

Week

Sunday May 17, 2020

Ice Breakers

- 1. Where is one place you have always wanted to vacation that you have never been?
- 2. What would you do with your life if you knew God would bless it?

Message: "Don't Wait On Passion"

Scripture:

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

-Matthew 25:40

Questions

- 1. What stood out to you from today's message? Did God speak something specific to you during the message?
- 2. Like Jesus, your purpose is lived out through your passion. And that passion is to simply love God with all you got. Love God through loving others. **How** do you think God is asking you to love him through loving others?

3. Nothing comes close to fueling your passion for God like being intimate with him. Where would you say you have placed your passion in life? Do your actions reflect this? Is God asking you to shift what you're passionate about? If so, how do you think he wants to do this?

4. Paul did more for the church and God's kingdom than anyone other than Jesus. Yet, in Philippians 3:8 he says: "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him." Jesus was his passion. Jesus was his purpose. How do you think God wants to lead you to falling more in love with him?

5. What do you need prayer for this week? Take some time to pray for one another.

Kid's Devotional

Use the links below to watch age-specific worship & story experiences with your kids. You'll find videos that align with our current Pre-K - Kindergarten (First Look), and 1st - 5th Grade (252 Kids) curriculum.

Pre-K - Kindergarten:

https://youtu.be/eMrIZO0_S5Y

1st - 5th Grade:

https://youtu.be/NZToKzQfTcw

After watching the videos, lead your kids in the following activities & discussion questions.

Pre-K - Kindergarten

Supplies: Paper plates, marker

Activity:

Draw different emotion faces (like emojis) on the paper plates. Hold up the different prepared faces and talk about what makes you sad, happy, scared, excit-

ed, etc. Ask your child what makes them feel those emotions. Remind your child that God loves them no matter what.

Tell your kids:

"God loves us when we are happy, sad, excited, or scared. God loves us all the time. Who loves you? That's right, God loves you."

Pray with your kids:

"Dear God, thank You for today's Bible story. Even though the son made mistakes, the father forgave him because he loved him. Thank You for loving us the same way the father in the story loved his son. You love us no matter what! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

1st - 5th Graders

Supplies: Poster board, construction paper, or plain copy paper; craft supplies, such as markers, crayons, stickers, glue, glitter, etc.

Activity:

Talk with your kid about Peter and John from today's story. Remind your kid that Peter and John didn't give up on their mission, even though the religious leaders tried to stop them. Then lead your kid to make encouragement posters for Peter and John, similar to the kinds of signs spectators hold up at sporting events. Prompt them to think about what might have helped Peter and John keep going. What words of encouragement do they think Peter and John would have wanted to hear or see as they went on trial for telling others about Jesus?

For some extra fun, get 2 cups of dry cornstarch and 1 cup of water. Pour both ingredients into a mixing bowl and let your kid mix it with their hands! As they play with the goo, talk about how we can sometimes feel "stuck" when something gets hard and we want to give up. But God wants us to keep going even when it gets tough!

Discuss with your kids:

 What mission did Peter and John need determination to carry out? (Spreading the word about Jesus)

- What did they do on their way into the temple? (Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they healed a man who couldn't walk)
- How did the religious leaders respond to the man's healing? (They were angry; they arrested Peter and John)
- Did Peter and John stop preaching about Jesus after they were told not to? (No; they kept going and spreading the message of Jesus)
- What is something that is hard for you? What can you do to find the determination to keep going even when that thing gets really hard?

Pray with your kids:

"God, we know that You can help us keep going when things get difficult—just like You helped Peter and John. There are times when it's tough for us to finish what we've started. There are times when we get tired or frustrated, or we're confused about what to do next. Help us to remember that You are always with us! Help us to decide that it's worth it to finish what we've started—and give us the strength to keep going. Amen!"

Upcoming Events

(Please remind your communities of these upcoming events)

Church At Home (Live at 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 6pm)

Date: Sundays

Time: Live and on Demand at www.captivatesd.com