**Week 4 Bible Basics: Night at the Museum**

**Bottom Line:** Memorizing God’s word can show us the way to go.

**Location**: Primarily in the Temple Room on Floor 3 (Nazareth)

**(“Previously on…” 30 second recap)**

(Alyssa and Cael dive under that table in the temple exhibit in Nazareth, out of breath and panicked. The shot should be tight enough, so the audience does not realize there they are. It just looks like they are hiding under that table after setting off the alarm.)

**Cael:** Ok, note for the future, do NOT touch any more bookshelves!

**Alyssa:** Sorry about that. Definitely my bad. I should have known Museum Rule #1… Don’t touch the exhibits!

**Cael:** Good thing we found this great hiding spot, before the Night Guard got to us!

**Alyssa:** For real! That was a CLOSE one. I feel like she’s right on our tail!We’ll just have to hide out here until we know the coast is clear.

**Cael:** Speaking of hiding, that reminds me of something really confusing I learned at church last week. The pastor said I should “Hide God’s word in my heart.”

**Alyssa:** Yeah, I’ve heard of that! It means you should keep the words of the Bible in your heart.

**Cael** But the Bible is HUGE! …. How on earth can you fit all those words in your heart!? And how am I supposed to get a Bible in my heart? Swallow it?? That seems dangerous!

(Voice from above, off-screen)

**King David**: It’s a metaphor!

(Hosts get up and dust themselves off. Transition will be similar to the movie Page Master. Where the patrons raise their heads over the top of the table in the synagogue, revealing they are in the animated world. King David, is revealed in the animated world, after his voice is heard in reality. This reveals that they are in the temple exhibit in Nazareth, but the temple becomes animated and filled with all sorts of things to make the space come alive. Tapestries, tables, candles, etc. Maybe add a thought bubble or small side screen to animate what is happening in the story David is telling with picture/animation.))

**Cael:** (acting offended) No, you’re a metaphor!! Wait… What’s a metaphor? And where are we???

**Alyssa:** It’s a figure of speech where the words act as symbols for something else. They’re not supposed to be literal. And obviously we’re in the…(looking around) well… (confused) actually I don’t know.

**King David**: Exactly right! I’m a BIG fan of metaphors. I used them all throughout the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament. And we’re in a temple. This is the place where people from the Bible go would to worship. A little bit like a church.

**Cael:** (thinking to himself/herself) Book of Psalms… Old Testament… You’re King David!

**Alyssa:** \*Wide eyed\* Wow! Ni…Nice to meet you! (bows to King David)

(Comic host just stands there. Credible host notices and nudges him/her to bow.)

**Cael:** Ope! (bows) Sorry your majesty! I am “comic host name” and this is my BFF, “credible host name”

**King David**: So, it sounds like the metaphor of “hiding God’s word in your heart” is still a little confusing.

**Cael**: Yeah! How on earth can I put an ENTIRE BOOK inside my heart!?

**King David**: \*laughing softly\* Oh it doesn’t mean to put the actual book inside your heart!

**Cael:** Well that’s a relief! But what does it mean?

**King David** - Let me tell you a story…

Picture it, I was a young boy tending to my sheep. I was VERY good at using my slingshot \*holds up slingshot\* to protect myself and my sheep from predators, even lions and bears! At the time, my older brothers were in a war with a group of people called the Philistines. My father told me that my brothers and King Saul were having a lot of trouble. He told me to take a break from tending my sheep and take them some lunch.

So, I packed up some food and went on my way to the battle ground. When I arrived, there was this giant, and I do mean GIANT man towering over all of the Israelite soldiers. He was shouting at them, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? I’m a Philistine. You are servants of Saul. Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me. 9 If he’s able to fight and kill me, we’ll become your slaves. But if I win and kill him, you will become our slaves and serve us.” 10 Goliath continued, “This day I dare the soldiers of Israel to send a man down to fight against me.”

Now I knew what the Bible said about our people, the Israelites. In Deuteronomy 7:6 it says, “For you [Israel] are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession”

Because I remembered what God had promised in the Bible, I was able to use what I learned from it, and that helped me know the next right thing to do! I knew God would not stand for this giant mocking us. So, I grabbed my slingshot from my pocket and picked up a few small stones. I walked right up to that giant and launched a stone right between his eyes and he fell right over!

(Animation starts to fade, and patrons are back in the real temple exhibit.)

**David:** You see, I knew what the Bible said and that helped me to make the right decision!

**Cael**: Ohhhh, so “hiding God’s word in your heart” means to memorize things in the Bible, so He can help you make the next right choice, no matter how difficult the situation!

**Alyssa and David:** (at the same time) That’s it!

**David**: And many years later, when I was king, I had the privilege to write down some of the things that God wanted to be in the Bible! I made sure others would understand the importance of hiding God’s word in their heart when I wrote Psalm 119: 11. It says, “I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won’t sin against you.”

**Alyssa:** So,memorizing God’s word can show us the way to go!

**Cael:** Hey, that’s our bottom line: “Memorizing God’s word can show us the way to go.” Speaking of “the way to go”… David, any suggestions on where we can go to avoid this pesky night guard?

(realizes David is gone)

**Alyssa:** There they go again!

(Night guard noises. Walking boots, jangling keys, shot of a flashlight, maybe have her say, “Hey, who’s in here?” or “Where are you two??”)

**Cael:** And here we go again! We gotta get out of here!

(two hosts run away)

(20-30 seconds of a chase scene montage. This could be like a Scooby-Doo chase scene, or it could be in slow-mo and very over-dramatic. I think either could play really well.)

(Eventually, the two hosts are backing-up and back-up right into the Night Guard. I think this should happen by one of the benches by the big staircase with the big mural behind it. Jason should know what I’m talking about.)

(Two hosts turn frantically and scream)

(We see the Night Guard’s face for the first time. She is not scary at all, and starts to scream too.)

(pan back to hosts screaming)

(night guard screaming)

**Alyssa:** Wait a minute, why are you screaming?

**Night Guard:** Why am I screaming? Why are YOU screaming?

**Cael:** Because you’ve been chasing us all night, and now you’re going to kick us out and we’ll probably get life in prison without parole, and…

**Night Guard:** Woah, woah, woah… chasing you? I haven’t been chasing you, and I’m DEFINITELY not going to kick you out!

**Alyssa:** You haven’t? You’re not?? What is going on?

**Night Guard:** Why don’t you two take a seat.

(audience sees the big mural behind the bench)

**Night Guard:** I’ve been trying to find you all night, but not because I want to kick you out. I imagine you’ve had quite the night, and I thought I may be able to help.

**Cael:** Oh it has been QUITE the night! We met so many different characters from the Bible… Moses, Paul, Joshua, Jonah, James, David. They all came life. Like ACTUALLY alive!

**Night Guard:** So you did see them! I hoped you would!

**Alyssa:** You know about the Bible characters coming to life?? So, how does it work. “Cael” and I have this theory about a space time continuum or a magic scroll…

**Cael:** (chiming in insistently) Or some magic chicken tenders!

**Night Guard:** (chuckling) No, no, it’s not any of those things…

**Alyssa:** Then, what is it? What makes the Bible come to life.

**Night Guard:** Oh, well, based on your question, I’m afraid you’ve got this backwards.

**Alyssa:** I do?

**Night Guard:** Remind me… What’s our theme verse?

**Cael:** Hebrews 4:12, “The word of God is alive and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate bones from joints. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.” Look at me! I hid God’s word in my heart!

**Night Guard:** Yes you did! And did you notice what that verse says, “The word of God IS alive and active…” You see, God’s word has always been alive! What you two experienced tonight wasn’t God’s word coming to life, it’s already alive! You experienced the word of God coming alive in YOUR life.

**Alyssa:** Well, what makes the Bible come alive in our lives?

**Night Guard:** It’s your curiosity. Your big questions. Your desire to keep learning and discovering more. It’s our commitment to actually DOING what God says, not just hearing what he says. It’s when you memorize something from God’s word, so it can go with you wherever you go. The more you explore Scripture with curiosity, the more it will come alive in your lives!

**Cael:** You mean, this can happen in our normal lives? Not just in the museum?

**Night Guard:** Absolutely! God’s word is WAY bigger than one museum! But, I should clarify, the cartoon Bible characters will just happen here…

(turns are looks right at the camera, breaking the 4th wall)

**Night Guard:** It’s a metaphor (winks).

(turns back to the two hosts)

**Night Guard:** (looks at watch) Well, look at that, it’s morning and we open in just a minute!

(everyone stands up)

**Alyssa:** It’s already morning! I can’t believe we really stayed in here all night!

**Night Guard:** After such a long night, I imagine you two are ready for some sleep.

**Cael:** Are you kidding me?? With the Bible, there is SO MUCH MORE that we still have to learn!

**Alyssa:** Yeah, we’re just getting started! And now we get to see everything during the day time!

(two hosts run off)

(Night guard watches them run off, chuckling to herself, and starts playing with her keys and walking away like she it going to unlock the doors)

(Cut to two hosts running towards the camera. Alyssa runs past camera, but cael pauses right in front of camera, and looks back for “one last look”)

(Cut to cael’s view. You see the front doors open and people walking in, but the guard in no where to be seen)

(Caels looks puzzled/concerned at first, then his/her expression fades to a content smile. He turns and runs off into the museum, and the screen fades out)

The End