

LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hi everyone I hope you have all had a good week. I'm sure you've enjoyed the fabulous sunshine and hopefully not had too much school work!

This week we are going to be thinking about FAITH. I wonder have you ever played the game where you are blindfolded and you have to listen carefully to instructions to reach your goal - 3 steps forward, 1 step to the right... To play this game you have to really trust the person who is telling you what to do! You have to have total confidence in the person who sees what you cannot see!

As a Christian we place our trust and confidence in God who even let His son Jesus die on the cross so that one day we could be in heaven forever.

This is like being given the best present ever and I certainly know I can have total Faith in our God.

Hope you enjoy today's lesson and learn more about why we have a faith.

Judith, Mark, Abigail, Nikki, Ben, Katie, Ruth, Lois and John!

Challenge:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV – because we know you love to add that in!)

This is probably one of the most famous verses in the bible because it tells us about the sacrifice made for us. Take some time this week to remember this verse and know what it truly means!

Sing-A-Long:

Here is a little song to sing and dance along to, we hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNe4HCO4SuQ>

Bible Story:

"Building Your Faith" is the series that Kids Church are going to focus on for the month of June! This session will be focussed on why we have a faith and that is because of Jesus' death on the cross – we watched the video below at Easter but it's important for this to be our starting point. Open your bibles at Mark 15:21-16:14.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4&t=183s>

Jesus died for us on the cross. God sacrificed His one and only Son because He wanted to have a relationship with us. He wanted us to live forever in heaven. Why do I have faith? I

have faith because of the free gift that God gave me. I didn't work for that gift, I don't do anything to earn it. It is a gift that God has given me because of His love. Over the next few weeks in Kids Church we are going to look at ways to build our faith, to grow in our relationship with God and make it stronger. But we have to start at the beginning, we have to realise the sacrifice that God made to bring us closer to Him. When I became a Christian, I made the decision to trust God with my life. Do you remember the Parable of the Wise and Foolish builder a few weeks ago? If you need to, have another read of the story. It is a reminder that we have to have a strong foundation for our faith. It is a reminder to put our trust in God. Our foundation is God and the sacrifice that He made by giving Jesus over to die on the cross for us.

Craft:

The craft today is a cross created by finger painting (sorry for the mess parents). Hopefully this cross will point you to Jesus and remind you that Jesus died for **you** to have a relationship with God.

What you will need: Paper/card, pencil, ruler and paint.



1. First you will need to use your ruler to draw a cross on your paper/card. Make the cross as big as possible, but leave some room at the bottom of the page to write a verse.
2. Get your paint (and an apron) and dip your fingers in and paint the cross.
3. Leave to dry. Once dry, write the memory verse from today and write "Jesus died for (insert your name)."
4. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org

Worksheet:

God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

M L I Z D Q X P T H R O U G H
V D J P Q W T W V L R C I D A
C Y U L I F E O K D D E D B V
I T S H B N R W L Z K O H M V
S H Z N D G G J L G B S E N D
J G O D B M A M R Y F N I L O
S Z E N K D L V M R A W O N
R A J M C P K V E F Q H X V O
Y I V L G C S P L H E O J E U
B W E E B O M E Y I V E O D U
P O J S U N R R K M P V R W Z
X R C V T D P I P F P E R S H
S L S G C E X S Z N I R Z D T
V D B Q G M F H E T E R N A L
U G Y W P N V B E L I E V E S

LOVED
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GOD
SEND
ETERNAL

SON
WHOEVER
GAVE

CONDEMN
LIFE
HIM

BELIEVES
SAVE
WORLD

Prayer:

Dear God,

We know that you sacrificed so much for us to have a relationship with you and we thank you for that. Remind us to never take this free gift for granted and help us to build our faith in you.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

The End:

We are so excited for you to work through the “Build Your Faith” series and learn more about what it means to have a relationship with God. We hope this guide points you to God and reminds you of His love. Until next week,

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Other Resources:

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, ‘Kids Read Matthew.’ This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from
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