

Summer Huddle Elementary Kids Journal

Each Elementary Child (2nd through 4th grade) will bring a notebook journal to use for Summer Huddle. (***See information below) These notebook journals can be used after Summer Huddles as their own personal journals. Each week the Elementary children will document their thoughts in their journals following the Elementary Teaching Videos. The following suggested plans for each week are:

June 20/21

After the teaching video, pass out crayons, pencils, and a notebook journal for the children to decorate the first page of their journal. This page can be titled "God Made Me Unique In Him". The children can draw themselves and include words on the page that describe themselves (example-loving, kind, obedient, trustworthy, etc.) After the drawings are finished, ask the children to turn to the next page of their journal. Ask the following question: We saw in the teaching video how Paul was changed by Jesus. Has Jesus changed your life? Draw a picture or write in your own words how you have been changed by Jesus. (Take up the notebook journals before the children are dismissed)

<u>June 27/28</u>

After the teaching video, pass out crayons, pencils, and the notebook journals to the children. Say to the children: After Jesus becomes our Savior, the Holy Spirit lives inside of us. Has the Holy Spirit comforted you in the past when you were afraid or concerned? If so, draw a picture to show how God has taken care of you when you were afraid or needed help. (Take up notebook journals)

July 4/5

After the teaching video, pass out crayons, pencils, and the notebook journals to the children. Say to the children: Paul and Silas were put in jail for their love for Jesus. God did something to protect and get them out. He sent an earthquake. Now, you can draw a picture or write about a time God delivered you from a difficult time. (Take up notebook journals)

<u>July 11/12</u>

After the teaching video, pass out crayons, pencils, and the notebook journals to the children. Say to the children: God loves you and He wants you to know Him. In your notebook journal draw or write about what you know about the living God. (example-Is He loving, kind, creative, etc.) (Take up the notebook journals)

<u>July 18/19</u>

After the teaching video. pass out crayons, pencils, and the notebook journal to the children. Say to the children: God loves you and call you His own. Your identity (who you are) is in Christ alone. It's not about what you do, who you know, what sport you play, or what musical instrument you play. It is all about Jesus. Draw or write in your journal words or pictures that describe who you are in Christ. ((example: loving, strengthened by Jesus, called by Jesus, the light of the world, etc.) Take up notebook journals)

July 25/26

After the video, pass out crayons, pencils, and the notebook journal to the children. Say to the children: Paul stepped out in faith to tell people about Jesus. Many difficult things happened to Paul during his life, but Paul kept stepping out in faith to tell the good news of Jesus. In your notebook journal write or draw about what God may have you step out in faith to do. (Take up notebook journals)

Aug. 1/2

After the video, pass out crayons, pencils, and the notebook journals. Say to the children: God kept His promise to send a Redeemer so we could be in relationship with Him. We can know God will keep His promise to return and bring us to live in heaven with Him. In your notebook journal, write or draw about your relationship with Jesus. Do you know Jesus as your Savior? If you do, write a prayer in your journal thanking Jesus for what He has done for you. If you would like to know Jesus as your Savior talk to your parents, grandparents, or a leader/teacher in your group about Jesus. (Take up the notebooks.)

Aug. 8/9

After the video, pass out crayons, pencils, and the notebook journals. Say to the children. Jesus loves you and wants you to love others. In your notebook journal draw or write how you will show the love of Jesus to someone this week. (Send home the notebook journals with the children. Encourage the children to continue writing or drawing ideas in their journal about their faith and love for Jesus.)

***Please ask each elementary child (2nd through 4th) to bring a notebook to Summer Huddle with at least 15 pages in it. Also, they could create a 15 page notebook journal using paper and staples. They can have fun decorating the front and back of their journal.