

The StoneBridge Kids Ministry seeks to connect children to Jesus and encourage them to grow in a faith rooted in these essential truths:

We know that our true identity is found in Christ.
Romans 8:14-15

We have confidence in our access to the Holy Spirit and God the Father through faith in Jesus. Hebrews 10:19-22

We trust that God is a good father who loves and responds to His children.

Matthew 7:7-11

We share the good news, knowing that Jesus is for everyone.

Acts 1:8

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# 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Weekly Overview – Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Scripture: Mark 1:21-45

**Key Question:** Why did Jesus perform miracles?

SB Kids Essential Truth: Matthew 7:7-11

**Big Idea:** This week we're talking about some of Jesus' earliest performed miracles, casting out spirits and healing. We'll be looking at not only what Jesus did, but why he did it – He cares for us and wants us to believe and trust in God

**Key Passage:** John 3:16 – God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.

#### **SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE**

**9:25-9:40/10:55-11:10** – Greet kids as they enter the large group room. Help with the game and try and make sure to greet all of your small group members. Kids and leaders should keep masks on during this time.

**9:40-9:55/11:10-11:25** – Lead the kids by example in worship. When they see you engage in worship, it encourages them to engage. We want to lead them to worship in spirit and in truth.

**9:55-10:10/11:25-11:40** – Teaching time in separate preteen space. Kids will leave masks on until seated 6ft apart, then they can take their masks off.

**10:10-10:30/11:40-12:00** – Small group time. We'll mask back up, each group will head to their room, and we'll have some activity and discussion time. Kids and leaders must keep masks on at all times when they are less than 6 feet apart from each other. Parents will pick up their kids from small group rooms. Kids and leaders should wear masks for dismissal in classrooms and in hallways.

#### **SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES**

#### **ACTIVITY 1: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Do you believe that God is still at work today? Why or why not? (please affirm that he IS still at work today)
- What evidence do you see that God is still working?
- How did Jesus' miracles show His care for creation?
- Do we need to see miracles to believe in Jesus? Why or why not?
- In what ways does God reveal Himself today?
- Of the ways we can be in relationship with God for example, reading scripture, prayer, and worship, which do you enjoy most?
- Do you think all of these three paths to relationship with God are important?

### **ACTIVITY 2: KEY PASSAGE ILLUSTRATION**

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, note cards, crayons, markers

## WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a bible and ask them to find John 3:16
- Distribute markers, crayons, and notecards.
- Ask somebody to read the passage out loud.
- Then, ask each to pick a word or phrase from the passage: *God, loved, world, gave, Son, everyone, eternal life*
- Have them draw and illustrate what that word means to them.
- Upon completing this, ask another to read the passage out loud again.
- Close the day in prayer, thanking God for his sacrifice.