unit 5 Review

Memory Seed: Psalm 47:7: *For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!* (This verse was learned in Bear Hug 19.)

The Big Apple: God is in charge. He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the perfect King for Israel. When we trust the Lord Jesus as Savior, the Holy Spirit helps us to love and obey God more and more.

SOW THE SEEDS

Read: 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Matthew 1

Review: Psalm 47:7

Let's look back at what has been taught in this unit. Cubbies learned that God is in charge and He is King. They also learned about the Ten Commandments and how the Israelites had a hard time obeying God. They learned that God looks at our hearts to see if we want to love and obey Him. A fourth important truth is that God is always with us.

As you wrap up this unit, help your Cubbies make the connection between David being God's choice as an earthly king and Jesus being God's ultimate choice as King. And let them know about the interesting fact that Jesus was in the family line of David. Matthew 1 is a long passage, but as you read it be mindful of the beauty of the family tree of Jesus. The family line of Jesus is another testimony to the specific purpose and plans God had for Jesus when He became flesh.

Not only was Jesus in the line of David, but God made a covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7 (often referred to as the Davidic covenant). He promised David that someone from his family (the Lord Jesus) would live eternally and have an eternal throne. How many people can claim that?!

Here's the bottom line of this unit: We are to love, honor and obey God. We are commanded to serve Him and show Him the respect that is due Him. This is a great reminder and challenge for adults and preschoolers alike.

SEE THEM SPROUT!

Pray that the Holy Spirit would work through this lesson so Cubbies:

1. Review prior Bible lessons in Unit 5.
2. Make the connection that King David is related to the Lord Jesus.
3. Believe that the Lord Jesus perfectly obeyed all of God's commands, but we have not obeyed all of God's commands.
4. Know that when we trust Jesus as Savior, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but He lives in us and helps us to love and obey God.
5. Name practical ways to obey God.
6. Pray for hearts that want to obey God and other authority figures.
7. _____

(Add a goal the Holy Spirit brings to your mind and heart as you pray for Cubbies.)



COMING IN

(10-15 minutes before club officially starts)

Repeat any of the Coming In ideas from prior lessons in this unit that Cubbies really liked or that you did not have time to include or finish in your club meeting time.

IDEA 1: Heart Match

What You Need

- Several hearts of various colors and sizes cut from construction paper
- Marker
- Scissors
- *Optional* — small heart stickers

Ahead of time, cut out paper hearts of various sizes and colors. Cut each one in half from top to bottom. On one half write a number (from one to 10). On the other half use the marker to make the same number of large dots. You could also place the same number of heart stickers. Mix up the halves, set them on a table and let Cubbies try to make the correct matches. Review that God gave the Israelites 10 commands to love Him and love others. While children work, pray silently or aloud for each Cubbie. Pray that each Cubbie would have a heart that wants to love and obey God.

IDEA 2: Find the Crown Card Game

What You Need

- Several sets of cards of various kids obeying or disobeying (resource CD)

Beforehand, print copies of the game card pages (card stock is best). Cut out several sets of cards (each page makes a set). Place a set of cards (facedown) on each table in your room. Include only one crown card in each set. Children can sit at a table and play a game of concentration with the cards. Each child turns over two cards on a turn, trying to make a match. If they make a match, they keep turning over two more cards until they do not make a match. However, when someone flips over

the crown card, they all recite either the short or long version of Psalm 47:7 and flip the crown card back over before continuing the game. Ask Cubbies whether the people in the various pictures are obeying or disobeying God.

IDEA 3: Bible Lesson Stones

What You Need

- A large smooth stone for each Cubbie (to avoid choking hazards, choose stones that are bigger than the opening of a bath tissue roll)
- Pictures from Unit 5 Bible lessons to fit on the rocks (resource CD)
- Mod Podge® (clear adhesive paint available at craft stores)
- Sponge brushes

Beforehand, cut out several copies of each Bible lesson picture. Give each Cubbie a stone. Let the Cubbie choose a picture to glue on his or her rock with Mod Podge. Cubbies should use sponge brushes to apply only one coat of Mod Podge and then let the stones dry. Talk with Cubbies about what is happening in each picture. Instead of using Mod Podge, Cubbies could glue their favorite pictures to a sheet of paper or draw or paint their favorite scenes on the paper.

STARTING TIME (3-5 minutes)

Continue your starting routine. Include the "Cubbies Song," Cubbies key verse, Cubbies motto, unit Core Truth: God Is in Charge and the A and C verses along with your favorite visuals, songs and motions.

PUPPET SHOW

(3-5 minutes)

What You Need

- Cubbie Bear puppet
- Luvie Lamb puppet
- *Optional* — clear tape, colored paper spot or dot sticker to attach to Cubbie's fur

(Beforehand, tape the optional spot to Cubbie's fur in a visible place.)

LEADER: Hi, Cubbies! Are you ready to see our friend, Cubbie Bear? Let's call him together. One — two — three. CUBBIE!

(Bring the Cubbie puppet into view. Make him hop around excitedly.)

LEADER: Hi, Cubbie! *(Chuckling.)* I see you are back to your excited and hopping self. There must not be any tractors around today! Hey — *(point to the paper spot or an imaginary spot on Cubbie's fur)* what is that spot on your fur?

CUBBIE *(stops hopping to examine his fur):* Oh! That must be a little bit of frosting from Timothy's birthday cake.

(If you are using the paper spot, you could make Cubbie not see it until after you and the Cubbies make several attempts to point it out to him. This encourages interaction between the puppet and the children.)

LEADER: It looks like you enjoyed the cake. Are the friends at the party FINALLY learning how to be kind to each other?

CUBBIE: I think so. We —

(Bring the Luvie Lamb puppet into view.)

LUVIE: YES! We *are* getting along better. At the bakery, Grammy Lois told us a story about how she made cherry pie for Grandpa because that's what he liked, even though cherry pie wasn't her favorite kind of dessert. She said we need to treat others how we want to be treated.

CUBBIE: So then Timothy asked us all what WE wanted to do next, and Mia asked Timothy what HE wanted to do next.

LEADER: And what happened?

CUBBIE: It turns out we all wanted to eat the birthday cake! That's the first time we agreed on something the whole day!

LEADER *(laughing):* Well, that's a good start, I guess!

LUVIE *(to Cubbie):* Cubbie, I'm sorry that Mia and I weren't nicer to you and Timothy at the party. We should have done some of the things Timothy wanted to do to make him feel happy on his birthday.

CUBBIE *(to Luvie):* That's OK. Timothy and I should have asked everyone what they wanted to do too. But at least we all had a happy ending. *(Make lip smacking noises.)* Yum, I can still taste that frosting. Grammy Lois makes the best birthday cakes!

LEADER: I'm glad the friends are starting to learn how to get along. We'll see you two next time. Bye for now!

CUBBIE and LUVIE: Bye-bye!

(Children wave goodbye as the puppets are put away.)

SNACKS (5-10 minutes)

Snacks are optional and can be done at any time during club.

IDEA 1: Edible Tablets**What You Need**

- Graham crackers
- Frosting
- Chocolate sprinkles
- Plastic knives for spreading

Give each Cubbie two small graham cracker rectangles to represent the two Ten Commandments tablets. Let them spread the crackers with frosting and add sprinkles to look like writing on the tablets.

IDEA 2: Leader's or Parent's Choice

Let the person in charge of snacks bring in his or her favorite healthy snack. Provide safe snack guidelines for preschoolers.

IDEA 3: Cubbie Birthday Snacks

Serve a birthday cake for Timothy, since Cubbies heard about this in the puppet show. You could also say the cake is for all the Cubbies who have birthdays in the current month. For extra fun, include party-themed napkins, plates, hats and blowers.

SONGS (3-5 minutes)

Songs can be done before or after Lesson Time.

SING:

- **“God Is in Charge”** to the tune of “God Is So Good”

God is in charge (*repeat 3 times*)
He's the King of me.

- **“Love, Love, Love the Lord”** to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” (from Bear Hug 20)

- **“Jesus in the Morning”** The lyrics are below, and the tune is easily searchable online.

Praise Him, Praise Him
Praise Him in the morning,
Praise Him in the noontime.
Praise Him, Praise Him.
Praise Him when the sun goes down.

(Replace “Praise Him” with other phrases, such as “Love Him,” “Jesus” and “Serve Him.”)

- **“Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”** Adapt the last line of each verse to God is King.

PRAYER (1-2 minutes)

Cubbies, what are some ways you can love and obey God? (*Allow response. Especially focus on obeying parents and other authority figures as a way to love God.*) Even if we try hard, we don't always obey God and the people He has put in charge of us, like parents or teachers. We need God to help us obey. Cubbies, guess what! If you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you have a gift living inside you. That gift is the Holy Spirit. You can't see the Holy Spirit, but He reminds you of God's words and helps you to obey and make right choices. Let's pray that we will all listen to the Holy Spirit and learn to obey God better. As we pray today, let's kneel and bow our heads to show respect for God, our great King. (*Model how to kneel and bow your head. Then pray with Cubbies.*)

LESSON TIME (15-20 minutes)

What You Need

- Teaching Cards (TC) 8, 14, 54, 66, 69-71, 73-76, 78-80
- Bible with marker placed at Psalm 47:7
- *Optional* — beanbag, mounting putty to attach teaching cards to wall

(Adapt the words of this lesson so it fits you and your Cubbies. Open with prayer.)

I'm glad Cubbie Bear and all his friends are learning how to be kind, aren't you? **(Allow response.)** All of us should keep asking God to help us be kind, because God wants everyone to love Him and love each other. **(Display TC69 and let Cubbies repeat the Core Truth with you. Prepare to reuse this card later.)** **God is in charge.** Psalm 47:7 says: *For God is the King of all the earth; Since God is the King who's in charge of everyone and everything, we should obey what He says.*

Today we're going to remember all that we have learned, and I will need your help.

(Choose one of the following ways to help Cubbies review the unit lessons. For any of these options, feel free to limit the number of cards you display or discuss. Choose only the most important cards, gauge the Cubbies' attention and save time for the gospel discussion at the end of the lesson.)

Option 1: Lay TC54, 66 and some cards from 70-78 on the floor faceup in random order. Let Cubbies take turns choosing a teaching card. When a card is chosen, ask the children to tell you about the people or images they see on the card and describe what is happening in the picture. To make this more fun, let Cubbies take turns tossing a beanbag onto the cards. The group will review the card on which the beanbag lands. After the group reviews a card, remove it from the floor.

Option 2: Display teaching cards from this lesson as digital images with a projector. (These

images have been arranged in random order.) As soon as an image appears, ask the children to tell you about the people or event they see on the images and describe what is happening in the picture. For fun, let Cubbies try to predict who or what they will see on the next image.

Option 3: Attach TC54, 66 and some cards from 70-78 to the wall in random order with mounting putty. Tell Cubbies to sit or stand by their favorite pictures. (It's fine for more than one Cubbie to stand by a picture.) Walk around to each picture and ask one or more of the Cubbies near the picture to tell you about the people or images they see on the card and describe what is happening in the picture. Play another round and let children move to another picture.

(After completing one of the options above, continue your lesson here.) I have a new picture to show you. **(Display TC79.)** Can you guess who the two kings are in these pictures? **(Allow response. Eventually explain that the king on the left is King David and the baby on the right is King Jesus.)** David was a good king. He wasn't perfect — he sinned just like we do — but he tried to love and obey God all his life. God promised that someone from David's family would be the perfect King for the Israelites. The Lord Jesus is that perfect King! He will rule as King forever. **(Leader note: See Luke 1:32-33.)** The Lord Jesus is a great-great-great-great- (with a whole lot more greats after that!) grandson of King David.

(Display TC8.) When Jesus grew up and lived on earth, He loved God and everyone. Jesus obeyed every single one of God's commands. He never, ever sinned. Can you imagine that? When the Lord Jesus was a kid like you, He never disobeyed His mom or dad — not even once! He never lied or stole or said an unkind word or did anything else that God said not to do.

But you and I HAVE done these things. We have all disobeyed God. That's why Jesus had to die on the cross. **(Display TC14.)** The Israelites never thought their King would die on the cross, but

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Jesus did it to become our Savior. Jesus died and came alive again to save us from the punishment for our sins. We must each trust Him as Savior.

When we trust Jesus as Savior, God helps us to love and obey Him more and more. *(Display TC80.)*

(Depending on time and Cubbies' attention, you may want to skip these next few paragraphs and end with the final paragraph.)

(Keep displaying TC80.) How is this boy showing love to God? *(Sample responses are praying, kneeling and bowing to God, reading the Bible.)* What are other ways we can love and obey God? *(Allow response. Since you have talked about this in previous lessons in this unit, Cubbies should already have some ideas.)*

One very important way to obey God is to obey your parents. In the Bible, God tells children to obey their parents. You should obey other grown-ups too, like Cubbies leaders, teachers, police officers and your pastor.

(Display TC69 again and repeat the Core Truth several times with Cubbies.) **God is in charge.** *(Open your Bible to Psalm 47:7.)* Cubbies, let's see if you remember Psalm 47:7: **For God is the King of all the earth;** *sing praises with a psalm!* *(Repeat either the short or long version with Cubbies several times. The short version is in bold. Then close in prayer, praying that you and the Cubbies would keep letting God [the Holy Spirit] help you to obey God better, not just outwardly, but inwardly too — from the heart!)*

HANDBOOK TIME

(15-30 minutes)

Give each handbook group leader a copy of Bear Hug 22 Handbook Leader Sheet from the resource CD.

Bear Hug 22 Activity Sheet

What You Need

- A copy of the Bear Hug 22 Activity Sheet for each Cubbie
- Crayons
- *Optional* — for each handbook table set out pairs of child-sized scissors, copies of the Window Heart Template (resource CD), glue sticks, heart stickers

As Cubbies trace the heart on the activity sheet and color the pictures, ask how each picture reminds them of a way they can love God: praying, going to church and reading the Bible. Talk about other ways Cubbies can show love to God, especially by obeying parents and other authority figures. If Cubbies will complete the Ultimate Fun option, cut out a heart for each Cubbie from the Window Heart Template. Direct Cubbies to color the heart. Cut out the dashed part of the heart windows and glue the heart over the Bear Hug 22 Activity Sheet heart. Cubbies can fold open the windows to see the pictures inside. If desired, Cubbies can cut out and paste pictures from the activity sheet page over each square on the Window Heart Template page.

PLAY TIME (15-20 minutes)

IDEA 1: Play the **Commandment Relay** or **Moses Leads the People** (from Bear Hug 19) to review the Ten Commandments.

IDEA 2: Play **Kindness Charades** (from Bear Hug 20) to reinforce practical ways Cubbies can love God and others. Add additional slips related to obeying parents and other authority figures to emphasize the points from this week's lesson. Add slips with phrases like these: Stop to obey the crossing guard, pick up your toys to obey your Mom, raise your hand before speaking to obey your Cubbies leader. Let Cubbies think of additional items to act out.

IDEA 3: Play **Goliath Target Practice** or **Hit the Pin** (from Bear Hug 21)

GOING HOME (5-10 minutes)

AWARD ALERT! Cubbies will earn a Green Apple emblem for completing Unit 5. Tell parents to arrive early to see their child receive the award. Remind parents to attach this apple emblem to the A on the child's vest.

NAME: _____

Basic Instructions: Trace the heart and color the pictures. God is the King. We should all love and obey Him! Tell your parent or leader how each picture reminds you of a way you can love and obey God.

Even More Fun: Add heart stickers along the border of the heart.

Ultimate Fun: Color and cut out a paper heart of the same size as the one on your sheet. Cut out square flaps on the heart as picture windows. The square flaps should be the same size and in the same location as the picture squares on the activity sheet heart. (Your Cubbies leader should have a template for you to use.) Glue your paper heart over the activity sheet heart. Fold back the flaps to see the pictures.

***For God is the King
of all the earth; sing
praises with a psalm!
(Psalm 47:7)***

