



WEEK ONE

PREPARATION

This year's The Great ShakeUP™ theme is *On a Mission for Jesus* and the key verse is Colossians 1:26. In order to understand the gospel that was referred to as a “mystery,” it’s necessary to understand the gospel Paul described.

- Read Colossians 1-2 and Zechariah 9.
- Bring in six items to hide: three coins, a toy pearl and a toy treasure chest (or similar items).
- Also bring a magnifying glass, binoculars, spy-looking glasses, a trench coat and any other spy gear that the clubbers can hold. This week hide these items in the room with the coins, toy pearl and treasure chest.
- Make a notebook for your “spy clues.” On the cover write “Top Secret Spy Notebook.”

LESSON

Welcome to The Great ShakeUP! We have been praying for this event and have been planning it for a long time. (If your church has done a Great ShakeUP in previous years you can ask the clubbers the following: **Raise your hand if you have been to our Great ShakeUP before. Good! You can put your hands down. This year is going to be even better than last year!**)

Our Great ShakeUP theme this year is *On a Mission for Jesus*. This week and the next three weeks we will find out what Colossians 1:26-27 means. To do that, we'll become spies. Who can tell me what a spy is? (Allow clubbers to raise hands and offer definitions.) A spy is someone who does something secretly to discover information. Spies sometimes wear clothes that help them hide or use spy glasses to find out clues. Sometimes they get notes that lead them to other clues so they can solve a mystery.

Every week we leaders will have some spy gear like glasses, magnifying lenses or note pads for you to hold as we talk about Colossians 1:26-27. This week I have hidden some of that spy gear in the room. When I say, “Spy out the room!” I want you to get up and look for things that a spy would use. There might be other hidden treasures too. When you find something, show it to me, and I'll tell you if it's spy gear. If you find something, you get to hold it for this lesson! **Spy out the room!** (Let the clubbers look for the spy objects and coins, pearl and treasure chest. If you are working with T&T™, make sure that items are well-hidden and age-appropriate. Have everyone sit back down and share what they found when all the items have been discovered.)

Have you ever solved a mystery? Maybe you read a book that kept you guessing until the end. Or maybe you found something in your yard and wondered where it came from. When you solved the mystery, what did you want to do? You wanted to tell people, right? Well, that's what we'll do on the fourth week of our The Great ShakeUP. We want you to invite your friends to tell them that you heard a mystery, and now you know what it



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is. We want you to be able to share the mystery with your friends. Don't worry; we'll help you learn how to tell them!

But first things first — let's read Colossians 1:26-27. (Read Colossians 1:26-27 out loud.)

This verse tells us that Jesus is one of the parts to this mystery. But what mystery and who is Jesus?

A LONG time ago, God created the world. He created people in the world so that He could show His love to them. Then God gave them one rule. (Ask the clubbers what that rule was. If they don't know, remind them about the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.) But the people disobeyed. Ever since then, it has been impossible for people to be in a relationship with God, the Creator. So the mystery is, HOW DO WE GET RID OF THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN? (Write this down in your spy notebook and show the clubbers. Ask them to repeat it or say it with you a few times so they hear it and remember it.)

God is perfect and hates sin. The punishment for sin is death. We all sin, so God had to send a Savior to save us from that punishment.

Because God loves you and me, He gave clues to solve the mystery. In the Old Testament, God promised people that a Savior was coming and that they had to believe that God would keep His promise. They didn't know when this would happen, but along the way God told them a little bit about the Savior.

Did you hear that, spies? Spies have to pay attention to details and be sure that the facts line up. I just said that God said things in the Old Testament that showed the people that a Savior was coming. So we have to pay attention to the clues in the Bible. (Open spy notebook and write down the clues as you go along. Your page should look something like this when you are done:)

ZECHARIAH HINTS	FACTS ABOUT JESUS
The King/Savior would come to Jerusalem.	Jesus came to Jerusalem.
The King/Savior would be righteous.	Jesus was righteous.
The King/Savior would come gently and riding on a donkey.	Jesus came gently and riding on a donkey.



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THE GREAT SHAKEUP™

Because we are all sinners and do things that break God's law, we need someone to save us. That someone is Jesus. He is the answer to the mystery! (Read John 14:6.) Even Jesus said He was the way to get rid of sin and that He is the way to God the Father.

In club for the next two weeks, we'll go over how to help invite your friends to Awana® so that they can hear about Jesus, the answer to the mystery.

Pray to close. Ask God to bring people to hear the mystery — that God sent a Savior to take our punishment for sin.



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