

3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADE

WEEK 3 - MAY 15, 2022

OKIDS

MEMORY VERSE: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33a NIV

ACTIVITY #1 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What You Need: No supplies needed.

Leaders, these are good starter questions! Definitely go with the flow of the group. If as you talk they need to understand and know more about salvation, go down that trail with them. If they are ready to go into a deeper discussion about baptism, go down that trail! Let them know that Baptism is coming up. If they're interested in getting baptized encourage them to talk to the Kids' Pastor and their family!

1. Tell me what you know about Jesus.
2. Tell me what he did on the cross for you.
3. What does it mean to give your life to Jesus?
4. What does it mean to get baptized?
5. Do you have to do anything to be baptized? What did the Ethiopian do in our story today?
6. Once you've given your life to Jesus, and asked him to be your Lord and Savior, the next step is to be baptized. Baptism doesn't save you...it is just a symbol for your love and new life in Jesus. What do questions do you have about that?



ACTIVITY #2 - SPARKLE MEMORY VERSE

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

1. Gather kids into a circle.
2. Choose 1 person to start the game by saying the first word in verse.
3. The next child will say the second word and so on, moving clockwise.
4. f anyone says a word incorrectly, or pauses for more than 5 seconds, they are out.
5. Move on to the next person in the circle to see if they know the missed word.
6. Repeat a few times, particularly if they are not getting the verse! Once they get the verse without missing a word see how many times they can do it, going faster and faster!

Note for leaders: This will be a monthly game in small group cards moving forward. We really want to foster a love for The Word. Let them know that on the last weekend of the month, if they know the memory verse and shares it correctly, they can get a small piece of candy. Avoid any awkwardness or shame by announcing, "Next weekend, if anyone thinks they know the memory verse and wants to share with us leaders, we'll be ready. If you don't know it yet, you have plenty of time to practice this week."

MORE ACTIVITIES ARE ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE!

ACTIVITY #3 - VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

What You Need: Bibles, “Song Sheet” Activity Pages, markers

1. Read Acts 16:25.
2. Despite being thrown in jail, Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns to God.
3. Give each kid a “Song Sheet” Activity Page.
4. Look up Psalm 100 and read it aloud. Encourage kids to refer to their “Song Sheet” to follow along.
5. Lead kids in discussion of Psalm 100.
 - o What does it mean to praise God?
 - o What about this Psalm praises God? (Encourage kids to use markers to circle phrases that praise God.)
 - o What truths about God does the psalmist sing about? (Give kids time to underline truths about God in the Psalm. Encourage them to notice where praises and truths overlap.)

ACTIVITY #4 - MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

What You Need: Beach ball, sticky notes, markers

1. Gather kids in a circle.
2. Review the truths about God discussed in the Verses to Take with You Activity. Write each truth on a sticky note and adhere them around the ball.
3. Lead kids in prayer using the “Prayer Ball.”
 - o Bounce the ball to a kid in the circle.
 - o Tell kids to read the words closest to their left thumb.
 - o Encourage kids to praise God for the truth written on the Post It nearest to their thumb.
 - o Let them know they can simply say, “God, You are . . .” and insert whatever is written on the Post It note.
 - o Close with prayer.

Say to group: “God, You are with us always. Your Spirit gives us the power we need to keep going even when it is hard. God, help us to be like Paul and Silas and to focus on You. Help us to remember Your promise that no matter what, when we believe and receive Jesus as our Savior, we can be with You now and forever. In Jesus name, amen.”



SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!