

LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hello everyone,

I can't believe it is 13 weeks since we all saw each other in Kids Church. Normally we would all be getting excited about the school holidays now. I am sure you are looking forward to the end of home schooling. Mums and Dads have done a great job but it's not quite the same as being in class with your friends. I have really missed seeing my pupils...even the naughty ones! Just as you are missing your school friends and can't wait to see them again, God really wants us to spend time with Him too. He loves you so much He can't wait for you to tell Him about your day, the good bits and the bad bits. You can spend time with God praying, singing songs and today you will learn about ways to read your Bible. The Bible teaches us more about God but it is also how He speaks to us. It reminds us of His wonderful promises including this one which is great for the strange situation we are in at the moment.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God" -Romans 8:28

I hope you have a fun filled week!

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

Challenge:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105 (NIV – we know you love to add this in!)

When you are trying to remember this verse, why don't you try repeating it over and over, challenge your parents or siblings to say it or write it out. You could even draw a picture that reminds you of this verse.

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=Tr5eUBTCIw>

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 reading your bible. This is an important way to build your faith and learn more about God. Watch the video below and read Acts 8:26-40.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEqn7_teFo

In this story, the Ethiopian man was eager to learn more about God by reading the book of Isaiah (which we can find in the Old Testament of the bible). Whenever he says that he

does not understand, Philip explains it to Him. We see that the Ethiopian man is eager to learn more about God and spend time in His word because he asks questions to Philip. Why is this important to us? It's important because we build our faith by not only reading the bible, but understanding what it says. In Kids Church, we often remind you to bring your bibles with you because we want you to read along when we read the stories to you. We want you to focus on the words and ask us questions because we want your faith to grow. The bible can look like a big intimidating book to read, but there are lots of stories that will help you to learn more about God. When you read the bible, it isn't a race to the finish line. When you read your bible, take time to ask your parents or family questions. If you have questions for us, let us know. You could write them down to remember them.

We are giving you a big challenge this week! We want you to pick your favourite bible story (if you can't think of one, ask your family if they have one). We want you to spend time reading the story and asking questions about it to help you build your faith!

Craft:

The craft today is a scroll that you will be able to put your favourite bible story onto and can use it as a reminder to always seek God's word.

What you will need: Paper, colouring pencils, glue and 2 straws/old pencils.



1. Draw your favourite bible story on your piece of a4 paper.
2. Set a straw (or old pencil) on each side of your piece of paper.
3. Glue down your straws and leave to dry.
4. Once dried, roll each side of your scroll half way so that they meet in the middle.
5. If you have ribbon or string, you could tie it around to hold it in place.
6. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

Read Acts 8:26-40. Match the question with the answer on the right.

Questions

- ____ What did the Angel of God say to Philip?
- ____ Who did Philip meet on the road?
- ____ Why had the Ethiopian visited Jerusalem?
- ____ What was the Ethiopians job?
- ____ What type of transport was the Ethiopian using?
- ____ What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip?
- ____ What scriptures was the Ethiopian reading?
- ____ Who did Philip explain the scriptures were speaking about?
- ____ When they came to some water, what did the Ethiopian want to do?
- ____ After the Ethiopian was baptized, what happened to Philip?

Answers

- 1. The Spirit of God carried Philip away
- 2. To worship
- 4. A court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians
- 4. A chariot
- 5. Isaiah the prophet
- 6. Yeshua the Messiah
- 7. Immerse himself in the water
- 8. Get ready and go south on the road that leads to Gaza from Jerusalem
- 9. Go to that chariot and stay near it
- 10. A man from Ethiopia



Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for the bible. We are so glad that we have been given your word to grow in our relationship with you. We pray that we remember to read our bible every day so that we can learn more about you. Help us to use it as our guidebook to everyday life.

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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