

ONE DAY WONDERS

BIBLE ACTIVITY EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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INTRODUCTION TO ONE DAY WONDERS BOOK 2



*One generation will commend
your works to another; they will
tell of your mighty acts.
Psalm 145 v 4*



Notes for leaders

It is so exciting to think that on the doorstep of every church is a community waiting to be reached with the gospel. As Psalm 145 reminds us, children's and families' work should be an integral part of this evangelism. Running special events for these groups provides us with brilliant and unique opportunities to:

- make contact with people who would never usually set foot in church.
- build relationships.
- impact many with the good news of Jesus.

One Day Wonders Book 2 provides you with three complete events, suitable for church and unchurched children, and for any time of the year. Within each are three alternative session formats, including one aimed at whole families.

The idea is that they can be used as stand-alone events, and yet, at the same time, slot into your church's programme for outreach and your regular children's groups. You may opt to use the event as a holiday-club or vacation-Bible-school reunion or in place of a holiday

club; as an extension to your weekly clubs; or as a one-off special in a local school. Once you have determined your aims (see page 6), flexibility is the name of the game!

There is a diverse range of activities in *One Day Wonders Book 2*, allowing to you to pick'n'mix challenges, games, crafts, refreshments and songs, to go alongside your central Bible-teaching slot. Some activities are there simply to help children get to know you and "let off steam", whereas others are intentionally designed to consolidate the main teaching point (the "big idea") of the event. It is worth noting that the small-group material is differentiated for different age groups (4-7s, 7-9s, and 9-11s).

Note: This book contains a number of photocopiable pages, including planning sheets, permission forms, small-group material and craft activities. All of these photocopies can also be downloaded for free (including some full-colour options) from the following websites:

UK: www.thegoodbook.co.uk/onedaywonders2

N America: www.thegoodbook.com/onedaywonders2

Australia: www.thegoodbook.com.au/onedaywonders2

New Zealand: www.thegoodbook.co.nz/onedaywonders2

★ HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

BIBLE PASSAGE: All sessions are Bible-focused.

Aim

The aim is the “big idea” taught during the session. It is Bible-based and child-oriented.



This verse is usually based on the NIV Bible and will be taught during the children’s events.



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Based on the Bible passage

Notes for leaders give Bible context and background to the passage.

Event options

Each event has a choice of three options: a short event for children, a longer event for children (sometimes with an opportunity to invite adults along for the end section), and a family event.

The summary page allows you to quickly compare the options and choose the most suitable one for your target audience. Once you have decided upon your event format, the planning sheets further unpack the events and leave space for you to personalise the outline with your selection of activities and team members involved.

The timings in each are merely a guide and, as the co-ordinator, you will need to consider what will work best in your context.



Teaching time

There are two suggested talks for each event, one for a “children-only” event and one that can be used either at a family event or a “children-only” event. The talks make the “big idea” clear and memorable, and have applications that are closely connected, age-appropriate and specific. They are faithful to the

passage and are visual and accessible, aiming to help those we’re working with to engage with the Bible passage.

What the leader actually says to the children is shown in bold type. Directions to the leaders are in normal type.

Small groups

The small-group material is age-specific and is based on the passage being taught. Running such groups provides the opportunity to consolidate the teaching, as well as allowing children the chance to ask questions and build relationships with the team members (see pages 8-9 for further information on leading small groups).



Ideas menu

Each session has an **Ideas Menu**, which includes a suggestion on how you can teach the memory verse, an idea for teaching about prayer, and some song suggestions. The music suggested is on readily available CDs (available from The Good Book Company www.thegoodbook.co.uk).

In addition there is a range of team challenges, crafts, games and other activities to choose from, to suit your event and the time you have available.

Supplies for crafts and games can be found online. Helpful websites include www.bakerross.co.uk in the UK or www.orientaltrading.com in North America.