

Day 1 Opening

MC: Hey everyone! Welcome to Bible Camp! Are you ready to be secret agents? You must be tired this morning. Let's hear from all our groups. Where are The Helping Hands (The Giving Trees, The Prayer People, The Smarty Pants, and The Control Freaks, in any order)? We need to get you all up and moving today. Let's start your secret agent training with the theme song: _____.

Play the theme song: _____ (We used "Train Me Up" from *SonForce*, Track 6)

MC: That was great! This week, you are all in training to be in God's Secret Service so that you can Serve in Secret. You'll go to Training, Gadget Making, Recon, Refueling, and even Daily Missions. I believe we have a speaker here today to tell you about today's Daily Mission.

Introduce the speaker for the first day: _____ (We did a Summer Food Program)

MC: Isn't that a great mission? And we can all help them today in the Daily Mission Station. (We also included the following note for the Summer Food Program: We are also going to help them all week by bringing in food. They need cereal, canned fruit, juice, soup, macaroni and cheese, and ramen noodles. Then we will collect the food and give it to the Summer Food Program at the end of the week.) This week, we are also going to have some friends from the Agency coming around. I think that's one of them now.

The Day 1 Morning Skit is now performed.

Day 1 Morning Skit

OOO: (Into radio) Over and Out! Roger that, sir! 10-4, good buddy! No, that sounds too much like a cowboy... Closing in! Perimeter secured! I'm coming... (Notices the crowd) Oh. Hello there. I'm not actually talking to anybody... this radio is just for trainees. You see, technically, people call me Double-O Zero, but I'm not an Agent yet. Director MAD has one more series of missions for me to complete before I become an Official Agent. Not that I've ever met the Director, I'm just a trainee, but he shoots me a text every once in a while. Anyway, that's not important. Apparently, there are five different agents that I will get to meet; they each will give me a mission to complete, and I am so prepared! I have my squirt gun here (points), my radio here (shows them), a sack lunch that Mom packed for me (shows), and my newest, most favorite gadget of all, the super laser 9000! (Proudly reveals a laser pointer)

G2G: Nice laser pointer, Double-O Zero.

OOO: (Turns around with squirt gun facing himself) STOP RIGHT THERE, PAL! I GOT ALL KINDS OF SPY EQUIPMENT HERE, AND I'M NOT AFRAID TO USE IT!

G2G: Easy there, OOO, I've been sent by the Director.

OOO: STOP! DON'T MOVE! I'M WARNING YOU... (G2G continues to advance, OOO squirts himself) I'M HIT! GO ON WITHOUT ME! Tell my Mom that I love her... (Falls dramatically to the floor)

G2G: Get it together! You've got a mission to complete, and I don't have time to babysit an overdramatic trainee like yourself. If you want to become a secret agent, you have to listen up.

OOO: (Still on ground, pathetically whimpers) Who are you? What do you want?

G2G: I'm agent G2G, but you can call me Agent Got to Give. As for what I want, that is simple.

That thing in your hand that you were bragging about earlier is needed by the *insert cool acronym for the Day 1 organization: _____ (ex: SFP) *, otherwise known as the *insert name of the Day 1 organization: _____ (ex: Summer Food Program) *. Their mission could depend on your gift.

OOO: Well, they CAN'T have it. It's MINE!

G2G: OOO, consider your actions carefully. Nobody will make you give this away, but you should know that the Director is watching. And I think that the *insert acronym: _____ (ex: SFP) * has a mission that is worthy of a Secret Agent. (Places a bucket on the ground, acronym written on it.) I'll leave you here to think about it. Remember, Director MAD is watching.

OOO: The Super Laser 9000? How can he/she ask me to do this? I just found this at the Rummage Sale (or insert another place)! It would be so helpful for me during my missions. EVERY Secret agent needs a Super Laser. But... (looks at bucket) what about the *insert acronym: _____ *? Their mission is pretty important too, and it sounds like this could really help them. I bet that they could do a lot more good with this than I could. I don't want to, but I think that it's the right thing for a secret agent to do. (Places laser pointer in bucket) Good bye, super laser 9000, and good luck to the *insert name of organization: _____ *.

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MC: It must have been really hard for OOO to give up the Super Laser 9000! It looks so cool!

But the *insert acronym of Day 1 organization: _____ (ex: SFP) * needed it more than he did. It was important for him to help them in their mission by giving to them. And he didn't expect anyone to congratulate him for it. He did it because it was the right thing to do. That reminds me of today's memory verse. It comes from Matthew 6:3. "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing." That means that when you give money or things away, you shouldn't have to tell other people. You do it simply to help other people because they need it more. That's exactly what G2G was trying to teach OOO! Throughout this week, we will also be looking at the ladder of faith. The ladder of faith comes from 2 Peter 1:5-7. It says to "make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love. The first virtue is "goodness," and we are being good by sharing with and helping others! We are going to be learning about giving to others all day and how that can make us better secret agents! Let's pray. Lord, please guide us today as we go throughout bible camp. Help us to learn how to give to others and help others in your name. Amen. Now it's time to head out for a day of fun! We will dismiss by group, starting with preschool. (The Helping Hands, The Giving Trees, The Prayer People, The Smarty Pants, and The Control Freaks)

Day 1 (Monday)
Service Organization Station (Daily Missions)

Talk about what it means to give alms and about the bible verse (Matthew 6:3).

Summer Food Program:

We started a week-long collection for the Summer Food Program. We asked the children to bring in:

- *Cereal*
- *Canned fruit*
- *Juice*
- *Soup*
- *Mac & cheese*
- *Ramen noodles*

Banks

What you will need:

- Small box with a lid (cans may also work)
- Sharpies
- Stickers
- Sharp knife (for preparation only)

Instructions:

1. In preparation for the week of bible camp, collect small boxes or cans and cut slits in the lids for the coins to fit through.
2. Allow the children to decorate the boxes or cans. Have them write “alms” on the lids to remind them of the purpose of their boxes.
3. Explain to the children that this bank is for them to collect for a service organization. They will take it home and collect their coins in it. They can bring it back at the end of the week to donate to the Day 1 organization (ex: Summer Food Program), or they can donate it to another service organization at another time.

Day 1 (Monday)
Bible Story Station (Recon)

The Poor Widow's Contribution: Mark 12:41-44

Introduction:

Welcome to Reconnaissance/Recon. Reconnaissance is the gathering of information. During Reconnaissance, spies observe and do research to prepare for a mission, which is what you will be doing today. So, keep your eyes and ears open and gather as much information as possible!

Objective:

In this lesson, the spies-in-training will learn the value of giving and what they can do to serve others through their gifts through the story of the Widow.

We started out with a skit, which is provided below. You are free to use that one, create your own, just read the story straight from the Bible, or use any other type of creative storytelling.

SKIT

Props:

Two chairs

Collection bowl

Money- two \$5 bills, one \$1 bill, and a handful of coins

Bible

Characters:

Louisa- Girl from poor family

Bosephus Elvin Lewis- Boy from wealthy family

Zelda- Older lady who intervenes

Narrator

Narrator: Once upon... yesterday, actually, in a Church not far from here, a charity was collecting donations after Mass. Two kids, a girl named Louisa and a boy named Bosephus Elvin Lewis, were donating money. Woosh! (Narrator "wooshes" off stage. Louisa and Bosephus sit center stage in chairs. Bosephus holds the collection bowl. Zelda stands behind them, watching, but they are unaware of her presence)

Bosephus: I'm putting in five whole dollars. That's half of my entire allowance! (Drops a five-dollar bill into bowl and then hands bowl to Louisa)

Louisa: (Shyly) I don't have an allowance. This is what I got this week for raking my neighbor's yard. (Drops in a dollar and a couple of coins)

Bosephus: (Laughing) Ha! That's it? I gave waaaaaay more than you! (Ad lib other sorts of mockery)

Zelda: (Hobbles over) Now, now, children! What's all this mockery old Zelda hears, hmmm?
(Looks at Bosephus)

Bosephus: Ummmmm... Well-

Zelda: (Cuts him off) That's what Zelda thought. (Turns to Louisa) He was making fun because of your smaller donation, wasn't he?

Louisa: Yeah... How did you know?

Zelda: Magic.

Louisa: Really?

Zelda: No.

Bosephus: Well my donation is worth way more than hers.

Zelda: Oh dear, oh my. Oh, sweet, naive children. (Pat the children on the head harshly) Let old Zelda guide you in the magical ways of giving WITH THE BIBLE. (Open Bible and reads story: Mark 12:41-44)

Bosephus: What are you playing at, Zelda?

Zelda: This story tells us that it's not the amount of money we have, it's the percentage we give. The Widow gave 100%, while the rich gave only a small part of their extra wealth. Louisa, you gave your all. You are like the widow. Bosephus Elvin Lewis, you only gave a small portion of the money from your allowance. You are like the rich people.

Bosephus: But I gave more than Louisa!

Zelda: But Louisa gave her ALL. You gave only PART of your extra. It was a much bigger sacrifice for her than it was for you, and that was what Jesus was trying to tell us.

Bosephus: Oh, I know! I should give the rest of my allowance to charity, too! (He drops the other five-dollar bill into the collection bowl)

Zelda: Now you've got it. That's a good boy. (Gives Bosephus another harsh head pat) Now you two make old Zelda proud, you hear that? Okay, good. (Zelda pats -or, more precisely, smacks- Louisa and Bosephus on the cheeks and walks away)

(Everyone else skips happily away.)

END SKIT

Afterwards, ask the campers questions such as these:

Whose donations were worth more to Jesus in this story: the rich' or the widow's?

How can we model ourselves after the widow when we give to others?

What are some things that you can give to help others at your age?

How does giving bring us closer to God?

Extra-Time Game:

Superlative Penny Pass Relay

This game is played in teams. Each team consists of one person standing next to a jar filled with pennies, a line of people, and another person standing next to an empty jar. At the start of the timer, the starting person will begin passing the pennies from the first jar down the row of people as quickly as possible to fill up the empty jar. Pennies must be passed one at a time. When the time is up the team with the most pennies in the second jar wins!

Day 1 (Monday)
Outdoor Games Station (Training)

Water Relay

What you'll need:

- 2 buckets per team
- Dixie cups
- Duct tape
- Water

Instructions:

Split the children into teams. Have each team line up with one bucket full of water, and give the first person on each team a Dixie cup. Place the other bucket for each team on the other end with duct tape marking a certain height. The first child uses the Dixie cup to take water to the far bucket and passes the cup off to the next child. The relay continues until one team fills their bucket to the designated line. For more of a challenge, poke holes in the bottom of the cups. Make sure to explain to the kids how their little contributions all came together to make a big impact.

Day 1 (Monday)
Craft Station (Gadget Making)

Secret Agent Name Badges

What you'll need:

- Black felt
- Attached paper cutouts
- String
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Markers
- Paint
- Stickers

Instructions:

In preparation, cut out enough identification sheets, felt pieces (about $\frac{1}{4}$ sheet), and pieces of string for each child. Have the children write down their name and group and choose a code name for themselves. You may have to write it for them. Make sure these are written down before continuing. Then, have them glue the paper onto the felt. Punch a hole in the top of the felt and tie the string so that it is long enough to hang around the child's neck. Allow the child to decorate however he or she pleases. When the children finish, have them come to the side, place their thumb in paint, and put their thumbprint on their name badges. Send the children to wash their hands, and place the name badges off to the side to dry overnight.

Secret Agent

In training

Name _____

Code Name _____

Group _____

Thumbprint

Secret Agent

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Day 1 Closing

MC: Welcome back! How was your first day as secret agents in training? Let's get up and learn another song about our missions as secret agents for God.

Play the Day 1 song: _____ (We used "I've Got a Mission" *K4J Circus*, Track 6)

MC: (note – some questions can be answered by one person, and some by all) I see you all are excited about these missions. Who remembers what today's mission was? (Summer Food Program) That reminds me, we need to bring in items for the Summer Food Program this week. Don't forget to bring in cereal, canned fruit, juice, soup, macaroni and cheese, and ramen noodles. We will have papers at the door for your parents. Maybe we can see this pile grow into a mountain! This morning, G2G shared with us the importance of giving to others and the virtue of goodness. What is something that you can give? Are you supposed to tell others or be secretive? Yeah! Who remembers today's memory verse? (Matthew 6:3. "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing") Wow, you have learned a lot today. Come back tomorrow to receive your next mission and meet agent OWL who will talk about raising awareness. Also, tomorrow we will have crazy hair day. Remember to wear your crazy hair! Now it's time to head back to your group leaders, and your parents will pick you up from there. See you tomorrow!