



MARCH 22, 2020

## OKC KIDS ONLINE EXPERIENCE AT HOME PARENT PACKET

### WELCOME PARENTS!

We're excited to have you dive in and teach your kids some things that they have been learning this month in our Kids Ministry. For your convenience, this document is divided into two separate parts.

### WHAT'S IN THIS PACKET?

- **A Guide For 2 Years Olds - Kindergarten:** go to pages 2-4
- **A Guide For Elementary (1st - 5th grade):** go to pages 5-6

### OVERVIEW | EXPLANATION OF HOW THIS GUIDE WORKS

There is a section at the top of both parts that talks about the Bible Story Focus, Memory Verse, Key Question, Bottom Line, and Basic Truth. These are ways for you to understand the themes for the month that your kids have already been learning. After that, there are instructions in a certain order that help you make the best out of the time with your kids. First, it instructs you to play the video for each of the age groups. These can be found on [OKCCommunitychurch.com](http://OKCCommunitychurch.com) on the online experience portion for kids for March 22nd. After the video, there are a few questions you can discuss with your kids that will hopefully make the videos stick with them even more. Feel free to make up your own questions with your kids during this portion to help them engage with you and what they just watched! Afterwards, each age group will help you do an activity or craft with your kids. The red font is what you are supposed to say to your child to help the craft/activity relate the best to the story and main message of the day. The last thing from each portion is to ask for prayer and pray with your kids. The packet will walk you through how to do it but just engage with your child and do the best you can! You don't have to be perfect at this to make a lasting impact on your child and their understanding of the Bible.

There are additional resources and worship videos on our website if you are wanting to continue to have fun with your child after you are done with the packet!

I am so excited for this time for you and your child(ren) to grow as a family and learn things together. If you have any questions at all please text me (Hanna Nassar) at 813-310-7498 and I can help you figure it out!



## 2 YEARS OLDS - KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

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**Bible Story Focus:** I can follow Jesus.

The Twelve • *The Gospels*

**Memory Verse:** "'Come and follow me,' Jesus said." Matthew 4:19, NIV

**Key Question:** Who can you follow?

**Bottom Line:** I can follow Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### 1. STORY TIME

**\*\*play video, located on the website, Online Experience page, March 22nd\*\***

#### **After the Story:**

- Ask kids follow up questions about the day's story
- Ask kids what their favorite part of the story was

### 2. CRAFT - FRAMED JESUS

**What You Need:** "Framed Jesus" Activity Page (**on pg.4**), copy paper, masking tape, markers, stickers, and scissors

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy the "Framed Jesus" Activity Page (**on pg. 4 of this packet**) and cut on the dotted lines. Each child will need one frame.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a frame, and help the children decorate the frames with the markers and stickers.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "We have been following Jesus all month long. You can always follow Jesus!"

*After the Activity:* "Perfect! Now you can follow Jesus ALL THE TIME! **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!**"

### **3. PRAY**

#### **PARENT:**

"Our Bible story today was about 12 men called the disciples. Jesus told all of the men to follow Him. And they did! They became Jesus' closest friends and they followed Jesus everywhere He went.

"Are the 12 disciples from our story the only people who can follow Jesus?"

*(Pause for response.)*

"Noooooo. Everyone can follow Jesus! [Child's name] can follow Jesus and *(repeat with each child's name)*. So, tell me: **Who can you follow?**"

#### **CHILDREN and PARENT: [Bottom Line] "I can follow Jesus!"**

**PARENT:** "Yes, you can! You can follow Jesus just like the disciples did. And the Bible verse we have been learning will help us remember that Jesus wants us to follow Him. I'll read it one time and then we can say it together with the motions.

*"Come and follow me," Jesus said, Matthew 4:19.*

*(Close Bible and lay it down.)*

"See? Jesus wants us to follow Him, too! Let's stand up and say that together with the motions."

**CHILDREN and PARENT:** *"Come (motion toward yourself with hand) and follow me (march)," Jesus said (hands to mouth like yelling), Matthew 4:19." (Open hands like a book.) (Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)*

**PARENT:** "Wow! You are so good at saying that verse!"

*(Give each child a high five.)*

"Let's sit down so we can pray and talk to God."

"Jesus asked 12 men to follow Him, and they became His closest friends, the disciples. Jesus wants us to follow Him, too! I want to pray that we will all follow Jesus"

#### **Prayer**

**SGL:** "Dear God, thank You that my friends *(name each child)* get to come to church and hear about how much Jesus loves them. Thank You that they get to hear that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. I pray that *(name each child)* will follow Jesus, because He is the best friend we could ever have and He will always lead us the best way. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

### **4. ACTIVITY - PARENTS**

We have been learning this month that we can all follow Jesus. Please encourage your child to hold their project and walk around while you and your family follow. This will help your child understand that we can all follow Jesus and be His friend forever.



I can follow Jesus.



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## ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

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### Please Forgive Me

**Bible Story:** Please Forgive Me (The Story of the Lost Son) • *Luke 15:11-24*

**Bottom Line:** Everyone needs to be forgiven.

**Memory Verse:** *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIRV)*

**Life App:** Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

#### 1. MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE + BIBLE STORY

Have kids stand up and practice memory verse as a group (see how loud they can say it, how quietly, in an accent, etc)

**What you say:** "We are SO excited for our morning together. Before we get started, everybody stand up! We are going to practice this month's memory verse! I'm going to say it once first and then I want us all to say it a few times together!"

**Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIRV)**

**\*\*\*\*\* PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE ONLINE EXPERIENCE PAGE, MARCH 22ND\*\*\*\*\***

#### 2. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Read this week's story from the Bible: Luke 15:11-24**

- What stands out to you from this week's reading?
- What do you think God wants to teach us through these verses?
- How can we apply some of these things to our own lives?

#### 3. ACTIVITY AND BIBLE STORY

**What You Need:** Bible, bag of plastic coins(or real coins), backpack (or bag), stuffed pig (or any stuffed animal), robe or piece of fabric

##### **What You Do:**

- Open the Bible to Luke 15:11-24.
- Select one kid to play the role of the son and one kid (or a parent) to the play the role of the father from today's Bible story.

- If there are other kids, let them pick another role in the story, if not the child and parent can take turns acting out these different scenes.
- Make sure each pair understands how their prop relates to the story.
- Read the plot points below from the story as pairs use their props to act it out.
  - The younger of two sons asked his father for his share of the inheritance.
  - The father gave the money to his son.
  - The son packed up and left home for a faraway country.
  - There, the son wasted all his money.
  - The son became so hungry, he took a job caring for pigs.
  - The son decided to return home and beg to be let back in as a servant.
  - The father ran to meet him, gave him a hug, and gave him the best robe, a ring, and sandals for his feet.
  - The father threw a huge party to welcome his son home.

### What You Say:

“Why do you think Jesus told this story? How does our heavenly Father act like the earthly father in this story? *(Pause for kids to respond and discuss.)* The father in this story Jesus told had every right to be angry. While his father was still living, the son had asked for his inheritance, which is something that is only given when someone dies! And what did the son do with that hard-earned money? He wasted it. The father could have refused to see him or, at the very least, let him come back only as a servant. But what did he do? The father ran to him, hugged him, and forgave him. He was so happy to see him that he threw a big party to celebrate his return.

**[Bottom Line]** “Everyone needs to be forgiven. The good news for us is that God LOVES each one of us. He loves us SO much that He sent Jesus, His only Son. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sin, the stuff that separates us from God. Jesus made a way for EVERYONE to be forgiven! When we believe or trust in Jesus so that we can be forgiven, we can have a friendship with God forever!”

**[Make It Personal]** *(Tell your few about when you first understood that God sent Jesus so that everyone—including you—could be forgiven.)*

## 4. PRAY

### What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a tight circle and ask them if there is anyone they need to forgive this week. (Instruct kids to think about this silently and keep their answers in their minds without saying names aloud.)
- Talk about why forgiveness is important.
- Close in prayer, asking God to help your group let it go and choose to forgive.

### What You Say:

“What might happen if I kept on blowing up a balloon? *(Pause.)* Yes, it will pop! Balloons are like us when we refuse to forgive and choose instead to stay mad. When we choose to let go of our anger, remembering that **[Bottom Line]** everyone needs to be forgiven, then everyone wins! Let’s pray and ask God to help us choose forgiveness this week for everyone!

“God, thank You for sending Jesus so that we could be forgiven! We don’t want to stay angry and blow up and do something unkind. Help us to let it go and choose to forgive. Thank You for showing us how to do that. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”