



## **Week**

Sunday May 3, 2020

## **Ice Breakers**

1. What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?
2. If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go and why??

## **Message: “Prepare to Care”**

### **Scripture:**

“With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.”

**-Psalm 142:1-4**

## **Questions**

1. What stood out to you from today’s message? **Did God speak something specific to you during the message?**

2. Pastor Wes said to “consider who your close friends are because at some point you may need to borrow their faith.” **Describe what you look for and what you need in a close friend. Do you feel that you have that?**
3. If there’s no challenge, there’s no change. **What’s one aspect of close relationships, opening up, seeking it out, etc that’s challenging for you? What’s the change that could come if took that challenge on?**
4. Proverbs 18:24 - “A man who has friends must he himself be friendly.” **What does it look like for you to own the right kind of close friendships a little more in this season? Name someone you can reach out to, pursue, and bless.**
5. **Describe and share what an intimate friendship with God looks like to you.**
6. **What do you need prayer for?** 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlvmis4E3HU>

**1st - 5th Grade:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uy7fXbMFCxo>

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

### **Pre-K - Kindergarten**

**Supplies:** No supplies needed

**Activity:**

Gather everyone in an open area of the room. Sing and do the motions to “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes.” Talk about how God made you and loves you.

**Tell your kids:**

“Let’s sing a fun song together! (*Sing multiple times.*) Great job! Who made your head, shoulders, knees and toes? Yes, God did! That’s what we learned in our story. God made me and you, and He loves us, too. **Who loves you? God loves me.**”

**Pray with your kids:**

“Heavenly Father, You are a big and awesome God! We know that You love us because You made us special. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

**1st - 5th Graders**

**Supplies:** Bible, bandana or rope with a knot in it, deck of cards, simple puzzle (12-24 pieces), timer

**Activity:**

Read today’s Bible story passages: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

Challenge your kids to some tasks that may seem impossible to them:

- Untie a knot in a bandana or rope in 20 seconds.
- Pick up a scattered deck of cards and put it back in the box within 30 seconds.
- Stand on one foot for 15 seconds.
- Put together an easy puzzle in 45 seconds.
- Run down the street (or down the hall or across the yard) and back in 25 seconds.

*Give kids a chance to practice a couple of the tasks and try to get faster. Encourage them to use determination to keep going and keep practicing until the challenge is doable. Adjust the time limit of these challenges as needed.*

**Discuss with your kids:**

- Jesus gave His followers the task of telling the whole world about Him! That must have seemed WAY too hard at the time. But if they hadn’t had determination, we wouldn’t know Jesus’ story today! They kept going, telling one person after another, telling as many people as they could.

- What's one thing you thought you would never be able to do, but you worked at it and you eventually got it? (Encourage your kid by starting the conversation off with a couple of examples of things they can do now but they couldn't do a year or two ago. Maybe learning to ride a bike was hard for your kid, or reading a book that's longer than a typical children's book. Emphasize that they kept going even when it seemed like they would never get it.)
- What are some things you think are impossible for you to do now?

**Pray with your kids:**

“Dear God, right now a lot of things seem impossible. But we know that we can trust You no matter what, and You promise that You're ALWAYS with us. Help us remember that You're there for us, even when we can't feel Your presence and when everything feels difficult. Help us to keep going, putting one foot in front of the other, with determination and strength. In Jesus' name we pray. 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](http://www.captivatesd.com)