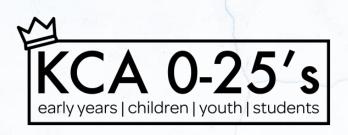




# THE WAYS OF JESUS





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
  - -2- Educate & Re-Educate
- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

<u>Theme</u>: Temptation & Self-Control <u>Session Number</u>: 1

<u>Biblical Passages:</u> Matthew 4:1-11 <u>Topic:</u> Jesus Tempted by the Devil

#### Passage Context

Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist and was then led into the wilderness by the Spirit. He endured temptation from the devil, but spoke out the truth of scripture rather than bow to the requests of Satan. Jesus shows us that when we are tempted we can turn to the word of God, and with the Holy Spirit's help we can resist temptation.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. Everyone is tempted to sin, but we can resist with God's help!
- Scripture helps us overcome temptation.

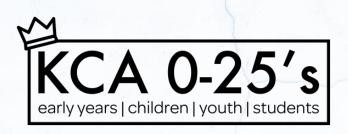
#### Other Related Bible Passages

Hebrews 2:17-18 | 1 Corinthians 10:13 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | Proverbs 25:28 | Titus 2:11-14

# Practical Prayer PERSONAL

Give the children space to reflect on the things that tempt them. Ask God to help them overcome temptation.

Next Week
Kindness
John 4:5-26 & 39-42
Woman at the Well





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
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- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

Theme: Kindness Session Number: 2

Biblical Passages: John 4:5-26 & 39-42 Topic: Woman at the Well

#### Passage Context

It was well known that Samaritans and Jews did not like each other. It would've been frowned upon for a Jew to interact with a Samaritan, let alone sit with them. There was much hostility between them, which makes what Jesus did in this story so outrageous. Jesus not only approached a Samaritan, but a woman! She was not even considered a 'good' woman, a loner even in her accepted community! Jesus breaks with cultural norms to reach a broken woman with love and kindness.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. Jesus showed kindness to all.
- 2. Kindness shows people the 'practical' love of God.

Other Related Bible Passages

Ephesians 4:32 | Leviticus 19:34 | Colossians 3:12-13

Last Week

Temptation & Self Control

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus Tempted

# Practical Prayer PETITION

Give the children a chance to pray that God would give them opportunities to be radically kind to others.

Next Week

Friendship & Fellowship

Mark 3:13-19

Calling the Disciples





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
  - -2- Educate & Re-Educate
- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

<u>Theme</u>: Friendship & Fellowship

Session Number: 3

Biblical Passages: Mark 3:13-19

<u>Topic:</u> Calling the Disciples

Passage Context—Other Bible passages will help construct this teaching session.

Jesus calls twelve disciples to follow him in this chapter, (four of whom had already been personally called by Jesus to leave their families and jobs). These disciples have already seen many miracles and healings performed by Jesus and would've heard many of His teachings.

Make sure to explain the difference between friendship and fellowship and the importance of developing friendship into fellowship.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. Fellowship is friendship that puts Jesus at the centre.
- 2. We all need fellowship.

#### Other Related Bible Passages

Romans 12:4-5 | Genesis 2:18 | 1 Thessalonians 5:11 | 1 John 1:2-3 | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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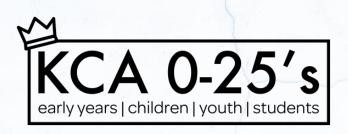
# Practical Prayer PETITION

Let the children reflect on which friendships they are investing in & pray that God would bring to mind specific people He wants them to get alongside.

Next Week
Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15

The Lord's Prayer





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
  - -2- Educate & Re-Educate
- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

Theme: Prayer Session Number: 4

<u>Biblical Passages:</u> Matthew 6:5-15 <u>Topic:</u> The Lord's Prayer

#### Passage Context

This Lord's prayer is placed amongst the teaching from the sermon on the mount. This is significant because Jesus addresses three key spiritual practices (giving, praying, fasting) and although He teaches about how to pray, each instruction shows that God's focus is on the heart of the person praying and not the outward appearance.

As Jesus prays the Lord's Prayer He gives us an insight into both the heart and function of praying to our Father.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. God wants us to pray to Him as our Father.
- 2. We can ask Him for good things & He will hear us.

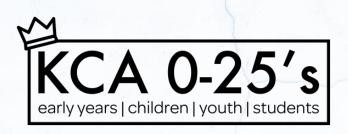
Other Related Bible Passages

Philippians 4:6-7 | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 | Colossians 4:2

<u>Last Week</u>
Friendship & Fellowship
Mark 3:13-19
Calling the Disciples

# Practical Prayer PRAISE

Pray the Lord's prayer, stopping to reflect/reword and re-emphasise each line. Next Week
Children
Luke 18:15-17
Jesus calls the Children





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
  - -2- Educate & Re-Educate
- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

Theme: Children Session Number: 5

<u>Biblical Passages:</u> Luke 18:15-17 <u>Topic:</u> Jesus Calls the Children

### Passage Context

Jesus uses this interaction with the infants to demonstrate the way in which we should approach God. They come with a huge capacity to love and trust Jesus and aren't trying to make themselves more worthy or act a certain way to impress others or God. This interaction is particularly surprising because children at this time were often perceived as 'there to be seen and not heard' and of a lower value in society.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. We don't need to know everything to start a friendship with God.
- 2. God loves us equally no matter how old or young we are.

Other Related Bible Passages

Matthew 19:13-15 | Mark 9:36-37 | Mark 10:13-16

<u>Last Week</u>

Prayer

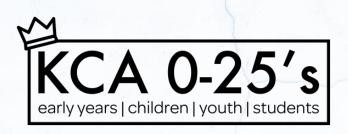
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The Lord's Prayer

# Practical Prayer RELATIONSHIP

Give some quiet time for the children to be open to hearing from God. Then discuss any pictures or words they may have received.

Money
Mark 10:17-31
The Rich Fool





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
  - -2- Educate & Re-Educate
- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

<u>Theme</u>: Money <u>Session Number</u>: 6

Biblical Passages: Mark 10:17-31 Topic: The Rich Fool

#### Passage Context

Jesus is travelling to Judea when He comes across this rich man. This passage focuses on how those with worldly status and wealth are more prone to rejecting God's ways, with a greater desire for the things that they own or control.

Jesus says all this about the difficulty of the rich entering heaven because those with worldly wealth are more open to sins of the heart, like greed, and a focus on acquiring wealth results in God being taken down from the altar of our lives.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. Nothing is worth keeping if it separates us from God.
- 2. Salvation is the greatest gift we can receive.

#### Other Related Bible Passages

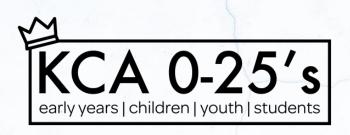
Luke 12:13-21 | Matthew 6:19-24 | 1 Timothy 6:9-10 & 17-19 | Philippians 4:19 | Proverbs 22:1-2

<u>Last Week</u>
Children
Luke 18:15-17
Jesus calls the Children

# Practical Prayer PERSONAL

Ask the children to think about what they prioritise in their lives. Give them a chance to pray for God to take the place at number one.

Next Week
Serving
John 13:1-17
Jesus washes Feet





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
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- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

Theme: Serving Session Number: 7

<u>Biblical Passages:</u> John 13:1-17 <u>Topic:</u> Jesus Washes Disciple's Feet

#### Passage Context

This passage comes at the start of Jesus' last supper with the disciples. Jesus demonstrates what it means to truly serve others. In those days feet would've been a great degree dirtier than now...people wore sandals on streets full of mud, manure and worse. To wash the feet would've been one of the lowliest jobs for only servants, so this demonstration from Jesus would've been beyond shocking to the disciples; that the Son of God would lower himself to such a task.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. We are called to serve those around us.
- 2. When we serve we don't do it for a reward.

Other Related Bible Passages

Galatians 5:13-14 | Matthew 20:26-28 | Matthew 23:1-12 | Philippians 2:3-8

<u>Last Week</u> Money Mark 10:17-31

The Rich Fool

# Practical Prayer PETITION

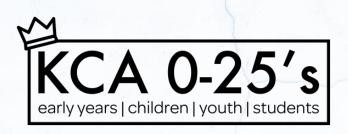
Give the children a chance to pray for others and to ask God to give them specific people He wants them to step out and serve.

Next Week

Regret

Luke 22:31-34 & 54-62

Peter Denies Jesus





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
  - -2- Educate & Re-Educate
- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

Theme: Regret Session Number: 8

#### Passage Context

Luke 22 is about Judas' betrayal, Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples (where they share their first communion) and the arrest and trial of Jesus. Woven through this passage is the story of Peter's betrayal. He begins by vehemently denying that he would ever turn against Jesus, however we see him do exactly that, publicly denying knowing Jesus three times. He exits weeping, in shame and crushing regret he realises what he's done.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- We all have things we regret, you're not alone!
- 2. God can help us to stop feeling guilty.

Other Related Bible Passages

2 Corinthians 7:10 | 1 John 1:9 | John 21:15-19 | Philippians 3:13-14 | Acts 3:19-20

Last Week
Serving
John 13:1-17

Jesus washes Feet

# Practical Prayer RELATIONSHIP

Give the children a chance to reflect on regrets they have.

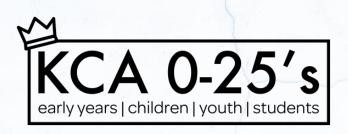
Turn to God and ask for forgiveness, He can lift the weight of shame.

Next Week

Doubt

John 20:24-31

Doubting Thomas





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- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

Theme: Doubt Session Number: 9

<u>Biblical Passages:</u> John 20:24-31 <u>Topic:</u> Doubting Thomas

#### Passage Context

This passage comes after Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus has not only appeared to many, (e.g. the disciples and Mary Magdalene) but had real post-resurrection encounters with them. Jesus had also visited the disciples when Thomas was not present, therefore, Thomas wasn't able to believe what he was told, (that Jesus was alive); and instead he found himself doubting the truth of this claim.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. We can always trust God even if we have doubts.
- 2. Everyone can and probably will experience doubts.

Other Related Bible Passages

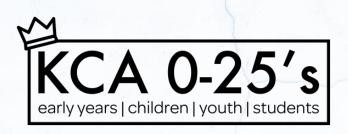
James 1:6-7 | Luke 24:36-49 | Proverbs 3:5 | Hebrews 11:1

<u>Last Week</u>
Regret
Luke 22:31-34 & 54-62
Peter Denies Jesus

# Practical Prayer PERSONAL

Ask the children to think of areas in their life where they don't always trust God & give them a chance to pray for confidence in God.

Next Week
Faithfulness
John 21:15-25
Peter re-instated





- -1- Fun Friendship & Fellowship
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- -3- Opportunities to Meet Jesus

Theme: Faithfulness Session Number: 10

Biblical Passages: John 21:15-25 <u>Topic:</u> Peter Re-instated

#### Passage Context

This passage comes after Jesus' death and resurrection and is one of the last interactions Jesus has with the disciples before ascending to heaven.

When Jesus was arrested and led away, Peter denied knowing Him three times, (just as Jesus had foretold at the last supper). Here we see Jesus reinstating Peter by asking if he loves Him three times and then appointing him to 'feed' His sheep. This is dramatic as Jesus asks him to be a leader of the 'flock' even after blatantly failing.

### **Key Teaching Points**

- 1. God is always faithful to us.
- 2. When we mess up, God is quick to give us another chance.

Other Related Bible Passages

Hebrews 10:23 | 2 Timothy 2:13 | 1 John 1:9 | 1 Corinthians 1:9

Last Week

Doubt

John 20:24-31

Doubting Thomas

# Practical Prayer PERSONAL

Give the children an opportunity to bring their failures to God. Create space for them to see themselves the way God does.

