

NOVEMBER 8, 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



DEVOTIONALFOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Wrap a candy bar or cookie in several layers of plastic wrap. Have them put on mittens or use oven mitts. While music is playing, have your child try to unwrap the item. When the music stops, the child has to stop and they can start again when you play the music.

Read Matthew 25:14-30. Explain that this is a parable of Jesus or a story that has a deeper meaning. Ask your child how it feels to get a gift, such as the candy bar or cookie. Tell your child that the story you just read is all about Jesus giving us gifts that we can use. Jesus told this story to help everyone, even adults, understand how generous God is and what he has called us to do.

When the master in the story asked the servants to look after the talents, he thought about how much each servant could manage. The master didn't want them to become upset because they had been given too much to take care of! Ask your child how they would feel if you told them they had to cook supper, clean up all the dishes, wash the car, and pay the bills. This would be way too much for a child to handle. But the master in this story gave each servant the right amount.

Just like the master was generous and trusted the servants with what he left them, God is also generous to us. He gives us plenty of good gifts and lots to do with those gifts. Explain that our gifts might be things that we own like toys or books or a big house. Or it could be a skill that we have. Ask your child to display some of their skills – singing, colouring, running, tell jokes, loving on their baby sister, etc. (Enjoy this video with your child https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAPqWUD6daI).

Whether it is money that we are given or skills that we have, we can choose to use the gifts God has generously given us to bless other people. Ask your child if they can think of a way to use their toys and their skills to bless other people (ie. if they like to colour, they could make a card for someone who is sick; if they like to run and be outside, they could help take care of the family pet).

Pray and thank God together for the amazing gifts he has given that can be used to love on and bless other people!

DEVOTIONAL FOR OLDER CHILDREN

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What does it mean to be responsible for something? Maybe it's forgetting what you are supposed to do or talking someone else into doing your work for you or complaining about what you've been given to do? Or maybe it's realizing your part is important and doing it to the best of your ability? Maybe it's recognizing that hard work isn't easy but it is necessary and helps us to mature?

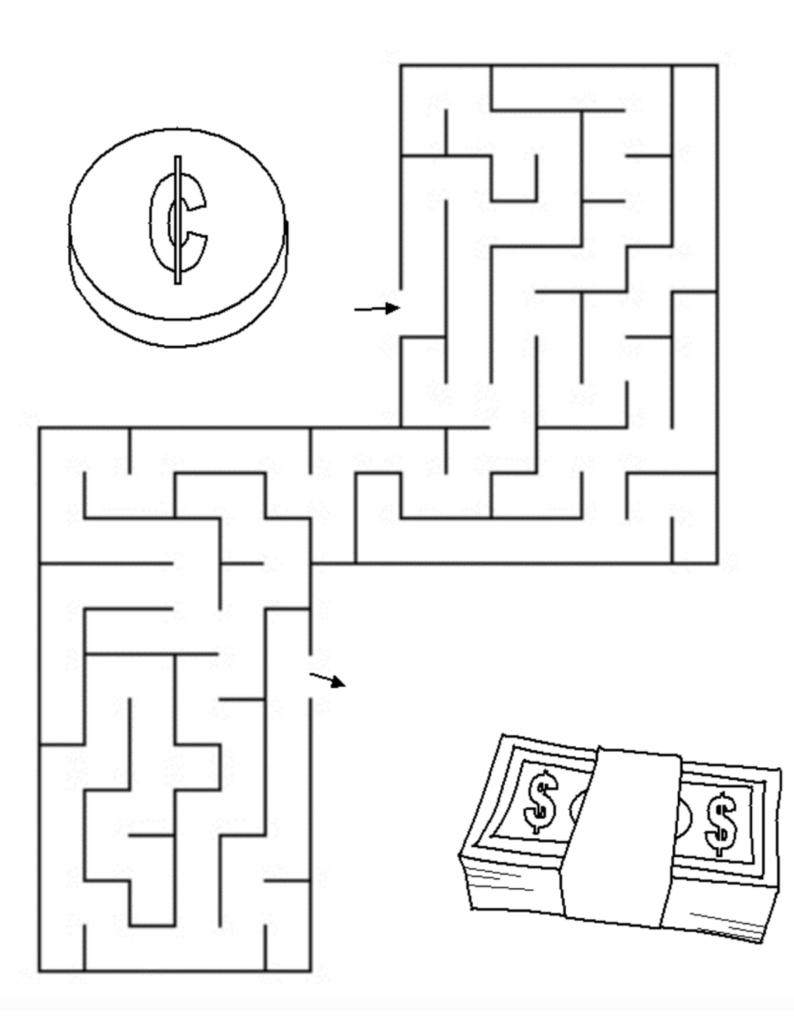
Put a check mark beside the things on the list that you are responsible for:

- Watching your little sister/brother when mom is busy
- Doing your homework on time
- Making your bed in the morning
- Unloading the dishwasher
- Taking your dirty clothes to the washer
- Going to bed on time
- Helping with chores on Saturday
- Practicing your musical instrument
- Reading your Bible
- Caring for your pet

Did you know that God has made each of us responsible for the abilities and gifts he has given us? Read Matthew 25:14-30. This is a parable or a story with a deep meaning about three servants who were responsible for their master's money.

God has blessed each of us with unique gifts, and we are responsible to use them for God's glory! What unique gifts do you have? Can you play the piano? Add numbers quickly? Make people laugh with good jokes? Build something from a plan in your head? Run fast and score goals? Make people feel welcome and accepted? Memorize Scripture? Write words of encouragement to people who are sad? There's no end to the gifts God can give us! God calls us to use our blessings for His glory and the good of other people. It's a lot like the saying "Use it or lose it" – God expects us to use the gifts, abilities, and talents he has given us. If we do, we'll get better at them and even gain other abilities. But if we don't use our ability like the one servant in this parable, eventually we won't even have that ability anymore - we'll "lose it"

But the good news in this story is that two servants did use their gifts and those gifts grew and grew and became even better gifts than they were originally! That's pretty cool! One of the things that Jesus teaches us is how to better know about and then use the gifts that God has given to us. Because when we use those gifts that God gave us, those gifts just keep on giving and giving and giving – to us and to others! How amazing is that!? And that is the good news for today!



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

John 14:6



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

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



SEPT 20, 27, OCT 4 - FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray.

from Luke 6:12



SEPT 20, 27, OCT 4 - FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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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He called for His disciples to come to Him.

from Luke 6:13



OCT 11, 18, 25 - FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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



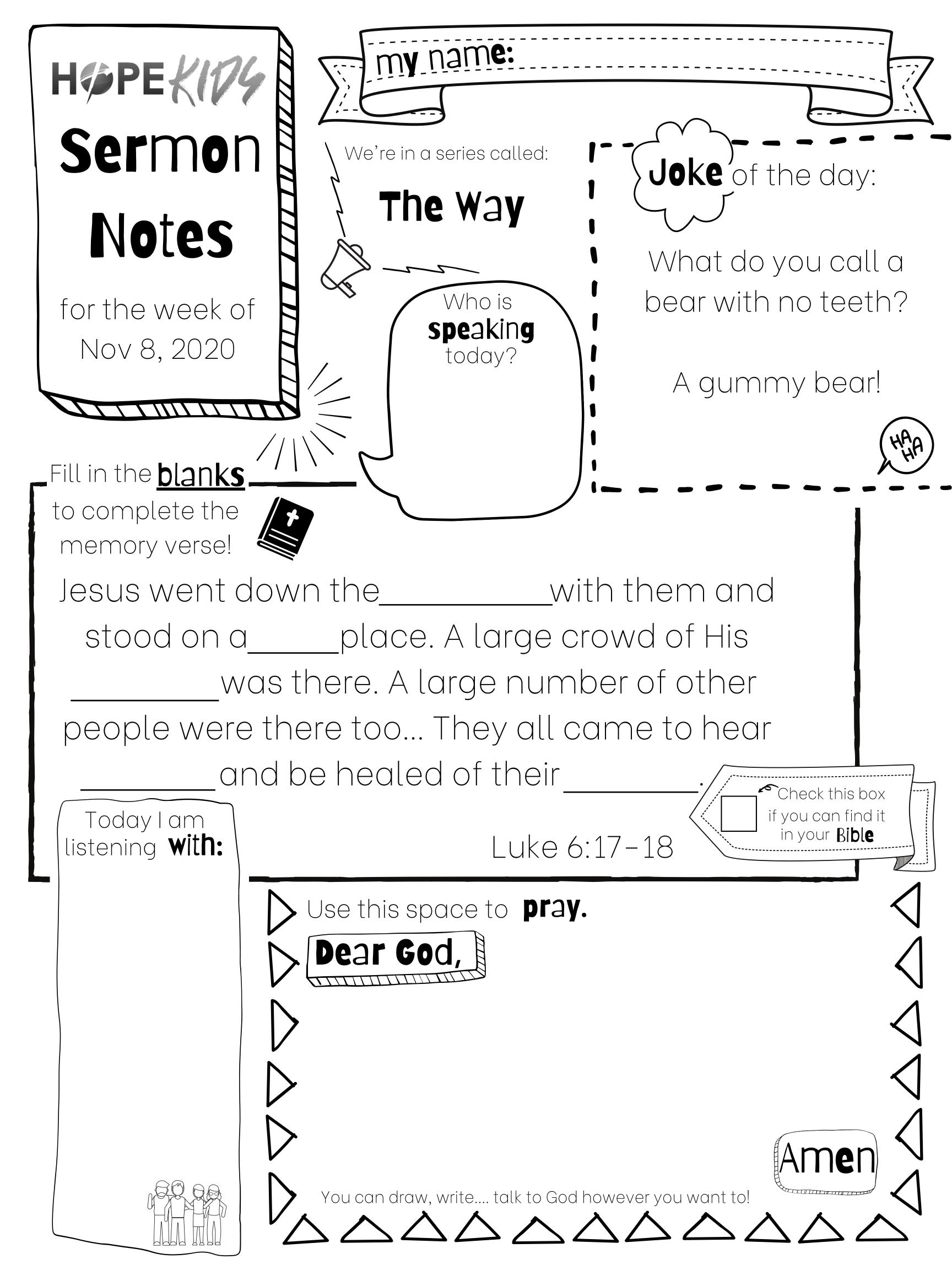
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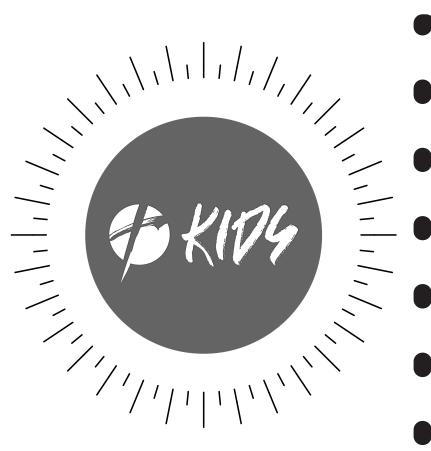
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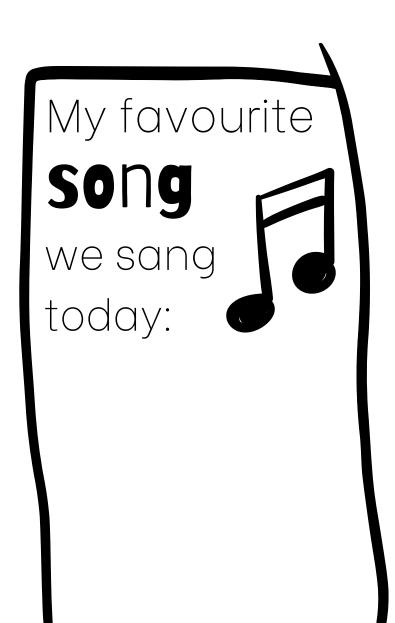
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Draw something you thought about during today's service

Something I want to remember from today's service:

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opportunity way Matthew parable servant

gold disciples Kingdom

I can tell my friends about Jesus



I can follow Jesus by sharing.