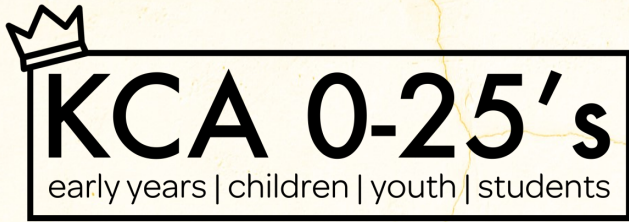


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Theme: Love Session Number: 1
Biblical Passages: 1 Corinthians 13 Topic: Love Above All

Passage Context

This passage is one of the most famous in all scripture, it is used at weddings and ceremonies as it gives the most in depth description of love. Paul was writing to the Corinthians and they were a people that indulged in all sorts of sin and this had corrupted their thinking.

Use this passage to teach the child not only what love is, but also what love isn't!

Key Teaching Points

1. To love one another is to put others first.
2. We love others because God loves us.

Other Related Bible Passages

Mark 12:31 | John 15:12-13 | 1 John 4:7-12 | Colossians 3:14

Practical Prayer

PERSONAL

Thank God for His great love for us. Pray that He would help us love others the way He loves us.

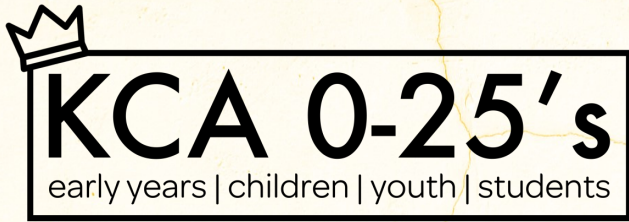
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Gentleness

1 Kings 19:9-14

Gentle Whisper

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Theme : Gentleness Session Number: 2
Biblical Passages: 1 Kings 19:9-14 Topic: Gentle Whisper

Passage Context

This passage happens just after Elijah has performed an amazing miracle (overcoming 500 of Baals great prophets), however, he quickly became afraid and fled. He was fed by the angels and is now hiding in a cave. The word of the Lord comes to him and he is to listen for God's voice. It did not come in fire or a loud noise, but in a gentle whisper. God does not always speak to us as we expect!

Key Teaching Points

1. God speak to us in many different ways
2. We should spend time trying to listen to God.

Other Related Bible Passages

1 Samuel 3:9-10 | Psalm 46:10 | Psalm 62:5-6 | Jeremiah 33:3

Practical Prayer

RELATIONSHIP

Pray that we would be able to recognise when God is speaking to us and hear his voice.

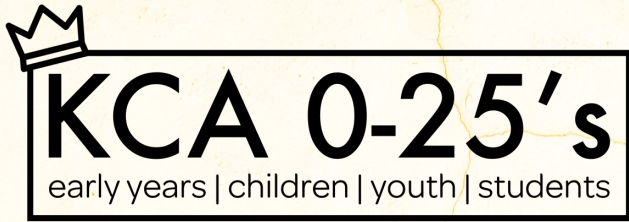
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Giving
Mark 12:41-44
The Widows Offering

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Theme : Giving Session Number: 3
Biblical Passages: Mark 12:41-44 Topic: The Widow's Offering

Passage Context

This short little passage comes at the end of a chapter that is full of talk about money. It's like the writer of Mark wanted to emphasise that it's not about how much money you have, or how much money you give, but the level of sacrifice you're willing to make! That all our giving should come from a willing heart and that our attitude to money should be light, and not something we come to rely upon.

Key Teaching Points

1. Every good thing we have comes from God.
2. When we give it please God.

Other Related Bible Passages

James 1:17 | 2 Corinthians 9:7 | 1 Chronicles 29:14 | Matthew 6:2-4 | Luke 6:30 | Psalm 37:21

Practical Prayer

PRAISE

Thank God for all the good things we have. Pray He would increase our generosity to others.

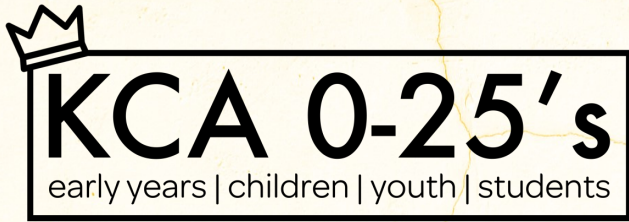
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Joy
Genesis 18:1-8 & 21:1-7
Sarah Gives Birth

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Theme : Joy Session Number: 4
Biblical Passages: Gen 18:1-15 & 21:1-7 Topic: Sarah Gives Birth

Passage Context

This passage is split into two parts and it's important you emphasise that there is a fair amount of time between the two stories. Try also to stay on task with this story as you'll need to cover both bits of scripture for the effect of the Joy being realised! The three visitors were probably angels and this was significant not only in validating Abraham's call but also to reiterate the promise God had made to him and Sarah about having children, what Joy when the baby finally arrives.

Key Teaching Points

1. We experience great joy when God provides for us.
2. We can feel joy even in hard times because we know God loves us.

Other Related Bible Passages

Nehemiah 8:10 | Psalm 16:11 | Psalm 126:3 | John 16:23-24 | Matthew 7:10-12

Practical Prayer

PERSONAL

Thank God that He loves and cares for our needs. Pray He would fill your life with joy for all circumstances.

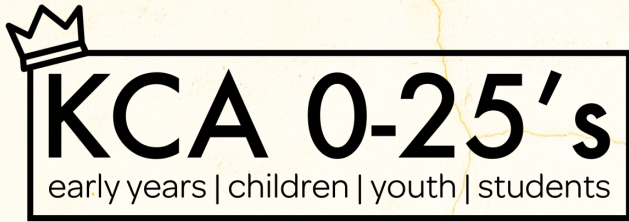
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Worship
Luke 7:36-50
Woman pours perfume on Jesus' feet

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Theme : Worship Session Number: 5

Biblical Passages: Luke 7:36-50 Topic: Perfume on Jesus' Feet

Passage Context

This is one of the most amazing acts of worship we find in scripture and it comes from a person no one cared for or respected. A well known fact is that the jar of perfume broken on Jesus feet was worth a whole years wage, this is key in explaining to the young people that worship is about sacrifice. But this act was not just an act of sacrifice, but of humility and obedience. This is the truest way of worship.

Key Teaching Points

1. We can tell God how much we love Him by worshipping Him.
2. We can worship God in different ways; one way we can worship is singing.

Other Related Bible Passages

2 Samuel 6:14 | Acts 16:22-27 | Psalm 96

Practical Prayer

PRAISE

Thank God together for who He is;
Good, Kind, Loving, Powerful,
Mighty.

Write out words describing God—the children can take it in turns to say 'Thank you God that you are

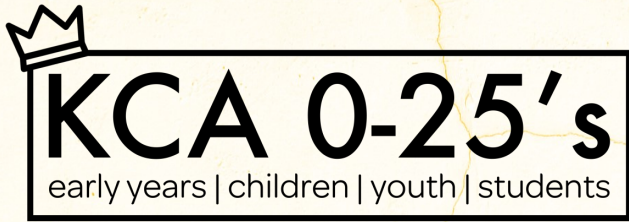
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Love One Another
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Theme: God Loves Everyone

Session Number: 6

Biblical Passages: Luke 19:1-10

Topic: Zacchaeus

Passage Context

It is important to explain to the children that because Zacchaeus was a tax collector he would have been disliked and known in the community as a bad man. They didn't collect tax through a bank account but would have to knock on doors, taking money from very poor people at times. He would be wealthy and disliked in the community, so when Jesus picks him out, it's a huge plot twist and a big shock to the crowd.

Key Teaching Points

1. Jesus came to the world for ALL people.
2. No one is too far from God to turn away from their sins and be saved.



Other Related Bible Passages

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 | Romans 5:6-12 | Romans 8:39 | John 3:16-21

Practical Prayer

RELATIONSHIP

Give the children an opportunity to think about their own relationship with God. Where have they made bad choices recently. Give them an opportunity to say sorry to God to ask for His forgiveness and to chose to follow him.

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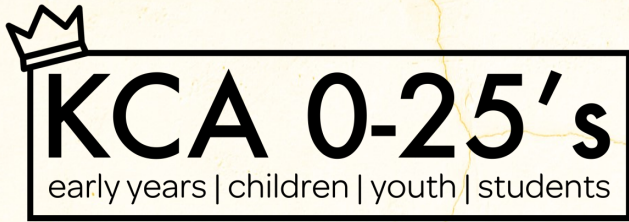
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Patience

Genesis 29

Jacob, Leah & Rachel

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Theme : Patience Session Number: 7
Biblical Passages: Genesis 29 Topic: Jacob, Leah & Rachel

Passage Context

This passage is when Jacob has had to flee his brother, and while he's taking refuge he falls in love with Rachel. The deal is struck he can marry Laban's daughter Rachel for 7 years service. At this point comes a very tricky part of the story to explain, but perhaps not going into detail will help, just talking about how Laban tricked him into marrying the wrong daughter. This then lead to the second 7 years after which he finally married the woman he loved Rachel.

Key Teaching Points

1. God is very patient with us and He teaches us to develop patience in our own lives.
2. The Holy Spirit can help us be patient (Gal 5:22)

Other Related Bible Passages

Colossians 3:12 | Samuel 24:1-7 | 2 Peter 3:9 | Psalm 37:5 | Matthew 13:31-32 | Galatians 5:22

Practical Prayer

PETITION

Talk about ways in which we could show patience to other children. Ask God to help us be patient with others. You could ask Him for opportunities to be patient with a particular person. E.g. a sibling or friend at school that they find challenging. (Adapt for older children)

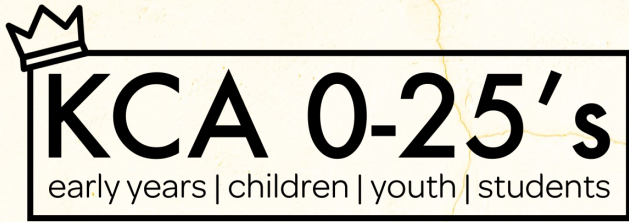
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Prophecy
1 Samuel 3
The Lord Calls Samuel

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Theme : Prophecy Session Number: 8
Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 3 Topic: The Lord Calls Samuel

Passage Context

Samuel is called as a prophet to Israel, he is serving under the priest Eli when the Lords calls to him in the night. Use this passage to talk about how God can speak to us, it can be through and audible voice, but often it's far less obvious, dreams, pictures, words, things in creation! In fact it's fair to say God is nearly always speaking to us but the real question is are we listening... like Samuel we can easily miss out hearing his voice!

Key Teaching Points

1. Samuel listened and responded to God's voice.
2. God can still speak to us today; there are many different ways we can hear God's voice.

Other Related Bible Passages

Proverbs 18:13 | John 10 | James 1:23-24

Practical Prayer

RELATIONSHIP

Take a few minutes to find a space to reflect on hearing God's voice. Ask God to speak to you this week and be open to hearing from Him in a new way.

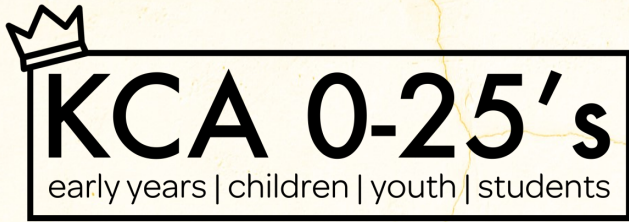
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Rest
 Genesis 2:1-3
 Creation

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Theme : Rest Session Number: 9
Biblical Passages: Genesis 2:1-3 Topic: Creation

Passage Context

In the creation story we find that on the final day God rested! It's important to point out to the children that this is where creation finishes and is not to be ignored. If God took rest, how much more do we need to rest properly too. Explaining the sabbath to the kids would be a really helpful and understanding that it was so important to God it even made the 10 commandments!

Key Teaching Points

1. God rested on the seventh day of creation; it's important that we also rest.
2. Resting is a good opportunity to spend time with God and draw closer to Him.

Other Related Bible Passages

Exodus 20:8-11 | Psalm 91:1 | Mark 6:30-32 | Matthew 11:29-30 | Psalm 46:10

Practical Prayer

PERSONAL

Reflect on how busy your life is—do you fill every moment of the day? Take a moment now and again during the week to stop what you are doing and 'be still'. Listen to the sounds around you and thank God that He is your friend. (Rethink for older age groups)

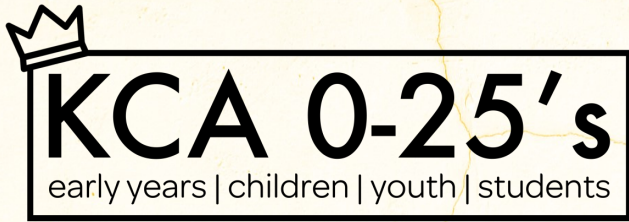
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Encouragement
Acts 11:19-30
Barnabus Encourages

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Theme : Encouragement Session Number: 10

Biblical Passages: Acts 11:19-30 Topic: Barnabus Encourages

Passage Context

The power of encouragement, Barnabas literally means son of encouragement and this is what he did time and time again as he travelled around sharing the Love and word of God. Talk about how the power of encouragement not only helps others to be more confident but sometimes can be the best way to form friendships or break down barriers.

Key Teaching Points

1. What we say and do is important; it affects those around us.
2. We can help other followers of Jesus to grow by encouraging them.

Other Related Bible Passages

2 Corinthians 13 | Colossians 2:1-13 | 1 Thessalonians 5:11 | Ephesians 4:29 | James 3:1-13

Practical Prayer

PETITION

Ask God how you can be kind in your words and actions this week. Pray that God would provide you with an opportunity to do this.

Last Week

Rest
Genesis 2:1-3
Creation

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