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"Those who hope in the LORD...
will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31

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EAGLE EXPRESS SAMPLE PAGES

Thank you for taking a moment to review this curriculum. We have included 24 sample pages of this course to give you a basic idea of the materials you will receive with this course. (The first page you view will be a listing of all the files you would get on the course.) Should you decide to order this program, the course disk (or electronic file) that you would receive comes with nearly 300 pages of materials. We're sorry we could not give you the entire program to preview, however, because this course is completely reproducible, we could not do that. If you have any questions about content or materials, please call or e-mail.

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- All preschool to grade 6 lessons come in black and white or full color.
- All sample and final course pages are in PDF files. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to read them. If you do not have this already in your computer, you can download it free at www.adobe.com.



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COURSE OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE COURSE TITLE

Everyone who looked at the title for this course asked the same question, "What is the significance of the flight number 4031?" Oh yes, there is significance. It reflects the Bible verse specially chosen for this program: Isaiah 40:31: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles."

ABOUT THIS COURSE

Eagle Express: Flight 4031 is a result of much research and study by qualified Christian educators who wished to produce a Bible school program that is cost-effective, informative, scriptural, exciting, and memorable. This reproducible program has all the ingredients necessary to present your community with a complete five-session Bible school course for preschool through adult. Please note that with this course you receive both the King James Version and New International Version. (Since there are no direct Bible quotes–just references–in the youth and adult courses, they are the same regardless of KJV or NIV preference.)

THE THEME

Kids (young and old) love airplanes! Who isn't fascinated at the marvel of flight? This entire course is filled with fun things about flight. But that's not all. It is designed to closely parallel life as well. The successive stories begin at the airport where we learn about the first sin and promise of a Savior. The second lesson introduces us to our trusted pilot—Jesus. Day three presents the price that was paid to purchase our ticket to heaven. Day four is the actual flight—something worth telling others about. And the fifth session provides a safe landing at our final destination—heaven. The entire course is wrapped in the thread of God's marvelous plan of salvation.

THE LEVELS

This course includes six levels of lessons:

Level 1 Preschool and Kindergarten

Level 2 Grades 1-2

Level 3 Grades 3-4

Level 4 Grades 5-6

Level 5 Youth (Grades 7-12)

Level 6 Adult

THE LESSONS

Day 1 THE AIRPORT: Our Journey Begins (The Garden of Eden)

Day 2 THE PILOT: Our Trusted Guide (Jesus Was Tempted and so Are We)

Day 3 THE TICKET: A Price Was Paid (Jesus on the Cross)

Day 4 THE FLIGHT: Sharing the Experience (Saul's Trip to Damascus)

Day 5 THE DESTINATION: We Know Where We Are Heading (The Raising of Lazarus)



THE DEVOTIONS

The devotions for this course are a very important part of the total package. We suggest the children, youth, and adults meet together prior to each day's lessons. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTION PAGE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DEVOTION FILE. There is a special bonus DVD included with this course that should be used as part of every devotion. Here a real pilot shares his thoughts on flying and gives the children tips on flying an airplane. There are also handouts to be given to the children during each devotion. (Cues are given for the handouts.)

Please refer to the DECORATION file for ideas on decorating your building to provide a true flight atmosphere.

THE TEACHER GUIDES

Teacher guides are provided for each of the daily lessons. These include a brief schedule and information regarding the activity pages. There are also special files on STORY BACKGROUND AND APPLICATION and STORY IDEAS, which should be reviewed by each teacher.

THE STORIES

Fun and interesting Bible stories are provided for each age level. The Preschool/Kindergarten level has a classroom story page AND a Parent Page which should be sent home after each day. Stories for the children are printable in either black-and-white or full color. Use whichever suits your needs and equipment.

THE ACTIVITIES

Each of the children's levels has an accompanying activity page. If you find there is not enough material to cover the time slot, refer to the IDEA file for lots of suggestions for your classroom. The activity pages for grades 5-6 include a section for Bible use. If you opt to use this part, be certain you have enough Bibles on hand.

THE CRAFTS

You may certainly use whatever craft ideas you prefer. For your convenience, we have included files with simple craft ideas for each of the sessions. These were designed to be easy and require simple materials that are readily available.

THE SONGS

There is a theme song written especially for this course. There are also several general songs that are included on the listening CD and in the sheet music file. Feel free to use whatever songs you wish. You may also print out the songbook that comes with this course and send it home with the children.



CLASSROOM STYLE

Some churches prefer the traditional setting of classes and others prefer the sectional approach. In the file on CLASSROOM APPROACH – TWO METHODS you will find suggestions in using both approaches.



TEMPLATES

There are a number of important templates that come with the program, including certificates, postcards, bulletin inserts, etc. Please look carefully at the many options available. Note that some of the templates are designed for you to type your information right onto the template and then print.

Kremer Publications does have several Avery products available which work well on any computer. These include banners, posters, yard signs, name tags, T-shirt iron-on paper, etc. You will find a complete listing of available items at www.summervbs.com.



CHILDREN'S WEB PAGE

As an added bonus with this course, children will be given a Web address (called a "baggage claim" slip) in which they and their parents can access a Web site of fun Bible activities and more lessons by our pilots. These are in PDF format and are easy to print out and enjoy. (www.summervbs.com/flight4031)

HALLWAY POSTERS

With this course you will also receive a set of hallway airport posters to display throughout your building.

WINGS

The goal of every pilot is to earn his or her wings. The day they attach that pin to their uniform is a happy day. This course offers a "wings" pin for your children. It is suggested that these pins be handed out during the morning devotion on the last day of the Bible school. These inexpensive pins may be purchased directly from Kremer Publications.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There are additional items that come with the Eagle Express program, including a reproducible paper-airplane book that will be lots of fun for your children and exciting snack ideas that continue the flight theme. Be certain to read carefully the opening Road Map of the course to discover all that is included on the CD.

FINAL COMMENTS

We wish to acknowledge the help of several key people who have made this course possible. Charles Cushinery, Kelly Lacoff, and Tina Smith arranged, orchestrated, and performed the songs. Airline pilots Jesse and Seth Kremer gave of their time and expertise. Arlyn Boll served as main editor of this course.

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE THE DEVOTIONS

All students should meet in a central location at the beginning of each session. This will provide an opportunity to worship together in the opening devotion, and it will offer a forum for general announcements as well.

The devotions for Eagle Express include several interesting items for the children to enjoy. Each devotion is to be presented by a "Flight Attendant." This may be a man or woman—dressed for the part. The text for the Flight Attendant is provided on each devotion page.



THE DVD - TELEVISION PRESENTATION

Your course came with a DVD that should be part of your devotion. Two pilots for Midwest Connect Airlines of Milwaukee will become a part of the devotions. You will need a TV set or other means to broadcast a DVD segment each day.

On the devotion there is a prompt to turn on the television set for Captain Jesse and First Officer Seth to teach the children interesting aspects of flying. There is actual flight footage included. The DVD segments take about three minutes each day.

THE ENTRYWAY TO THE "TERMINAL"

As children enter the church or gym, they should first be asked to pose for a digital photo (which will be glued into their Passports) and enter through a detector. During the classroom lessons, a helper should print out the pictures and deliver them to the respective classrooms, where the children will glue them into their Passports.

THE FLIGHT PLAN

When the children are seated for the devotion, they are handed a closed envelope. They are instructed not to open it until told to do so. During the devotion, the Flight Attendant will ask them to open the envelope. Each day there will be a different piece of material in the envelope:

- Day 1 The Passport
- Day 2 The Control Panel
- Day 3 The Ticket
- Day 4 The Safety Information
- Day 5 The Certificate and Pin for earning their wings

The Passport should be kept in the classrooms and not sent home until the last day. Prior to each day's devotion, the children should be given their Passport to access the "terminal." Be ready to prepare a photo and Passport for the children who may not have come on the first day.

The items for days 2–5 may be taken home at the end of each day.

THE BAGGAGE CHECK

Before the children leave the first day, they are given a Baggage Claim Check (which can be tied with yarn around the wrists of the small children.) This check has a Web site (www.summervbs.com /flight4031) printed on it that the children can access with the help of their parents. This Web site has fun activities, coloring pages, a Bible story, and more flying information from Captain Jesse and First Officer Seth. Each day the teachers should try to remind their children about this site.



THE AIRPORT: Our Journey Begins

Speaker: Flight Attendant Flight Plan Handout: Passport

Scripture: Psalm 48:14, "For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end."

Good morning, and welcome to Eagle Express: Flight 4031. My name is _____ and I will be your Flight Attendant this week. We have some wonderful things planned, some great stories, songs, crafts, and lots of other fun as well. Each day we will learn more and more about making a real airline flight from our airline pilots, Captain Jesse and First Officer Seth. They'll show us some very interesting things about flying. Plus, we're going to learn many wonderful things about Jesus.

Every day, before we go to our classrooms, we will meet here at the airport terminal. You will need to show us your passport before you pass through the detectors at the door. Since every pilot needs to have a flight plan before he takes off, you will also be given an envelope containing your flight plan for the day. PLEASE do not open the envelope until I tell you to do so.

As I mentioned, airline pilots Captain Jesse and First Officer Seth will talk to us each morning about what it is like to take a real airplane flight. Today our pilot is coming to us from the airport tower. Let's listen to what he has to tell us. (Turn on TV.)

(Jesse in tower): Good morning children. My name is Jesse and I will be your pilot on our Eagle Express: Flight 4031. We will depart from our airport in a short while, but first I wanted to show you what it's like in the airport tower. This is where the brains of the airport are. Here a group of men and women carefully keep track of all flights leaving from the airport and coming to the airport. Since most airports only have a few runways, they must direct traffic for all of the airplanes. They speak to each of the pilots as they take off and land. If we listen to their conversation it sounds like they are talking some strange code language. Really they are telling the pilots about taking off and landing. It is very important that the pilot and tower keep in touch with one another because the people sitting in the tower must know at every second what is happening outside. It is such a difficult job and takes such great concentration, that the tower employees only work a few hours at a time.

The tower is getting ready for our flight, the Eagle Express: flight 4031, to take off soon. Thanks for visiting with me today. Enjoy yourself at your church Bible school. Next time I see you, I will take you inside an airplane cockpit and show you what some of the dials and buttons mean. Until then, this is your friend Jesse signing off...Oh, by the way, before I leave I just wanted to tell you that today when you leave Bible school you will each get a BAGGAGE CLAIM CHECK. Be sure to take this card home and ask your mom or dad if they will dial up the address on the card into your computer. There you will find a fun book where I'll tell you much more about flying. I'll be waiting at the web site to see you. Take care.

Thank you Captain Jesse. (Turn off TV.) Have you been wondering why this is called Flight 4031? Every flight is given a number, and Flight 4031 was numbered after the great eagle verse in the Bible, Isaiah 40:31. Your flight instructors will teach you that verse later today.

How many of you have ever flown in an airplane? Good. Flying can be lots of fun. Many people fly in airplanes because they can travel so much faster than automobiles. In just a few hours you can fly to an airport in any major city within the United States. A car could never travel that fast. You can also travel to countries across the ocean in less than a day. But if you travel to foreign countries, you will want to take along a very special booklet called a passport. (Hold up passport card.)

A passport is an important document that the United States gives to people in our country who wish to travel to other countries. These help the people in other countries know where you are from. Foreign countries will not let you in if you do not have your passport. The booklet contains information about you, like your name and address, and even when you were born. Your passport also has a photograph of you, so the people in other countries know for sure it belongs to you. You will also need the booklet with you when you come back to the United States.

Now you may open your flight plan envelope. There you will find your very own passport. Take this with you to your classrooms today and your teacher will help you fill them out. Then give them back to your teacher. Each day when you arrive, you should get your passport from your teacher before you enter this airport terminal. If you want to bring friends with you tomorrow, we will be happy to give them passports too.

It's important to make good plans before you travel. You need to be certain you will arrive at your destination safely. That's like it is in life, too. We must make good plans so we arrive at our life's destination safely. For that we need good directions and a reliable guide. Do you know where we can get those directions? Do you know who wants to be our guide? The directions are in the Bible and God will be our guide. The Bible says, "For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end" (Psalm 48:14). We want God to be our guide, because he knows what is best for us, and he knows the path we must take to get to heaven.

Today our Bible story will take us to the beginning of the path in the Bible. We are going to the very beginning of God's Word to start our journey.

PRAYER: Lord God, be close beside us as we spend time learning about your great plan for our lives. Teach us about your Son, Jesus, and the wonderful things he did for us. Thank you for promising that you will be our guide even to the end of life. May we learn to use your guidebook, the Bible, every day. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

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STORY BACKGROUND AND APPLICATION

OUTLINE

Many VBS courses begin with a topic skeleton and then hang five stories onto it. This curriculum follows a topic successively day after day. It covers God's plan of salvation from the beginning in the Garden of Eden to our final destination in heaven. Keep this in mind as each day progresses.

STORY 1—THE AIRPORT: Our Journey Begins Genesis 1–3

No doubt when you saw the reference of Genesis 1–3, you asked yourself how one could ever hope to cover all that territory in one lesson. The actual creation passage is not the center of the lesson. Simply mention to the students that this lesson takes place at the very beginning of the world. God had taken six days to make a world of beauty and harmony. At the very crown of that creation God placed man and woman in the garden to oversee it and to enjoy it.

God gave Adam and Eve everything in that garden. They could pet and enjoy all the animals and eat all the wonderful fruits and vegetables. Although God did want them to work in this garden, the work did not include sweat, aches and pains, or disappointments.

There was one thing about which God warned Adam and Eve: a tree called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was not to be touched. This was not intended to keep something wonderful from Adam and Eve, but rather it gave them an opportunity to show their love for the Creator by being obedient. God warned that if man and woman ate of that tree, death would follow. And although they had not yet seen death, nevertheless they had an accurate concept of what God was telling them.

It began with the serpent—a real snake—that became the tool of Satan. His plan was simple: incite a conversation. Once he could plant the seed of consideration in Eve's mind, he would have already succeeded. And that is just what happened. As soon as Eve considered what Satan had to say to her, she had already slipped from God's graces. That's how all sin begins—with simply a thought.

We know that Eve ate, and then Adam followed her. And the consequence was immediate. Satan had told them they would be like God, knowing good and evil, if they ate of the fruit. There was a grain of truth to his statement. Although they did not become like God, they did discover the difference between good and evil. Their consciences immediately swung into action. They knew what they had done and they became ashamed.

God discovered them trying to hide from him. Then he took center stage and laid down the punishment. First he addressed Satan: because he took on the form of a snake, the snake would become an accursed animal. Plus, there would come a day when Satan would be completely crushed as Jesus hung on the cross. Second he addressed Eve: because of her part in the sin she would experience childbirth pain. There would be no way a woman could give birth to a beautiful blessing without first being visited with extreme pain. Plus, her husband was to be the head of her house. Then to Adam: the ground would be cursed. Things would not grow well; weeds, pain, sweat and disease would all become a part of his life. And the curse on all of Adam's descendants would be temporal death. No one would escape it.

Yet in all the sadness, anger, and disappointment, there was a ray of hope that God gave to all people. Although all the horrid things would now take place, he made a special promise: after it's all over, God would welcome them into heaven to enjoy an eternity of perfect joy. God told Adam and Eve that although they would experience all sorts of pain and suffering, his Son Jesus would be the one to suffer beyond what anyone could even begin to imagine. What love!

APPLICATION

Impress on the students that this is where history begins. This is where God's plan takes root: a perfect world where everything was good, a temptation and a sin, a promise and a hope were all part of that plan. And we are all the descendants of that account. Every curse and promise given was given to us as well. Impress on the students that this account affects each of us every day of our lives.



TEACHER GUIDE PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

FLIGHT #1

Our journey begins in the same place where life began—in the Garden of Eden. Today the children will learn how sin and the promise of a Savior came about. We draw a parallel between the Garden of Eden and waiting at an airport.

BIBLE REFERENCE: Genesis 3

AIM: What is true about this world and all the people in the world?

TRUTH: All people are by nature sinful and live in a world filled with sin.

SUMMARY: Sin entered the perfect world God had made when Satan tempted Adam and Eve. Our lives in this sinful world are represented by an airport, where we wait patiently for our trip to heaven.

APPLICATION: We wait for our Savior to return and take us to our special home in heaven.

NOTE: Children will gradually see God's plan of salvation unfold as stories are presented each day. Make every attempt to tie the five sessions together as a step-by-step process.

BE CERTAIN TO READ THE BACKGROUND/APPLICATION PAGE FOR THIS LESSON!

PREPARATION PLAN

- 1. Begin your planning with prayer: Lord, help me to teach the precious truth of your holy Word clearly and correctly in such a way that will reach my students. Be with me so all I do and say honors your holy name. Bless this work, Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.
- 2. Read over the Bible lesson in your Bible at least twice.
- 3. Practice saying the lesson aloud as though you were telling the children.
- 4. Review the activity sheet and gather any needed materials.
- 5. Learn the music and melody of the song to be taught.
- 6. Become familiar with the memory passage.

OPENING DEVOTION INFORMATION

Day 1: As children enter church (gym, large hall—also known as "the Terminal"), take each child's picture on a digital camera. (During the day's lesson have someone print out all pictures and cut them out to be glued in each child's Passport.) When children are seated, hand each one a Flight Plan envelope (containing the Passport). After the devotion, have the children take the Passport to the classroom where a teacher or helper will help them complete the information. The Passport is NOT sent home until the final day. When children arrive each morning, hand each his/her passport. That will give them access to the "terminal" for the next day's devotion. At the end of Day 1 help the children glue their pictures onto the passport.

Before dismissal be certain to tie the Baggage Claim Check to the wrists of the children as they leave for home. Encourage them to ask their parents to visit the Web site, www.summervbs.com/flight4031.

SCHEDULE PLAN

- 1. Welcome all students with a smile. Tell them you are glad they came.
- 2. Meet with the entire group for Flight Plan #1.
- 3. After each class has come together, introduce yourself.
- 4. Ask each child for information that will help you complete the attendance card. This information is necessary for follow-up calls. Be certain the information is accurate. Lower grade children may need help from mom and dad.
- Discuss the title of the series. Explain that the name Eagle came from the Bible passage in Isaiah 40:31. Look up the passage and read it to the children. Help them learn it.
- Introduce the Bible lesson.
- 7. Teach the Bible lesson. (You may wish to use a flannel graph or poster picture to teach the lesson.)
 - a. God made our world perfect and without sin.
 - b. The devil tempted Adam and Eve to sin.
 - c. The world is now filled with pain, sorrow, and death.
 - d. We want to leave this world of sin and go to live with God in heaven.
- 8. After telling the story to the children, you may wish to read it to them.
- 9. Distribute and conduct activities for the lesson.
- 10. Practice the Bible passage.11. Recess/Refreshments.
- 12. Sing and practice songs.
- 13. Craft time.
- 14. Clean up/recap lesson for the day/close with prayer/dismiss.
- 15. BE CERTAIN to send home Parent Page.

DIRECTIONS FOR ACTIVITY SHEET

CONNECT THE DOTS:

Materials: Crayons

Directions: 1) Have children connect the dots to the words at the top of the page.

2) Color the picture



Have you ever been to an airport? What did you see? What noises did you hear? It's fun visiting an airport where we can watch the small and the great big planes take off and land. Why do so many people go to an airport? That's right. They want to travel to other places far away. Airplanes can help them do that. Airports are places people go so they can travel to another place.

We could think that our world is something like an airport. It is also a place people wait before they go to another place. Just as people go to an airport before they leave on a trip, so we wait here in this world before we go to heaven. Today we are going to hear how God's perfect world was changed by sin.

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Memory Verse.

"In the beginning"

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Long, long ago God made a wonderful garden called Eden. It was perfect in every way. The weather was always just right, the flowers were all beautiful, and the animals all lived together. God put Adam and Eve in this garden to enjoy it and to care for it.

God told Adam and Eve, "You can eat all the wonderful fruit you find, just do not eat from one certain tree, because if you do, you will die."

One day evil Satan came to Adam and Eve and said to them, "God didn't really mean you would die if you eat from this tree. No. Instead you will be just like God." Should Adam and Eve have listened to Satan? Of course not! But they did, and they took the fruit and began to nibble on it. Soon they realized they had done a terrible thing. They had sinned against God. So they quickly tried to find a hiding place where God wouldn't find them.

Do you think they could hide from God? Certainly not. God knew right where they were. God was very disappointed in Adam and Eve. He punished them by sending them out of the beautiful garden, and he told them that one day they were going to die because of what they did.

But God still loved them, so he promised that one day he would send Jesus. And even though they would die because of their sin, they would rise from death and live again in heaven. That was wonderful news for them. So you see, our time here on earth is like waiting at an airport. We are only here waiting to travel to a very special place. What is that special place called? Yes, it's called heaven.

EAGLE EXPRESS PARENT LESSON 1 GENESIS 1–3



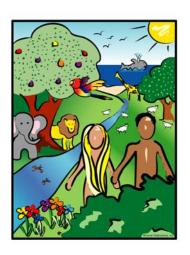
Dear parent,

"Eagle Express: Flight 4031" is the title of this Bible course. Each day your child will learn fascinating things about the world of flight. The Bible stories connected with each session also take them on an airline trip, from the airport, to purchasing a ticket, to getting to know the pilot, to reaching the final destination. After the last session your child will receive his or her wings.

Today the story was about the airport — a place people go before they leave on a trip elsewhere. Their Bible lesson was about the Garden of Eden, the first sin and the promise of a Savior. They learned that like the airport, earth is a place we stay before we go on to our destination. They learned that because of Jesus, we all have the hope and assurance that we will one day be taken to heaven to live forever.

Please read the story again to your child and help him or her put the Scripture passage to memory.

ALSO: Your child may have brought home a Web site address for you to dial up with your child. This site offers some great Bible activities, stories, and other interesting information about flying an airplane.



OUR JOURNEY BEGINS: The Garden of Eden

When God made our world, he made everything perfect. There was no sin, no pain, and no trouble. There wasn't even any death. Every day the weather was perfect. God made all the animals friendly and willing to obey Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve enjoyed all the wonderful things God had created, even all the fruits and vegetables. There was just one tree in the middle of the garden that God said they could not eat from. This tree had a name. It was called the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If they ate from this tree, Adam and Eve would die.

One day the devil came to Eve. He disguised himself as a snake. The devil began to tempt Eve. "Did God really say you couldn't eat from any of these trees?" he asked.

Eve told him they would die if they ate from that tree, but Satan insisted that they would only become more like God.

Both Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit from that forbidden tree. Soon they realized what they had done. They knew they had sinned against God. They did what God told them not to do.

They quickly hid in the bushes hoping God wouldn't find them. Could they really hide from God? Why not? God was very sad when he came to talk with them. He knew that he would now have to punish them for listening to the devil. God told them they would have to leave the beautiful garden, and work hard to stay alive. God also told them that one day they and everyone who would live after them would have to die.

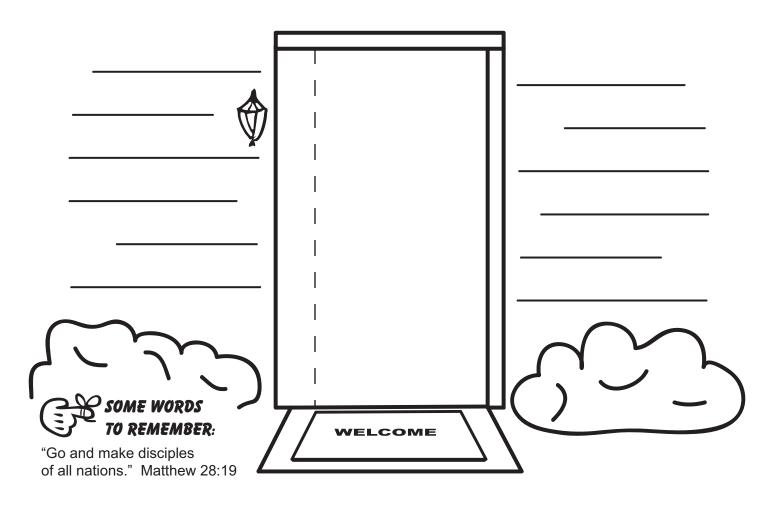
But God also showed that he still loved Adam and Eve by promising to send his Son, Jesus. He told them that everyone who believes in Jesus would die and then be brought back to life to live forever in heaven. That's the trip we are waiting for while we live here on earth. It's just like waiting at an airport to take a long trip. What a wonderful God we have that he decided to send Jesus to be our Savior!

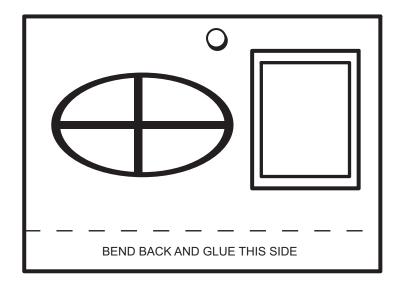
Memory passage:
"In the beginning God
created the heavens
and the earth."
Genesis 1:1



In the doorway of the house, draw a picture of a friend you would like to tell about Jesus. Cut out the door at the bottom of the page. Fold back along the dotted line and paste to the doorway.

Open the door and tell your friend about Jesus.









Did you know that pilots must go to special schools to learn how to fly? First, a student gets his pilot's license after many hours of flying with an instructor and flying alone, or soloing. That license is only good for small, single engine planes. After that he can advance to larger airplanes. He learns about weather and how to land at different airports. He learns how to use detailed maps for a safe and accurate flight. He may even learn how to fly twinengine airplanes and iets. All of this instruction is necessary to fly safely. Piloting an airplane is not as easy as it might seem. People learn to trust the pilot. The pilot must get all his passengers safely to their destination.

THE PILOT — Our Trusted Guide

We also have a pilot in our life. He knows exactly how to protect and guide us on our journey. This pilot is Jesus, the one guide we can't do without. Today's story shows us how he became an example for us and how his life had to be perfect and holy, so he could be a true Savior.

Satan is our enemy. He knows that anyone who trusts Jesus will reach heaven safely. He does not want that to happen. Instead, he does everything he can to keep people from going to heaven. He tries to lead us to doubt or to turn away from Jesus, our Savior. He tries to ruin God's plan of saving everyone from the punishment of death in hell. One way he tried to do this was by tempting Jesus to sin.

After Jesus was baptized, he was led by the Spirit of God into a desert. For forty days he did not eat — he fasted — and soon became very hungry. That's when the devil came to visit him.

The devil knew Jesus was very hungry, so he asked Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus told Satan, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Satan still wasn't ready to give up. Next he led Jesus to the highest point of the temple in Jerusalem. There he said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here."

Jesus scolded Satan, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

Then the devil took Jesus up on a very high mountain. There he showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. He told Jesus, "I will give you all of this if you worship me." Did Satan own all those wonderful things?

Jesus also resisted this temptation and said, "It is written, worship the Lord your God and serve him only." No matter how hard he tried, the devil couldn't win. Satan's attempt to ruin God's plan of salvation failed. Jesus won the victory for us.

Satan is always trying to tempt us to sin too. He wants us to doubt God's love. He wants us to stop trusting in God's Word. He wants us to trust in ourselves instead. Yes, the devil is still trying to take away the salvation that Jesus won for us. But we can also triumph over him by using that same powerful Word of God. Then we can appreciate our pilot, Jesus. We can see how he guides and directs us. What better pilot could ever guide us?



LOG BOOK | 1 Timothy 1:15 "Christ Jesus came into the world

to save sinners."

EAGLE EXPRESS GRADES 5–6 LESSON 4 ACTS 9:1–8

THE FLIGHT — Sharing the Experience

Flight Instruments

Interesting things happen to us every day. Just for fun, name something interesting that happened to you last week. How about yesterday? Many people think that flying in an airplane is an interesting experience. Unless you fly frequently, it is certainly something well out of the ordinary. If you've ever flown, you can probably still remember it quite vividly. And you will probably still remember it several years from now.

God sees to it that our lives are filled with interesting experiences. Some are happy, some are sad, and some we may even wish we could forget. While living on this earth we will each experience unique situations. Yet we know that the greatest experience is yet to come.

In our story today, a young man experienced something he would never forget as long as he lived, and he shared that experience everywhere he went.

or a short time after Jesus ascended into heaven, some of his followers met together in Jerusalem, while others were scattered throughout the country.

scattered throughout the country. The early church was just beginning to get started, yet there were dangers involved. Just as Jesus was hated by some people, so his followers were also hated. There were those who wanted to do away with all of Jesus's followers. There was one such man who wanted all believers arrested and put to death. His name was Saul.

One day Saul went to the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and asked permission to go north to the city of

Damascus. He hoped to find believers living there. Then he could arrest them and return them to Jerusalem for trial. Permission was granted, and he began to head north to Damascus. But as he came within sight of the city, something very strange happened to Saul. First a bright light—much brighter than the noonday sun—shone on him and his companions. It was so bright they all fell from their horses and covered their eyes. Then a voice spoke that only Saul could hear. "Saul, Saul, why are you doing this to me?" came the voice.

"Who are you?" Saul asked. He couldn't imagine who was speaking to him.

"I am Jesus," was the answer, "the one you are

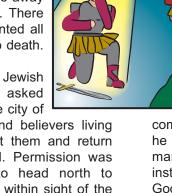
persecuting." Jesus meant that Saul's hatred for the believers was also hatred toward Jesus.

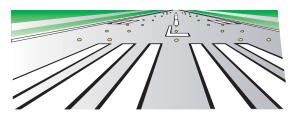
Now Saul knew he had been caught in his sin by Jesus himself. Can you imagine what was going through Saul's mind now? Had Jesus come to kill him? "What must I do?" Saul asked Jesus.

Jesus told Saul to go into Damascus. There he was to wait for further instructions.

When Saul stood up, he noticed he had been blinded by the light. His

companions had to help him into the city. When he arrived, he waited for several days until a man named Ananias came to him to begin instructing him. God had special plans for Saul. God chose him to be his special agent. God wanted him to become a special missionary. He would no longer work against Jesus. Rather, he would now be working for Jesus. Eventually Saul's name was changed to Paul, and Paul became the most famous missionary who ever lived. Paul was a changed man, and he would never forget that one special experience he had on the road to Damascus. Paul spent the rest of his life telling others about his Savior, Jesus Christ. We can do that too. We can tell everyone we meet that Jesus is the way to eternal life in heaven.

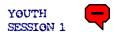




MEMORY

"You will be witnesses to all men."

Acts 22:15



A DAY AT THE AIRPORT: Our Journey Begins



the detector check line.

Flying! What fun! It never ceases to amaze me how much effort people put into flying nowadays. Years ago it was simple. I remember getting to the airport at the last minute, rushing through the ticket line, running down the concourse with hair streaming in the wind and suitcase trying hard to catch up, skipping through the boarding line, and finally plopping into a seat, just in time to hear the engines rev up.

Not so today! "Arrive two hours before flight" is the common schedule your airline will tell you. If not, you may find yourself looking out the airport windows long enough to see your flight taxiing on the runway as you struggle to untie your shoes in

Regardless, flying can be a real experience. At least that's what my two airline pilot sons tell me. How they ever got into flying is a mystery to me. The only flying my wife and I did was many years ago. She lost her lunch and I lost my luggage. But those are two stories best left untold.

Today we're going to meet at the airport to begin our journey. It's a journey that will take longer than you think and go to more places than you can imagine. So force that suitcase shut, make certain you've got a ticket, and get ready to...stand in line!

FLYING'S LIGHTER MOMENTS!!!

Although flying is a serious matter with many lives at stake, there is always time for some lighthearted fun. For some major airlines, after pilots land, they get to fill out a "gripe sheet" which alerts mechanics to aircraft problems. After the problems are corrected the mechanics make notes for the pilots to review before the next flight. Here are some "gripe sheet" gems:

Pilot Gripe: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement. Mechanic Note: Almost replaced left inside tire.

Pilot Gripe: Friction lock causes throttle levers to stick. Mechanic Note: That's what they are there for.

Pilot Gripe: Something loose in cockpit.

Mechanic Note: Something tightened in cockpit.

Pilot Gripe: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough. Mechanic Note: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

DID YOU KNOW?

How powerful are jet engines? In May 2000, a chartered jet carrying the New York Knicks basketball team taxied too close to the parking lot. The powerful blast from the jet engine was strong enough to flip Coach Van Gundy's car over three other vehicles.

Pilot Gripe: Target radar hums.

Mechanic Note: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

Pilot Gripe: Aircraft handles funny.

Mechanic Note: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

Pilot Gripe: Number three engine keeps missing.

Mechanic Note: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

Pilot Gripe: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

Mechanic Note: Evidence removed.

Pilot Gripe: Noise coming from under instrument panel—sounds like a child pounding on something with

a hammer

Mechanic Note: Take hammer away from child.

IT STARTED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Everyone knows that an airport is only the stepping off place for a journey. It's the place where the journey begins. You don't make the airport the journey, but it is necessary to embark there if you want to travel a great distance. In a way the garden of Eden was like an airport. It was in that paradise that the journey—which we are still on today—all began.

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 aloud.

- 1. What was God's plan?
- 2. Why did God wish to make the beautiful creation? For whose benefit was it made?
- 3. How did God feel about his creation?
- 4. In Genesis 1:26 we find the pronoun "us." Who is that?
- 5. What was different about the creation of man?
- 6. What did God want man to do?
- 7. What gift did God give to man? (See verses 29, 30.)

There are actually three accounts of the creation in Genesis: Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:2–2:3, and Genesis 2:4–25.

Read Genesis 2:4-25 out loud.

- 1. This third creation account centers mainly on whom?
- 2. How did God put special effort into man's creation?
- 3. How was the creation of the two trees in the garden a sign of God's love for man?
- 4. What ability did God want man to have?
- 5. What was the only commandment God gave to the first people?
- 6. How do you think Adam and Eve cared for and "worked" in the garden?
- 7. How did man know he was missing something like a woman?
- 8. How do we know that Eve was equally in the image of God as was Adam?
- 9. Were either Adam or Eve jealous of each other? How do we know they lived in perfect harmony?

Read Genesis 3 out loud.

- 1. How many chapters and verses in the Bible does it take to go from "it was very good" to "the eyes of both of them were opened"?
- 2. How did Adam admit his guilt in Genesis 3:10? Why? (See Genesis 2:25.)
- 3. What curses did God place upon Satan? The woman? The man?
- 4. What promise did God give? Did he keep it?
- 5. How did God help Adam and Eve deal with their nakedness?
- 6. In Genesis 3:22, what does God mean that Adam and Eve were now becoming like "us"?
- 7. What was the real reason God sent them out of the garden?



These yummy treats are sure help your Bible school soar to new, tasty heights.

SESSION 1

BLUE SKY CUPCAKES

Make simple cupcakes topped with blue sky frosting and topped with party-favor airplanes. Simply purchase pre made cupcakes or bake your favorite recipe. Top with vanilla icing with blue food coloring added. Party-favor airplanes are easy to find at your party store or on eBay. (You can get 144 two-inch plastic airplanes for less than \$4.00 at www.airshow.com.)

BLUE SKY DRINK

Blue "sky" Kool-Aid makes for a great drink.

PEANUT BUTTER DOUGH SNAKES

Make snakes out of simple peanut butter dough. (Be sure to check for peanut allergies!) Children can eat their snakes when they are done.

Edible Peanut Butter Dough:

½ cup peanut butter

1 cup powdered milk

½ cup honey

Mix together.

Enough for three students.

SESSION 2

CELERY RUNWAYS

Fill long stalks of celery with peanut butter or cream cheese. Use raisins as runway markers.

SUNNY SKY SNACK

Mix up a batch of blue Jell-O and set in refrigerator to cool. When thickened yet still somewhat liquid, pour into clear-plastic glasses, alternating with spoonfuls of whipped topping placed around the sides of the glass to look like clouds. Spoon out whipped topping on top for clouds and insert an orange "sun" slice.

NUTTER BUTTER COOKIE PROPELLERS

The Nutter Butter cookie is the propeller. Attach it with frosting to a large marshmallow (the body of the plane).

SESSION 3

TICKET GRAHAM CRACKER SNACKS

Decorate whole Graham crackers with icing with a cross and the words "OUR TICKET."

FLYING HIGH SMOOTHIE DRINK

Mix in blender 1 cup milk and 1 (6 oz.) can orange juice. Add 2 cups vanilla ice cream. Pour into cups and serve with straws.

SKY JELL-O

Make blue Jell-O blocks as sky Jell-o. Or make Jell-O in small, clear cups and then top with a dab of Cool Whip. You have the sky and a cloud. Top with inexpensive, small, plastic airplanes.

"PROMISE OF A SAVIOR" COOKIES

Use sugar cookie dough (store-bought or homemade) and a heart cookie cutter. Give each child a piece of dough and a toothpick. Have children flatten the piece of dough and share the cookie cutter to make a heart cutout. Before baking the cookies have children etch their initials (or name) and a small cross into the cookie using a toothpick. Use the cookies at snack time.

SESSION 4

FLIGHT SNACKS

Fill small bags with pretzels, peanuts, and raisins. Write fitting words on the bags such as "Food for the Soul."

BANANA AIRPLANES

Let children make their own snack. Use $\frac{1}{2}$ banana for the body of the airplane. Poke in pretzels for the wings. Add four mini marshmallows for the windows.

SESSION 5

AIRPLANE RICE KRISPY TREATS

Shape Rice Crispy Treats to look like airplanes or flatten recipe and use airplane cookie cutter to cut out airplane shapes.

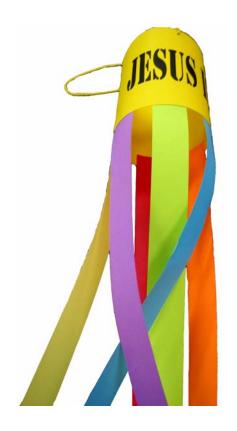
THE GROUND BELOW COOKIES

(Picture looking down at the ground from an airplane.) Begin with chocolate Graham crackers. Decorate with chocolate (ground) and green (grass) icing with a blue icing river running down the middle. Place chocolate chips on top of the chocolate icing for the mountain peaks and shake green sprinkles on the green icing for the grass.



DAY 2

WIND SOCK—JESUS IS OUR PILOT



MATERIALS:

Template #2 (Print on yellow paper.)

Scissors

Glue (Glue stick)

Paper for tails (12" long and 1" wide—6 per child...you may substitute crepe paper.)

Paper punch

String hanger

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Cut out "Jesus Is Our Pilot" strip.
- 2. Set long hanger strips in place before gluing to get proper spacing.
- 3. Glue on hanger strips.
- 4. Glue ends of top piece together.
- 5. Punch holes and insert string for hanging.







The airplane theme can be great fun for the students and the teachers.

GENERAL DECORATIONS

Those who order the CD-Rom of this course will receive a set of airport signs. These "authentic" signs may be placed throughout your building. They will help set the theme of the course. There will also be a limited quantity of large "Instrument Panel" posters available that can also be displayed in a prominent spot. Hang this above your registration table or use it to advertise your course weeks before the VBS.



THE TICKET COUNTER

If there is room, you could set up a terminal ticket counter where the children would register. This counter could be any table, covered with a bright cloth. You could have a computer on the table on which you would make a student passport while they wait. (The Passport with this program is possible to personalize with student names. Preprint the outside and have them ready for use as the children enter.)





At many larger airports each airline has its logo shown on the wall behind the ticket desk. You could also display a large poster of the Eagle Express logo (also included with this program.) Suggestions to use the included art would be to print out a transparency of the logo and make your own blown up logo, or simply place the transparency on an overhead projector located behind the ticket person and broadcast the picture on the wall behind the ticket counter.

THE TERMINAL

We highly recommend that the entire group meets together in a common location such as a gym, church, or other large meeting room. This will be designated as your Airport Terminal. Here the students will gather each day for an opening devotion, and DVD presentation. They will also be given their "Flight Plans" each day as well. These will be various items that will further the theme.

To set up the terminal, we recommend a "detector" of sorts set up at the entryway. Children and parents must pass through this detector to access the terminal. As they pass through the detector they must show their "Passport" (which will be given to them on day 1.)

On the first day, an adult should be positioned at the Terminal entrance to take a digital photo of each child. During the class time on day 1 the photos will be printed and distributed to the various classrooms. On that day the pictures will be pasted into each child's Passport. Passports are then kept at the church and given to each student as they arrive on successive days. On the final day the children may take them home.



THE DEVOTION PRESENTATION AREA

Each day's devotion will present an interesting fact about flying an airplane. This fact will then transition into the Bible lesson theme of the day. The area for the presentation of this devotion can be decorated

like the inside of a large airplane. Perhaps a no smoking sign, padded chairs lined up as in a plane, door looking into the cockpit, small windows pasted on the walls, etc.

Those using the daily five minute DVD presentation by Captain Jesse and First Officer Seth will also need a TV in full view of the assembly.

UNIFORMS

To carry out the theme of flying we recommend that all teacher and helpers wear standard "pilot" dress. That would include dark slacks, white shirt, black necktie, and a "wings" pin which can be purchased from Kremer Publications (1-800-669-0887). You might also like to include shoulder epaulets as well as a neck lanyard with photo ID if you have a local source to assist you.



DEVOTION FLIGHT ATTENDANT

The daily devotions are to be presented by an "official" flight attendant. This man or woman should also be dressed in a flight attendant uniform — similar to that mentioned above for the pilots. A blazer would also be an added touch for women or men. Women might also wear special flight attendant hats.



A PILOT'S UNIFORM

Hi! Some kids have wondered if all pilots wear the same type of uniform. Let me take just a minute to explain some of the markings and what they mean.

There are a few different ways that you can distinguish the status of the pilot as you see them walking through the airport.

Epaulets

These are worn on the shoulder. A captain has four stripes and the first officer three.





Pilot's Blazer Jacket

This pilot's sport coat has stripes around the bottom of the sleeves. Every captain will have four stripes, and first officers will have two. If there is a second officer or flight attendant, they will also have two stripes.

Wings

The wings are pinned to the left side of the pilot's shirt or blazer. Some wings will have a star or different insignia on the top of them to indicate a captain. There may also be a wreath above that star to indicate a specific amount of time that the pilot has been with the airline.

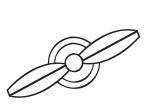


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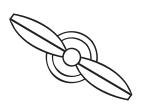
The first officer's hat will usually have a smooth, shiny black rim. A captain will have gold leaves called "scrambled eggs" on the rim.



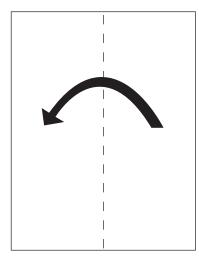
It is important for pilots to wear the right uniform. That way those around them know they are pilots. As Christians, we also wear a uniform. Jesus said he washed us with his blood when he died on the cross. That makes us very clean. We should be proud to wear the uniform of a Christian. We should want everyone to see that we are God's children.



THE DART

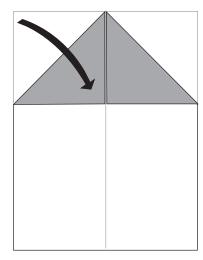


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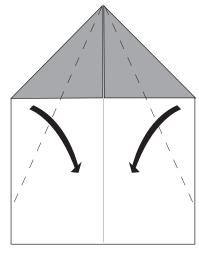
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STEP 2



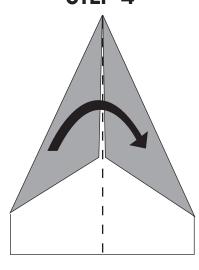
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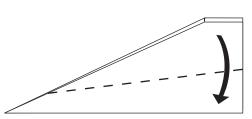
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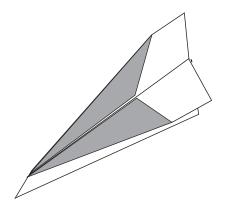
Fold in half.

STEP 5



Make a wing crease as shown in Step 5 dotted line.

STEP 6



The Dart is complete.

Bend up rear edge slightly for more lift.