

## **Take Home: Oct 24 Christ walked into the wilderness**

**Key Points:** Tonight, Grades 2-5 worked on their prayer journals while Pre-K through First Grade learned that God is always with us. They went through an obstacle course and talked about why it's important to read the Bible every day and memorize verses. We talked about several letters in our Discipleship Acrostic: "P" is for Prayer, "S" is for Scripture, "I" is for Integrity, and "H" is for Humility. Wow did we learn a lot!

The children had a chance to go through the obstacle course 2-3 times but with variations so their vision was impaired. The concept was to teach them to rely on God and scripture, not their own sight or judgement about what seemed like the easiest way to overcome a challenge. We also accepted a special mission challenge (The Pumpkin Pledge) to either tell someone about Jesus, invite someone to attend our church with you, or to attend another church with someone else during the next two weeks. Children received an invitation to give to the person they chose to invite as part of their pledge and a glow stick to remind them to be a light unto the world.

### **Scripture Passages: Second-Fifth Grade: NIV Adventure Bible for Early Readers: Matthew 6:7-15 & Luke 6:12-13**

Things to Do at Home: If you haven't incorporated regular prayer into your day to day family life this week is a great time to start praying at meals, bedtime, before you leave for the day, anytime that works for you.

Second-Fifth Grade: Help your child practice The Lord's Prayer and use the ACTS prayer method

If your child brought their prayer journal home, please encourage them to use it at home. They can write down their prayers and more importantly the way they experience God answering them.

### **Discussion Questions**

Which was the most difficult way for you to go through the obstacle course and why? Who do you want to invite to church or tell about Jesus (the Mission Challenge)?

**Next Week's Activities:** We will not have Kairos next week since it is Halloween! Enjoy letting your light shine and your family traditions! Our next Kairos will be on November 7.

**The Mission Challenge:** This week the children received the challenge to invite a friend or neighbor to attend church and/or Sunday School with them sometime during the next two weeks, or to attend another church with a friend or family member if their family is out of town. Each child received an invitation to give to someone they would like to invite. Families may make additional copies of the invitation if they would like to invite more than one person (or print them out from our website).

If your child is having trouble identifying someone to invite, the suggestion was given to make copies of the invitation and hand it out Oct 31 with Halloween treats, or to give it to a neighbor when your child receives a Halloween treat as a way of saying

“Thank you, I’d like to get to know you better!” The goal is to get the kids talking to other people about Jesus. So, if going to church doesn’t work in your child’s situation help them come up with another way to reach out and tell someone about Jesus: a playdate, lunch with a friend, get creative.

Telling others about Jesus can be intimidating. Let them practice by role playing with you. The goal is not to judge or try to change someone. Only God can change someone’s heart. The goal is to share information and give others the opportunity to come be a part of God’s family. The person your child tells about Jesus can be anyone... a friend at school or extracurricular activity, a neighbor, another family member, or some random person they feel called to speak to. It can even be someone who already is a Christian! Pray about it with them and encourage them to keep sharing the good news about Jesus, even if people decline their initial invitation to come to church. Better still model it for them by taking the challenge yourself and inviting someone to church or tell them about Jesus. Talk with your child about how it went. Teach them to leave an open invitation to talk again with others when it comes to telling people the story of Jesus.

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **The ACTS prayer method**

**A** = adoration: Praise God for who He is. **C** = confession: Confess your sins.

**T** = thanksgiving: Thank God for the blessings and favors He’s given your family.

**S** = supplication: Lift up specific areas in life which you need God to supply or help.

### **Save the Date(s)**

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm** *Operation Christmas Child Packing Party* WFBC Fellowship Hall

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm** *Walk through Bethlehem Trip* WF Presbyterian Church 12605 Capital Blvd

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30-1:30pm** *Music Dress Rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens* WFBC Sanctuary

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30am & 11:00am** *K-5<sup>th</sup> grade sing in worship* WFBC Sanctuary

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-5:30pm** *Hanging of the Greens Service* WFBC Sanctuary

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm** *Christmas Celebration Dinner & Activities* WFBC Fellowship Hall

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 6:15-6:30pm** *PreK Choir performs* WFBC Fellowship Hall

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30-2:00pm** *WFBC Christmas Parade Float* Town of WF Christmas Parade

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup> (tbd)** *Christmas Caroling* WFBC & Surrounding Neighborhoods

WFBC has lots of fun events planned to kick off the holiday season. We know that this is a very busy time of year for everyone, so please know that your participation in any of these Kairos related events is optional. We understand families may have to pick and choose what they attend. More information about each event will be released on our website and sent home via paper in November.