Dreamers

Lesson Introduction

"Dreamers." What comes to mind when you think of a dreamer. For many they think of a dreamer in a negative way.

In the past dreams were considered of high importance. Today, few would give a dream much value. The first few chapters of the New testament records that God communicated with people through dreams to carry out His will. Throughout history God has used dreams to communicate His messages to people.

God is a spirit. According to Scripture He favors talking with people using dreams. The Bible also records that in the last days He will choose this method of communicating to speak to His people, both young and old, male and female. How unfortunate that many have put dreams into the category of something of little importance.

Warning: We are not to seek dreams, no more than we seek manifestations of angels, etc. Instead we are to seek God. As we seek God, do not consider it strange to find that He may begin speaking to you and the children through their dreams.

Let's be willing to be a dreamer for the King. A people without a vision or dream perish. Pray that He will give you and your children great and godly dreams.

Flash Point

Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.

LESSON TWENTY

Memory Verse

Flash Point

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PREPARATION LIST

Prepare all songs and story pictures. Trace and color the songs and pictures onto transparencies or larger pieces of paper. If any items are not available, attempt to locate acceptable substitutions.

Welcome: Mad Scientist (MS) costume
National Anthem: National flag
Game #1: Stacking items
Game #2: Spinning wheel, prizes
Special Emphasis:
Offering: Containers for offering
Announcements: Flyers for next meeting
Lesson Introduction: Toy rat, black material
Memory Verse: Transparency or posterboard
Bible Story: His Name Was Tommy
Object Lesson #1: First Aide Kit
Object Lesson #2: Simple Tools
Object Lesson #3: Scissors, Shampoo
Object Lesson #4: Bible and shoe shine kit

Kids Club Rally

Welcome:
KIDS Rules
Prayer _____
National Anthem _____
Theme Song _____
Praise Songs _____
Review Questions #1 _____
Game #1 Stack It Up
Review Questions #2 _____
Game #2 Spin The Wheel
Special Emphasis
Offering _____

Worship _____
Special Ministry _____
Announcements _____
Lesson Introduction Olympic Rat
Flash Point: Dreamers Wanted...
Memory Verse Acts 2:17
Bible Story I Can't But God Can
Object lesson #1 What's Ur Dream?
Object lesson #2 Carpenter Ur Dream?
Object lesson #3 Haircut Ur Dream?
Object lesson #4 Pastor Ur Dream?
Story Time His Name Was Tommy
Ending Prayer

DREAMERS

Welcome

Props: Mad Scientist (MS) costume, pillow and blanket, stuffed toy.
Preparation: Dress a volunteer to look like a mad scientist. (Be creative.)
MS: Enters, without saying a word. Finds a quiet spot, and lays down, putting his head on a pillow and covers himself with a blanket, and hugs a stuffed toy. Acts like he is sleeping (Maybe motions to the audience to be quiet and not disturb him). **Leader:** Walks in and sees the Mad Scientist apparently asleep, so whispers to the audience. I don't know what he's doing, but I don't want to disturb his sleep so I'll whisper. Today's lesson is about 'Dreamers." Wait a moment! I've never seen the Mad Scientist sleeping here before. I'd better make sure he's OK. (Goes and shakes MS to wake him up.)
MS: Acts like he's waking up, "Hey what's all the noise? I'm trying to sleep. **Leader:** Why are you trying sleep at kids club? This is a fun place, but not a sleeping place. **MS:** (Laughing.) I read the title of today's lesson. It was about dreamers so I decided to get a head start. So don't bug me, I want to be the world's greatest dreamer. I'm going to go back to sleep. **Leader:** MS, I think if you are tired you should go to bed. This is not a good place to sleep. We might be too noisy for you or we might step on you. OK? **MS:** OK, I'll go try to find a good spot to dream. I'm going to be the best dreamer, just you wait and see! MS exits. **Leader:** Being a dreamer does not mean you sleep a lot. I think that the Mad Scientist needs to listen to the rest of the lesson. I think he might have read today's lesson title, but he didn't read the lesson.

Kids Rules
Opening Prayer

Suggested prayer: Dear Jesus, You love me so much. I welcome you to talk to me any time you want, even in my dreams. Thank you Jesus for loving me enough to talk to me. In Jesus name. Amen.

National Anthem
Praise Songs
Review Questions

1. Finish the Flash Point. (With actions) Character: It's not there. It's not there. It's there!
2. Finish the Flash Point: Patience: Hard 2 find. Important 2 have.
3. Finish the Flash Point: Generosity gives us velocity to grow and go.
4. Finish the Flash Point: Tenderhearted with an open hand not a fist!
5. Finish the Flash Point: Faithfulness: Never leave home without Him.
6. Finish the Flash Point: Joy-Full: The saddest time's with Jesus, are better than the happiest time's without Him.

Game #1
Stack It Up

Props: Stacking items.
Preparation: Divide the stacking items equally into two parts. The items can be whatever is available. Empty cola or milk cans, egg cartons, etc. Be creative. Include as many items and varies sizes of objects as possible.
Participants: Recommend four to eight players.
Game Rules: On the signal to start both teams quickly assemble their tower of stacked items. The team who have the highest stacking tower at the end of 1 - 2 minutes (You select a time limit.) will be declared the winners. On the signal that the game is completed the players must back away from their towers. If they fall over only the tallest item on their tower will be counted in the measuring.

Review Questions

You may want to announce a special prize will be given to any child who memorizes this quarters 13 memory verses. (Suggestion: Silk screened Kids Club T-shirt).

1. Finish the Memory Verse. **Do not** be fooled: Bad company corrupts good character. I Corinthians 15:33
2. Finish the Memory Verse. **To obey the** Lord is better than sacrifice, and to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. I Samuel 15:22 with an open hand not a fist.
3. Complete the Memory verse, There was a disciple named Dorcas, who was always doing good and helping the poor. Acts 9:36
4. Complete the Memory verse, Be kind and tenderhearted to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ. Ephesians 4:32
5. Complete the Memory verse, I saw heaven open, and there was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. **Revelation 19:11.**
6. Complete the Memory verse, A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22

Game #2
Spin the Wheel

Props: Spinning wheel, prizes.
Preparation: Prepare a spinning wheel, with sections of the wheel, to include different prizes that are affordable. If you have a small budget you might want to ask different members of your church to contribute. Be creative. You can give cookies, fruit, and other various items that are of little expense but that will be appreciated.
Players: One team comprised of those able to quote a previous scripture verse from this quarter.
Playing: Give each child an opportunity to spin the wheel. Award the prize that the pointer lands on.

Offering
Children in Special Ministry
Worship
Announcements

Lesson Introduction
Olympic Rat

Props: Toy rat, black material, water, bucket.
Preparation: Put a couple of inches of water in a bucket.
Presentation: There was an test reportedly done, where a rat (Hold up toy rat by the tail and demonstrate.) was placed it in a bucket of water without any light to see how long it would keep on swimming before giving up. Usually the rat would swim for about 3 minutes in the dark water before it gave up swimming, sinking to the bottom of the container. Then they took another rat and placed it in the same kind of container, only this time they allowed a small ray of light to shine in. With the small amount of light, the rat continued swimming for about 36 hours. That is hundred's of times longer than the rat that was in total darkness.
Think about the difference a little Light can make. Some people have lived over a month without food. Some can live about four days without water and maybe four minutes without air. But without God we can not live at all. If a rat gives up after a few minutes in a bucket of water with no light, yet can survive for 36 hours with just a tiny ray of light. Even though a rat is only an animal, the same is also true of us. Without a vision, the Bible records, the people perish. We need the heavenly Light in order to live. Let's be people who have a vision or dream of the Light.
Today's **Flash Point: Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.**

Quiet Seat Time

Teaching Tip

What's your dream? Does it include the children. A dreamer-leader can impact the children's future. Children you touch today may be the top leaders tomorrow.

DREAMERS

Memory Verse

In the last days, God says, "I will pour out My spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." Acts 2:17

Props: Transparency or poster of today's scripture verse. It can be used as a coloring page for the class or as a take home item.
Preparation: Practice and become familiar with today's memory verse. Recommend using the music provided on the Kids Praise and Worship tape.
Presentation: We serve a wonderful God! God loves us when we are cute little babies. In fact He knew us even as we were taking shape in our mothers womb. Not only does God love the cute little babies He even loves us all, boys and girls, young and old. Sing today's Memory Verse. (If time is available, recommend practicing other Memory Verses of this quarter.)

Flash Point

Props: List of all Flash Points.
Review: Practice all **Flash Points** with actions and definitions.

#1. Character: It's not there. It's not there. It's there!
#2. Patience, hard 2 find. Important 2 have.
#3. Generosity gives us velocity to grow & go.
#4. Tenderhearted with an open hand not a fist.
#5. Faithfulness: Never leave home without Him.
#6 Joy-Full: The saddest time's with Jesus, are better than the happiest time's without Him.
#7. Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.

There are many kinds of dreams in the world. God's dreams come for a reason. He wants us to follow Him. He loves us very much. **Flash Point: Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.**

Bible Story

I Can't But God Can

Genesis 41

Props: Pillow, blanket, coins, paper currency, and a Bible.
Preparation: Read today's scripture passages in order to familiarize yourself with Joseph and how God communicated and helped him through his dreams.
Presentation: Lay the pillow on a table or on the floor. (Recommend (if possible) make yourself comfortable, and tell today's bible story as if you are in bed or getting ready to go to sleep.) How many of you have ever had a dream? How many of you have dreams sometimes? How about every night? What is the value of a dream? (Pull out some money.) Is it worth a penny? (Mention various amounts of money, starting with small to large).
Some people think dreams are just something that our brain invents when we go to sleep. The truth is there are dreams that we have that have little value. They are simply our mind's way of relaxing when we are resting. Some dreams are very valuable. When we have a God dream, it comes as a warning or a method that God uses to communicate something to us. If we have a God dream we need to take care of it an not forget what God is saying to us. Be careful of your dreams. If you think you have a God dream, the first thing you need to do is test it. (I John 4:1) Make sure that it follows the Bible. God's messages are always true to the Bible. Remember He is the author of the Bible. Any dream that tries to change the truths in the Bible would be a dream not from God. One famous young boy who dreamed, is Joseph. Joseph started receiving dreams from God when he was very young.

(Tell some of the story of Joseph's dreaming and briefly what happened in Joseph's life.)
Because of His dreams, and telling them to His brothers, he got into a lot of trouble. His brothers did not like Joseph's dream. He had dreamed that his family bowed down to him as if he were a king. How would your older brothers or sisters like it if you had a dream that they were going to bow down and serve you?
(You may want to take a volunteer and have them place their head on the pillow.) Ask your audience, "Are you willing to listen to God if He speaks to you in a dream?" Remember the Bible says, "In the last days, He will be giving dreams and visions to His people young and old." I hope that you will be willing and ready if He want to give you a dream for the last days.
If you have a God dream, it will happen. Joseph's dreams took many years before they came to pass. Joseph, always remembered his dreams and he knew that he was not the power to make his dreams come true. Only God has the power to make His dreams come true. (Genesis 41:16) Be patient, serve and follow God. If you have a dream that comes from God, He will show you what it means if you are patient and follow Him. **Flash Point: Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.**

Object Lesson #1
What's Ur Dream?

Props: First Aid Kit.
Preparation: Prepare a simple first aid kit to give away.
Presentation: God created us. He also built into us the ability to dream. We need to dream. Without a dream life can become a dark place. Some people's dreams have died. For them life is not fun.
What is your dream? Does anyone here have a dream of becoming a nurse or doctor? (Encourage a response. Select one who has a dream of becoming a doctor and give them the first aid kit). Explain the importance of, praying for the sick. Cleanliness when taking care of wounds. Encourage them to go after their dream.

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Object Lesson #2
Carpenter Ur Dream?

Props: Simple tools, wood carving wooden item.
Preparation: If possible bring a carpenter (carver) and a sample of their finished and unfinished work. **Suggestion:** If possible give a simple tool to someone who has a dream of becoming a carpenter or carver. (Feel free to substitute, as needed in any of these Object Lessons.)
Presentation: Some people work all their live and never see their dreams come true. If God has given you a gift it is best to use it and to develop it. Carving or carpentry is a special skill. It is one that can help a person to earn a living at the same time it is something that can be enjoyed.
Hold up a wooden carving or wooden item. If you have access to a carver bring him out and an unfinished piece of work. Have the carver or carpenter demonstrate some of their work for the audience to see.
Is their anyone here interested in carving or being a carpenter. Have them come forward to receive a gift of a tool (if possible) and encourage them to go for their dream. Pray for them. Jesus grew up in the home of a carpenter. I think he learned to enjoy working with Joseph in his work room. **Flash Point: Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.**

Object Lesson #3
Haircut Ur Dream?

Props: Scissors, shampoo, bucket and towel.
Preparation: If you have a small class, try to tailor these lessons to your students. If you know one

has a specific dream, encourage them in it.
If possible have a pair of haircutting scissors to give away, or a bottle of shampoo.
Presentation: Ask for a volunteer to come and have their hair washed. Perhaps another volunteer to assist you in the washing. Mention that to wash another's hair that you have to be careful not to get the soap in their eyes. If someone has the dream to become a hairdresser or barber, they need to learn the proper way to do these things. A good hair dresser is gentle. Can you imagine going to a barber or hair dresser that is not careful with the shampoo. Ouch! Or how about someone trying to cut your hair an gets your ear! (Hold you ear). Whatever your dream you need to put legs to your dreams. God expects and wants you to work with Him to see the dreams come to pass. Joseph, had the dream of his family bowing before him, but God had Joseph go through a long training period of many years before Joseph was ready to sit on the throne with the king.
The dream of what we are to do with our lives can be natural or normal dreams or desires. God gives us our gifts and abilities. What we do with the things that God gives us, demonstrates to God our love for Him. If we have a natural dream, God can interrupt our dream and replace them with His dreams. If we insist on following what we want to do, and if we do not follow God's dreams we will not find the happiness He has prepared for us. If you have someone with the dream of becoming a hair dresser or barber, give them shampoo or scissors (if possible). Pray with them. **Flash Point: Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.**

Object Lesson #4
Pastor Ur Dream

Props: Bible and shoe shine kit.
Preparation: Would be nice if you can, give away a shoe shine kit and or a Bible.
Presentation: Hold up the Bible. Where do godly pastors or missionaries come from? (Encourage a response.) They come as a result of God calling them. It can be in a dream or vision or simply the impression from God that touches the heart of someone that this is what they are to do. Perhaps some of you may become Christian workers. I hope so. God hopes so too. But it is up to you. When God speaks to your heart will you say, Yes, Lord." Or will you say, "Go away." You have a choice. Does anyone here have a dream that perhaps God would like you to become His worker?
Hold up the shoe shine kit. Where do godly shoe shiners come from? They too come from God. If God wants you work with your hands doing something like shining shoes then do your best. Being a missionary or being a person who shines shoes is equally important as long as you obey God in whatever He wants you to do. God clearly teaches us in the Bible that not everyone is a mouth nor is everyone a hand. We should all work together to fulfill what God wants us to do with our lives. Find out if anyone is called to be a Christian worker, or their desire is just to work as a Christian. (Give one the Bible and the other the shoe shine kit.) **Flash Point: Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.**

Story Time
His Name Was Tommy

Picture 20:1 There was a young boy named Tommy who had a rough time in school. He wad hearing difficulties and probably could have been diagnosed ADD (Attention Deficiency Disorder). But in those days, no one knew to test for ADD. Tommy would often interrupt and ask questions. He never could seem to keep up in his classes. Everything he tried to do, he failed at.

Picture 20:2 One day at school, Tommy's teacher asked him to bring his mother to school. When she arrived, Tommy's teacher said that his parents had to take him out of school. The teacher said Tommy would never be smart enough to be able to complete school, nor would he ever amount to much. Tommy's teacher had given up on being able to teach him. Tommy waved good-bye sadly to his friends at school and with his cheeks red with shame he followed his mother home. With every step home he kept thinking in his head, "I'm a failure, I can't go to school, what will happen to me?"

Kids, sometimes things happen that we can't control. Even if bad things happen to you, never give up your dreams. God gives us dreams, and if we hold to what God wants for us, even the bad things that happen cannot destroy what God has for us.

Picture 20:3 Tommy, only ten years old, went home, no longer able to go to school. He helped his parents and worked to be a help to them in any way he could. His mother was very good for Tommy, she did not agree with his school teacher. She believed in Tommy. She knew that if she was patient she could help Tommy to learn. Tommy's mom allowed him to explore different things that interested him. Even if Tommy's projects seemed a little crazy, like trying to see how high he could stack wooden blocks without their falling. She felt that even things like that could teach Tommy good lessons.

Tommy liked working with his hands, and though some of the things he tried to do seemed strange, his mom used his interests to teach him. Whenever he failed at a project, she would encourage him to try again. She taught him that even if he failed at a project, that did not mean that 'he' was a failure, it just meant he knew one more way not to do it. The support she gave him, made him feel good, and he did learn.

Picture 20:4 Sometimes Tommy would try a project sixty or seventy times. He learned to not give up until he did what he thought could be done. Tommy became a very determined young man. Most school classrooms do not teach students how to be determined. If Tommy couldn't do it the first time, his mom encouraged him, and she helped him to learn patience. His parents let him use his bedroom for his work shop. But he had a hard time keeping it clean so he had to move to the basement. He never gave up working on his experiments. How about you. If you can't do it right the first two or three tries, would you determine to try it even up to sixty or seventy times? Sometimes our problems stop us because we stop before we try enough. Some people have no job because they stay home and don't go out and look for a job, especially if they tried and got turned down. Who knows if you can find a job, especially if you quit trying? Quitting is easy. Being persistent is the only way to see a dream become a reality. The key is, **"Never Give Up."** (Have audience repeat **"Never Give Up."** three times.)

Picture 20:5 What do you think happened to little Tommy? Remember he was forced out of school at ten, and he was told he would never amount to anything. The home he grew up in didn't have anything but candles and lanterns for light. Also remember, his mom became his teacher. I'll tell you what happened to little Tommy. Because of his moms encouragement, all of us have been blessed by him. Little Tommy grew up and became a great experimenter and inventor.

Picture 20:6 One of the thousands of things that Tommy created was the light bulb. He said, *"We are striking it big in the electric light, better than my vivid imagination first conceived. Where this thing is going to stop Lord only knows."* Thomas Edison October 1879 (He was 32 years old.) Think about what a different world it would be without electric lights which are just one of Tommy's thousands of inventions. One of Tommy's favorite sayings was invention is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Tommy was a dreamer. But even if a dream was the 1% of the inspiration that started him on a project, he said, it was **"work,"** hard work (perspiration), that was the mother, or force behind what he was able to create. Always be willing to work, to help others. You may have a dream, but is only part of what you need. To see it come to pass you need to work hard and never give up. That is the other 99% of what we need.

Picture 20:7 Tommy, better known as Thomas Edison, created the light bulb. In order for him to create the light bulb he worked in his workshop with a team of helpers. They had 3,000 different theories (ideas) on how to make the light bulb. They tried out 6,000 different types of filaments or inside wires for the light bulb before they finally came up with the solution on how to make a working light bulb. Think about it, no one had ever seen a light bulb. He was the first one to create something that had never existed.

What is your problem? All of us are rich, if we have an active mind, a willing heart, willing to work, and follow Him. Never give up. Always be willing to dream. When your dreams stop, so will you.

Picture 20:8 What else did little Tommy create? He made the phonograph, which was the beginning of the devices to record sound, such as music. Because of that we have CD players, tape recorders. He also made the motion picture cameras. Little Tommy wrote, *"I am experimenting upon an instrument which does for the eye what the phonograph does for the ear, which is the recording and reproduction of things in motion"* Thomas A. Edison, 1888.

Picture 20:9 One little boy, who was kicked out of school, ended up blessing the world. What are you going to do to bless others? What are your dreams? Maybe you will never be a Thomas Edison. No one knows what you can or will do, until you are willing to dream and work. Put God in the center of your life, live for Him, and He will make you somebody special. Don't be selfish. Selfishness is the quickest way to destroy a dream. God has a plan for your life. Do you know what God's plan is for your life? If you don't know what His plan is then you need to talk to Him. That is called prayer. The Bible tells us, If any of us lack wisdom, just ask, and God will give it generously. (James 1:5)

Picture 20:10 Do you have a dream? Do you know that God has a plan for your life? Do you know why you were created?
You are not an accident. God has a wonderful plan for your life. If you do not yet know what God's plan for your life is, take time to seek God. He will answer your sincere prayers. Take time to pray, then when He begins to answer, follow His directions. God wants you to follow Him 100%. Do not try to give Him less than your best. It does not matter how young or old you are. It does not matter what bad things you have done. God will take you where you are and will forgive all the wrong things you have done if you just ask Him. He loves you.

Wrap Up

As time allows, you may wish to go to each in your audience to pray for them individually, or as a group if there are too many.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, We yield to you. We seek your forgiveness. We desire the dreams from You. Lead us Lord, and we will follow. In Jesus name. Amen.