

HOPE KIDS SERVICE COMPANION

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Custom sermon note pages for kids to enjoy during the service
- Colouring / Activity pages
- Two devotionals with discussion guide and activities designed to create conversation around this week's Big Idea - one for older children and the other for younger
- Memory verse cards



DEVOTIONAL

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN



Hide some cotton balls around your living room or child's bedroom. Have your child hunt for the cotton balls until all are found. For an extra variation, mark one cotton ball with a marker and hide it in a harder spot to find. After the game, explain that you are going to talk about a special story that Jesus told to show how much God loves every person.

Tell this story from Luke 15:4-7.

Once a shepherd had a flock of 100 sheep. Shepherds love their sheep. Sometimes they even have names for the sheep. A shepherd leads his sheep to nutritious green grass to eat. He looks for nice clean water so his sheep could have a drink when they were thirsty.

A shepherd watches after every sheep and takes care of them. Sometimes dangerous animals like bears and lions would come and try to hurt his sheep. The shepherd protects the sheep and chases all of the dangerous animals away from them. At other times the sheep wander away from the rest of the sheep and the shepherd calls out the sheep's name. When the sheep heard the shepherd's voice, it runs back to the shepherd.

One day the shepherd counted his sheep and found that there were only 99 sheep instead of 100. The shepherd was so worried. One of the sheep must be lost. Even though 99 of the sheep were safe, the shepherd was so concerned about the 1 sheep that was lost. Immediately, he left the other sheep in a safe place and set off looking for the lost sheep.

The shepherd searched everywhere. What if the sheep was hurt? What if some wild animals had attacked it?

Finally, he found the lost sheep! The shepherd was so relieved and happy. The shepherd lifted the sheep up onto his shoulders and carried him all the way back to join the rest of the flock.

Tell your child that in this story, Jesus helped us understand that people are important to God. He does not want anyone to be away from Him. Tell your child that some people are lost and some are found, and that God loves the people who are lost just as much as the people who are found.

Ask your child what they would do if their dog was missing or if they couldn't find their favourite stuffy. Would they get a new dog or buy a new stuffy? Or would they search until the dog/stuffy is found? If they would search, then they are like the shepherd who would go out looking for the lost little sheep.

Remind your child that God is our good Shepherd and He acts the same way toward any person who has wandered away from God. Read Psalm 23:1-2 to show your child that our good Shepherd wants for us to be safe and well cared for.

DEVOTIONAL FOR OLDER CHILDREN



Read the following story and brainstorm how you might solve this problem:

You are taking the bus on a long trip. You fall asleep as soon you got on the bus, and when you wake up, you realize you've missed your stop and now you're in a city you don't recognize. The last text message you got was from your friend (who took another bus) telling you to meet them at the pizza place for dinner. But now you have no reception so your cell phone doesn't work. You are lost. How you will find the rest of your friends?

Have you ever been lost like in the story above? Or have you ever lost something important to you? How did you feel? Did you have a sort of sick feeling in the pit of your stomach? Were you sad or upset or afraid?

Read the three parables that Jesus told in Luke 15 (A parable is a short story that tells us a deeper message about God). What did the shepherd do when he lost one of his 100 sheep? What did the woman who lost one of her ten coins do? What about the father who lost one of his two sons? Jesus told these stories to emphasize that God loves us so much, He will not give up on us even when we are far away from Him. Maybe you think that you've done something that will make God stop loving you, something that is so bad, He would not want to come looking for you like the shepherd did for the sheep.

Read the following situations. If you think God would love you even in this situation, write "yes" beside the statement. If God wouldn't love you, write "no." Are you ready?

You build a rocket ship and become the first person to live on Mars!

You move to a different country and become a painter when you are 18.

You try out for the soccer team, but you don't make the cut.

You say something really mean to your parents.

You have a huge fight with your best friend and call her a hurtful name.

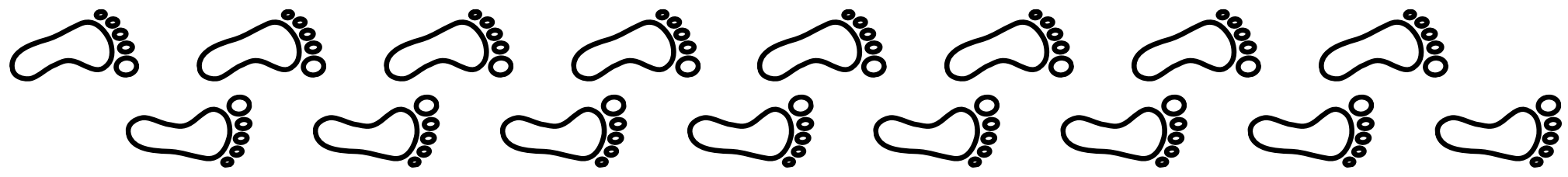
You cheat on a math test at school.

You think maybe you don't even believe in God.

Read Psalm 23. What verse or verses in this psalm shows us God will never ever stop loving us? The truth is that God loves us all very much. And God will never, ever, no matter what, stop loving us. Just like the shepherd went to find his missing sheep and the woman spent hours looking for the lost coin and the father waited for the return of the son, God wants to help each and every person find their way to the safety and love that God offers us. You could say that God is really, really, really, really (x1000) focused on loving people and helping them to know Him.

Pray this prayer: "God, thank You for always loving me no matter what. Help me to remember that even if I mess up or am full of doubt, You still love me and You will never stop. Thank You for loving me always!"

THE WAY MEMORY VERSES



Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6
NirV



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Jesus is... the WAY
and
the TRUTH
and
the LIFE!

from
John 14:6



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On one of those days, Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray. He spent the night praying to God.

Luke 6:12
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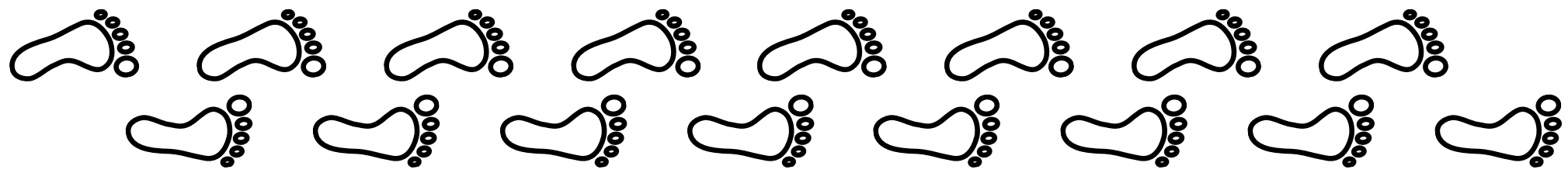
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When morning came, He called for His disciples to come to Him. He chose twelve of them and made them apostles.

Luke 6:13
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Luke 6:13



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Jesus went down the mountain and stood on a level place. A large crowd of His disciples was there. A large number of other people were there too... They had all come to hear Jesus and be healed of their sicknesses.

Luke 6:17,18
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Sermon Notes

for the week of
Nov 1, 2020

my name:

We're in a series called:

The Way



Who is **speaking** today?

Joke of the day:

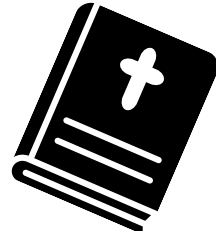
What do you call a sheep with no legs and no head?

A cloud!

HA HA

Fill in the **blanks**

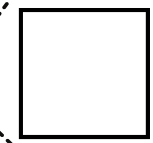
to complete the memory verse!



_____ went down the mountain with them and stood on a level place. A large _____ of His disciples was there. A large number of other _____ were there too... They all came to hear Jesus and be _____ of their sickness.

Today I am listening **with:**

Luke 6:17-18



Check this box if you can find it in your **Bible**

Use this space to **pray.**

Dear God,

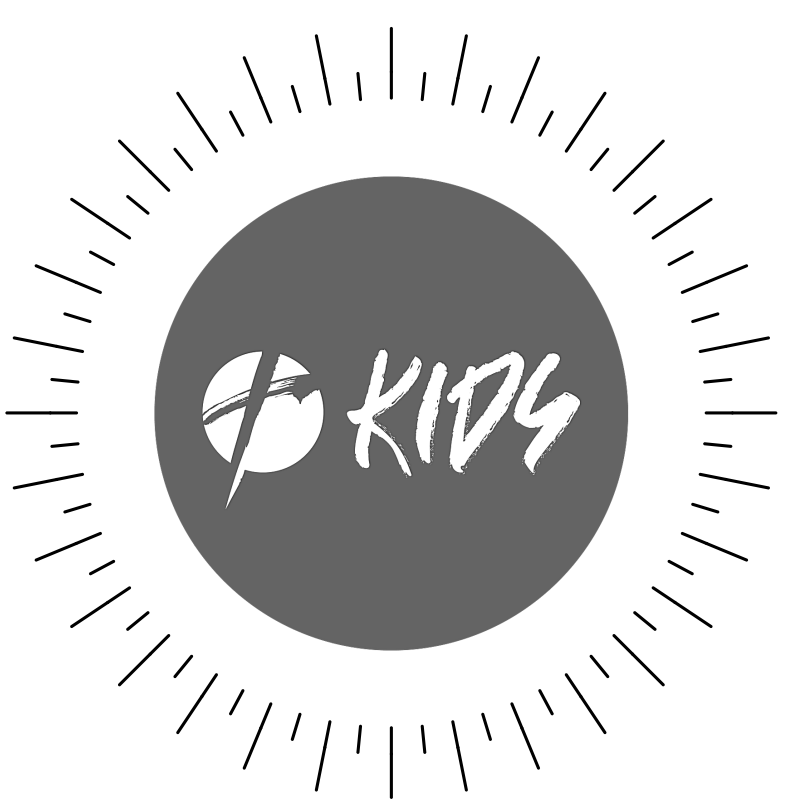
Amen

You can draw, write.... talk to God however you want to!



Doodle Zone!

Fill this space
with whatever
you'd like.

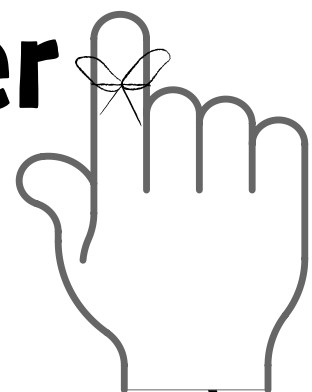


My favourite
song
we sang
today:



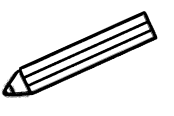
A large, rounded rectangular box for writing the name of a favorite song.

Something I want to **remember**
from today's service:



A large, cloud-shaped box with a scalloped border for drawing or writing a memory from the service.

Draw something
you thought about
during today's service



A large rectangular box with diagonal hatching in the corners for drawing something thought about during the service.

circle



the words you hear in the service: - - - - -

- sheep coin son
- lost love
- focus find Gospel

A dashed-line rectangular box for circling words from the list.



The lost sheep is found!