



# **ST. JOHN NEUMANN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAILY NEWSLETTER**

**TUESDAY | JUNE 6, 2023**







## DAY 2

When people don't get along...  
*shine Jesus' light!*

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**Day 2 we continued our mission of discovering how Jesus' light shines!**  
Today was all about how to Shine Jesus' Light when people don't get along, and that when we lean on Jesus, we can build bridges instead of tearing them down. Keep reading to learn more about today's activities!

**Bible Story:** Jesus accepts Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-9)

**Bible Verse:** "Live in harmony with each other." (Romans 12:16)

**Why it Matters:** Conflict starts at any early age. And when kids aren't in conflicts with each other, they witness conflicts between adults. It pulls up apart and is destructive to relationships. That's why God calls us to treat others, even though we disagree with, with compassion, kindness, and grace. So we can Shine Jesus' Light when people don't get along!

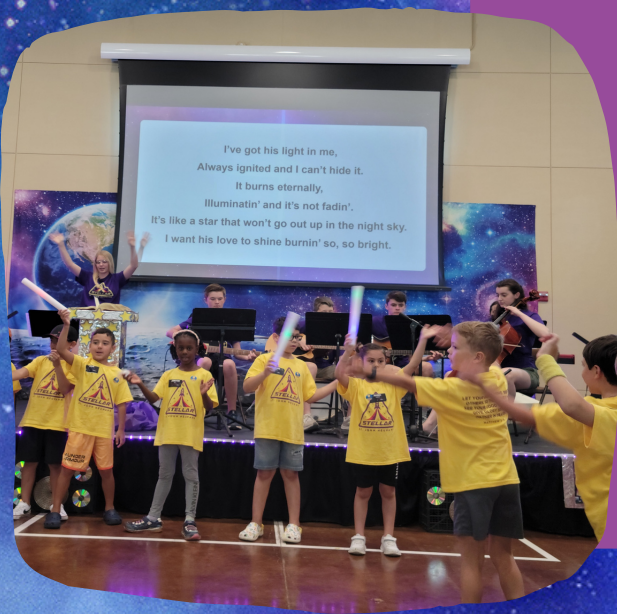


# GOD SIGHTINGS

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Campers brought plenty of energy today and it showed! One of our favorite activities today was sharing God Sightings. Many kids said a sibling, parent, or pet were a God Sighting. Others, a summer breeze or watching a lightning storm. One in particular said, "My Mom and I were running late. So, we prayed together and God stopped time!"

Keep asking your children for their God Sightings . . . they just might surprise you!



## PROMISE VILLAGE ACADEMY

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OUR MISSION: To raise \$400 this week for Promise Village Academy! That amount will support one child for almost two years of school plus hot meals! Or, 20 kids for a whole month!

So far we've raised \$86.51. Help your child collect funds and SHINE JESUS' LIGHT! You can provide cash to your child to bring to VBS or donate via [THIS LINK](#).





# ALL-STAR GAMES

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On Day 2 at the Games Station, we learned about sharing the Word of God and living in harmony with others. Today we played Spread God's Word where the campers played with sponges soaked in water! Then we wrapped up the session with a game of tug-of-war to show kids that sometimes we don't always agree, or win, but we can still get along!



## IMAGINATION STATION

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Today campers discovered some super-cool things! They learned about Jupiter and Mercury's orbits and the difference between astrology, which is not God's way, and astronomy. We also did an experiment with milk and food coloring to explain that there are forces like gravity and electromagnetic forces pushing and pulling on them. That was a way to show that people can break apart too, but we can be a force that brings people back together with Jesus' light! Lastly, we made our own galaxy gazers kits to show the kind of constellations that we can see in the sky. Try them tonight with your child!





# STELLAR BIBLE ADVENTURES

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Today, we met Zacchaeus, a mean tax collector who stole money. We learned that Zacchaeus was a short guy, but that is NOT what made him small. It was what was on the inside that made Zacchaeus small. When people do the right thing, that makes you a big person. Zacchaeus climbed a tree so that he could see Jesus pass by. Zacchaeus was so happy when Jesus called him by name and wanted to go to HIS house! Jesus' love and acceptance changed Zacchaeus and his heart grew. The campers participated in a little cat and dog exercise and we learned how to focus on things we have in common. We ended by asking Jesus to help us be peacemakers and remember that WHEN PEOPLE DON'T GET ALONG...SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

## METEOR MUSIC

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Meteor Music was another opportunity to practice the songs for this week, especially those all about light! Ask your child to give a little show and maybe jump right in with them. The songs and dance moves are easy to learn!

If your child wants to practice at home, you can play the music anytime from the Music Video album card that came in your packet!





# GALACTIC SNACKS

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Today's snacks were all about rings in outer space! So, we had delicious chex mix with round ingredients, and topped it off with some colorful fruit. A bonus during snack time was singing Happy Birthday to one of our campers who turned 6! The campers ate their snacks up and were enthusiastically sang grace in unison!



# CATHOLIC SPACE STATION

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Today our campers learned about peace! What does the sign of peace mean at Mass and how can we share peace with one another? They created a card for someone that they wish peace for, and got very creative! Then, our saint of the day was St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was an Italian saint during the 13th century. He is one of the most popular Catholic saints because he did so much to Shine Jesus' Light! He founded several orders of brothers and sisters and helped rebuild the church in many ways. He was most known for his evangelical zeal and dedication to poverty and charity. Ask your child all about it!

