

# Discovery Meeting 14

## Tree Climbers SAMPLER

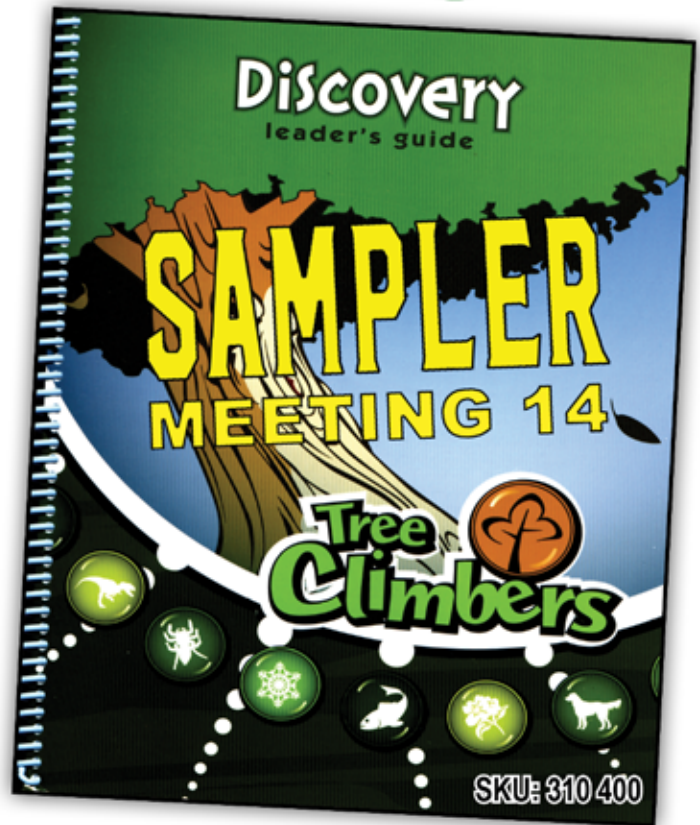
“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 2:1)

You can obtain *Tree Climbers Discovery* from:

CSB US - [store.csbministries.org](http://store.csbministries.org)

CSB Canada - [store.christianservicebrigade.ca](http://store.christianservicebrigade.ca)



There's no greater call we can answer than to be the instrument that God uses to unlock a young person's potential.

### From the *Tree Climber's Leader's Guide*:

Welcome to the world of Tree Climbers, an exciting journey for dads and sons to grow in their relationships with Christ and with each other, while making new friends. At Tree Climbers, young boys spend quality time with their dads and other adult Christian men. Together, men and kids have fun, learn about God's creation and grow closer to God and each other. Games, projects and adventures are centered around a weekly theme and Bible verse. Young boys flourish with the one-on-one time with godly men. Dads gain leadership skills and confidence by taking turns leading games, explaining projects and sharing Bible stories.

**God bless you on this journey and have a terrific year!**

Contact CSB for information regarding the companion volume, *Tree Climbers Odyssey*.

Hamburg, New York  
800.815.5573  
[www.csbministries.org](http://www.csbministries.org)



A Component of CSB Ministries

Ottawa, Ontario  
613.225.3689  
[www.christianservicebrigade.ca](http://www.christianservicebrigade.ca)

Writers: Doug Peterson, Mitchell Fritz, Paul Heidebrecht, Barbara Rohrbach, Leanne Lucas, Sharon Long, David Leigh, Dan Keating, Melody Bourland, Montana Chamberlain; Editors: B.J. Slinger, Melody Bourland; Designers: Lane Hudson, Landon Graphics; Steven Paterson, Aloris Design Group; Sampler Editor: Howard Pike

© 2020, CSB Ministries. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without permission of CSB Ministries. Printed in U.S.A and Canada. Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version. Copyright 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan Publishing House. All rights reserved.



## We Love God's Book

Unit Aim: To recognize that God wants us love and enjoy His Word and be fully devoted to following what it says.

# 14

WEEK

## Adventure Verse



Psalm 119:97

Oh, how I love  
your law! I  
meditate on it  
all day long.



## Woody's Welcome

It's important to know how to care for your pet so that it will be happy and healthy. Otherwise it could get sick. The best thing to do is learn how to take care of your pet the right way.

Some pets are harder to care for than others. If you live in a small house or apartment, or if you're allergic to fur it might be better for you to have a bird, fish, reptile or insect, than a dog.



## Woody's Games

**Dog Care Relays** For each team, you'll need one of the following: chair, toy dog, dog collar, food dish, water bowl, lunchbag, plastic pitcher, leash and brush

Divide into teams. Place a toy dog on a chair at the other end of the room from each team. Put a dog collar on each stuffed dog. Under each chair place a dog's food dish, an empty lunchbag, a water bowl, a plastic pitcher, a leash and a brush.

For the first heat, players pour "food" from the bag into the dog dish and pour "water" from the pitcher into the water bowl.

In the second round, players attach the leash to the dog's collar and take the dog for a walk. (They walk around the chair three times, but the dog stays on the chair. Be careful with that leash!)

In the third round, players groom the dog, brushing each side and the back twice.

**Cat and Mouse** Players form a circle. One player, the cat, stands outside the circle. Another player, the mouse, stands inside the circle. The circle of players walk around the mouse. When the circle stops, the cat darts in to tag the mouse. The mouse runs around and between players in the circle, trying to avoid the cat. The cat must follow the mouse's path exactly. The two wind in and out of the circle until the mouse is caught.

Choose two new players and play the game again.



## Fun To Do

### Guest Spot

Invite a knowledgeable guest to talk about pets. Someone who runs a pet store or someone who owns a pet can bring in an animal and describe what it's like and how he takes care of it.

This would be a good time to allow the kids to ask the guest any questions they might have. How does he take care of his pets? What's the most unusual pet he's ever had?



## Woody's Checkup

Learn Psalm 119:97, then talk about the following questions.

1. What are some reasons why we love God's Word? (It tells us about Jesus. It tells us how to live. It tells us about heaven.)
2. What does "meditate" mean? (To think about, to consider, to examine) so what are we supposed to do with our Bible verses?
3. What are some of your favorite Bible stories? What verses have you memorized?



## Woody's Stretch

**Doggie Bone** For this game, you'll need a dog bone or biscuit, a blindfold and a chair.

Place a dog bone under a chair and seat players in a circle around it. Choose one player to be "doggie." He sits blindfolded on the chair. Another player is chosen to steal the bone. After the thief takes the bone and returns to his seat, all the other players shout, "Doggie, doggie, where's your bone? Hurry, hurry, bring it home." Doggie gets two chances to identify the thief. If he does, the thief becomes the doggie. If not, choose new one.



## Tree Climbers Circle

Tell the end of the story you started last week, "Jacob's Zoo, Part 2."

# Jacob's Zoo

## Part 2

by Barbara Rohrbach

In the first part of the story, Jacob's dog, Boots, was rushed to the vet after he got hurt. All Jacob could do was to sit and wait until his father came home.

Finally, after what seemed like hours, Jacob's father walked through the front door carrying Boots. He looked okay except for one bony leg that hung almost limp.

"Boots' hair was so matted that the vet had to shave his leg to find out what was wrong with him," Jacob's father said sternly. "It took a long time but he finally found a small animal bite on Boots' leg.

"I told the doctor you said Boots had been playing with a squirrel. I have some medicine. It's your responsibility to see that he gets it. If you forget, he could get worse."

Jacob hung his head. "Boots depended on me and I let him down," he thought. "If I had brushed his coat like I was supposed to, the doctor would have been able to find out what was wrong with him and help him faster."

Jacob sat down and thanked God for taking care of Boots. He promised that he'd do a better job of caring for his dog. "I won't let Boots down again because You gave him to me to be my friend," Jacob prayed.

As you can guess from the beginning of this story,

Boots came through the ordeal just fine. Jacob came through it fine too. From that day on he tried extra hard to take care of his pets.

In fact, he took such good care of them, that his mom and dad let him have the animals for his zoo. His parents never had to remind him to take care of his pets again.

### Talking it over

1. How did Jacob feel when he found out how important it was to brush Boots' coat?
2. How do you feel when you've made a mistake?
3. Does God still love us after we make a mistake? How can we be forgiven by God? We can remember 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

**God's laws are  
true, honest, fair and good.  
I'm happy  
to obey them!**

**(another way to think of  
Psalm 119:129)**

**Everything the  
Bible says is true.  
God's laws &  
God's Word will  
last forever.**

**(another way to think of  
Psalm 119:160)**