

Dig Deep. Discover Jesus
June 29th Sunday Family Service
Main Text Matthew 16:13-15

High Five Recap Video followed by **Dig Deep Theme Slide**

GRADY: Welcome to Coram Deo Bible Church. I'm Grady Adkins and I serve as the Executive Pastor and this past week I had the privilege to serve in a supporting role at High Five. And what an incredible week we had, as you caught a very small glimpse in the recap video we just watched. Your kids became survivalists, princesses, skaters, golfers, dancers, expert woodworkers, chefs, sewers, physical fitness buffs, tae kwon doers, they were messy, slimy, sloppy, stinky, but most importantly we learned to DIG DEEP and Discover Jesus.

So this morning, things are going to look a little differently than what they do on a typical Sunday morning. We are going to open Scripture together – as we do every Sunday – but we are going to bounce around a bit in scripture and “Dig Deep” into what your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, neighbors, and friends learned during High Five – the Greatest Week of the Year!

The Greatest Show SFX

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That's right. I said it. The Greatest Week of the Year!

The Greatest Show SFX

Well, I can see you all need some warming up before you're ready for some audience participation. But speaking of High Five being the Greatest Week of the year ...

The Greatest Show SFX

Mrs. Erin Jewell, our Children and Family Director at Coram Deo, is going to come up and share with you some of the stats of why High Five is indeed the Greatest Week of the Year!

The Greatest Show SFX

While Erin is sharing some of the stats, go ahead and tun into your Bibles to Matthew 16. That is where we will start this morning. If you need a copy of God's Word, our ushers are bringing them down now.

Erin – Can you share with us some incredible insights from last week?
Erin shares stats and departs

So before we “Dig Deep” into the Scripture passages from High Five, let’s look at Matthew 16:13-15. This provides a great starting point for us this morning. Leading up to this passage Jesus’ ministry had already started. He already preached the sermon on the mount and he had already been performing miracles. And just before verses 13-20 in Matthew 16, The Pharisees and Sadducees were questioning Jesus, basically testing him trying to determine who he really was. Jesus departed (the Pharisees and Sadducees) and was finally alone with his disciples. This is where we are picking up this morning. Starting in verse 13. We read...

SLIDE: Mt 16:13-15

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Now let’s stop right there. Jesus first asked a general question in verse 13. “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And he received a general response from his disciples. “John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, I don’t know. One of the prophets.” And this was a softball question (slow pitch style). It was a gear turning question that helped get the mind juices going so the disciples would be ready for the next question. And in verse 15 we read Jesus’ very personal question for the disciples. “Who do you say that I am?”

What a personal and direct question! “Who do you say that I am?” And that’s one of the driving questions that everyone of us must eventually answer. Who do you say Jesus is? Or another way of asking - Who do you BELIEVE Jesus is? And this is the question that your kids answered each day at High Five where we learned to DIG DEEP and Discover Jesus, starting with the first Day ...

SLIDE: JESUS IS CREATOR & IMMANUEL. TREASURE HIM.

Jesus Is Creator & Immanuel, so Treasure Him.
(Grady exit, Erin & Jonathan enter)

ERIN: “Hi, everybody! It’s great to see all of you kids in here this morning. I’m excited for us to find out what it means for us to DIG DEEP and discover Jesus. First, we’re going to discover that Jesus Is Creator & Immanuel, so Treasure Him.

JK: We see this in Luke 2 when Jesus was born!
Offstage – Grady and friends throw out multiple baby dolls onto the stage.

ERIN: Wow, that’s a lot of babies.

JK: Well, we ARE talking about a baby. But just one baby. Our first discovery about Jesus is that He became a baby. Now the really cool thing is Jesus IS God. So God became a baby. And Jesus is also the Creator of every person – he creates babies, but then he BECAME a baby himself, the most special baby ever! There’s never been a

more important person ever born, and there never will be!

ERIN: Wait a minute! You mean Jesus came as a tiny, helpless, little baby? Like the kind that cries and spits up and needs to be changed and fed and taken care of ALL the time? How could the CREATOR of babies BE a baby?

JK: That is a very good question, Erin. We have to go back to the beginning to figure that out because we just said that Jesus was the Creator. Look at John 1:1-3.

Jn 1:1-3 Slide

JK: John 1:1-3 – In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

JK: In these verses, Jesus is the WORD the Bible is referring to in the book of John. So, we could take out THE WORD and replace it with JESUS. (*Jonathan re-read the verses and replace “The Word” with “Jesus”*)

In the beginning was JESUS and JESUS was with God, and JESUS was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

SLIDE: JESUS IS CREATOR & IMMANUEL. TREASURE HIM.

ERIN: Whoa! So you’re saying that JESUS created the sun and stars and plants and animals and people?

JK: Yep! Jesus didn’t start out as a baby. In fact, He didn’t start out at all. He has existed for all of eternity and has always been God. Then when it was time to start creating the universe, Jesus, who is God and God’s Son, was right there creating with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

And Jesus made the birds (*everyone squawk like a bird*), and the fish (*everyone make a fish face*), and the horses (*what does a horse say?*), and all the people! (*give your neighbor a high five!*). And when we read in the book of Luke, we find that about 2,000 years ago, Jesus the Creator came down from heaven to LIVE in His creation. That is an amazing truth about Jesus! I am so excited about this! I’ve got to go dig a little deeper in my Bible to check all this out! I’ll be back! (*JK exits*)

ERIN: Ok, then...I guess that leaves me. So we just discovered that Jesus is Creator. But, not only that, Jesus is Immanuel. Turn with me to Luke 2.
(*Luke Jewell enters*)

LUKE: Hey babe. Did you need something? I was just back there getting ready to throw some more baby dolls on the stage and thought I heard you say my name.

ERIN: What? Ummm...no. Sorry everyone. This is my husband...Luke. No, we were

getting ready to read Luke 2 verses...

Luke: Yep. I'm right here, but I'm a pretty hard read.

ERIN: (*frustrated*) No. you don't...we are reading...ugh?... Will you read from your favorite book in the Bible for us?

LUKE: What? You want me to read from Luke and my name is Luke? That's ... fun. Sure. What verses?

ERIN: A section of the true Christmas story. Luke 2:1-7.

Luke: Happy to.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

I love that passage. The birth of Jesus was so special because God himself came to earth and was born.

ERIN: He took on skin! He had elbows! He had toenails! He got hungry and tired! Only Jesus could do that!

JK enters

JK: And not only that, Erin, but maybe the most amazing thing of all is Jesus WANTING to come. Remember he was in heaven in a beautiful, perfect place, and He left all that for our world. That would be like us leaving a super nice and perfect, fancy mansion and trading it all for a dirty, smelly place full of all kinds of sin and ugliness.

LUKE: And he left as a king. He gave up all his riches and glory and honor to become a lowly member of the world. Like us. Jesus did that because He loves you and knows you need Him.

ERIN: Jesus truly was the most important person ever born. He is called Immanuel which means "God with us." If you are a Christian, a follower of Jesus, do you realize God will never ever NOT be with you? You can't see him, but He's right here...

(Grady enters)

- **EJ** – with you every second of your life.
- **Luke** – He knows what you're thinking... even right now!
- **JK** – He knows what you'll be doing 7 days, 3 hours, and 32 minutes from now.

- **EJ** – He knows what you'll be feeling 20 years from now on a Monday morning.
- **Luke** – He's always with you. You can talk to Him anytime. He's Immanuel! GOD WITH US!

(Erin, Jonathan, & Luke exit)

GRADY: Remember the question Jesus asked his disciples in Matthew 16? He asked the personal question, Who do you say I am? After digging deep into Scripture, we can know and believe one answer is... Jesus Is Creator & Immanuel, so Treasure Him.

SLIDE: JESUS IS THE MESSIAH. FOLLOW HIM.

Then, on Tuesday we discovered that Jesus is Messiah, so Follow Him.

In John 1:40-41 when Jesus was calling his first disciples we see them refer to Jesus as the Messiah. It reads, "One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him,

SLIDE: We Have found the Messiah

"We have found the Messiah".

(Jonathan enters)

So, how did Jesus go from being born and a baby to being the Messiah?

JK: I'm glad you asked, Grady. The Bible doesn't tell us a lot about Jesus from His childhood. But from Luke 2:41-52 we know that He grew and became strong. We also know that Mary and Joseph were devoted Jewish people who loved God. They would regularly celebrate festivals that sometimes required them to travel to Jerusalem, which was about 80-90 miles away from their hometown of Nazareth.

And one time, when Jesus was about 12 years old, He sat among the teachers in the temple, listening and asking questions. And the teachers were amazed at young Jesus' answers. Specifically, Luke 2:47 says, "And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers."

(Erin enters, Grady exits)

SLIDE: JESUS TEACHING AT THE TEMPLE

ERIN: Kids, listen up. This next part really pertains to you. A 12-year old boy (Jesus) was blowing them away with the questions He was asking and the wise answers He was giving! How could He be giving such wise answers? Because Jesus was fully God and fully man – all at the same time. That's kind of impossible to understand completely, but it's true!

And then a few verses later in Luke 2.

(Luke enters)

LUKE: Hi Erin. I heard you call my name again.

ERIN: Hey Luke. (laughing under breath) Umm, would you read Luke 2:52 for us.

LUKE: Oooo. Great verse.

SLIDE: Luke 2:52

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”

(Luke exits)

JK: And that very short passage from the book of Luke is all that we know about Jesus' childhood. But what I want you to understand is that this child that many people probably dismissed, was the MESSIAH.

SLIDE: JESUS IS THE MESSIAH. FOLLOW HIM.

Messiah is a word that means Chosen One. The Jewish people had been waiting for a Messiah for hundreds of years. And their Messiah came in a way they did not expect. Definitely not as a little kid teaching the Jewish leaders in the temple. And because Jesus is the Messiah, we are called to follow Him.

Jesus the Messiah, was fully God, IS fully God. But he was also fully man.

Erin, would you read the facts about Jesus while Grady and I demonstrate that Jesus was definitely fully human.

(Grady brings big prop bag/basket– GA will be Jesus, JK will be his “prop assistant”)

ERIN: Sure. Grady – you can be Jesus. And Jonathan – You can... help Jesus. Got it? Ok here we go... *(as Erin reads, act out/demonstrate the statement she reads)*

- Jesus grew – he went through all the stages of life- baby, toddler, child, teen, and adult!
 - *(Burp the baby, sucking thumb, child – helicopter hat, teen – sunglasses, adult – Jesus robe)*
- He grew in wisdom – spiritually and mentally. He learned stuff just like you. He didn't know the Bible and how to add or subtract until He was taught all those things by other people.
 - *(graduation cap, book)*
- He grew in stature – this means Jesus grew physically. He got taller, bigger, and stronger. He didn't have superhuman strength just because He was God, because at this time, He was also fully human, so He suspended those powers while He was in a growing period.
 - *Dumbbells, puff out chest, pushups?*
- He grew in favor – this means that as he got older, Jesus's good reputation

grew and grew

- *(gold star – pat on the back)*
- Jesus had a birthday! (even though his birthday wouldn't tell us Jesus' true age because he has lived FOREVER in eternity past. Endless birthday candles needed!)
 - *(confetti and streamer horn)*
- Emotions – Jesus would have emotions like pain, sadness, laughter, and joy. But He never had sinful emotions. He never got anxious or unjustly angry. He would never be jealous or resentful.
 - *Mime emotions*
- Perfect – And Jesus was perfect. He obeyed perfectly; He was tempted but never gave in to sin. He obeyed inwardly and outwardly and lived a sinless life.
 - *JK place a medal on Grady*
- Last but not least – Jesus was the KING of the whole world. Even though He was a child, He was KING. He MADE the world, including His parents, and yet He obeyed them. What an incredible thing to try to wrap our minds around!
 - *JK puts a crown on Grady and kneels.*

(Erin & JK gather props and exit)

GRADY: It's so incredible that God came to earth and lived as a kid – He had to let go of all the things He knew and learn them while He was on the earth. And understanding that He was the Messiah must have been so amazing! And because He is the Messiah, we can believe everything about Him!

So...back to our original question - Who do you say I am?
First, Jesus is Creator & Immanuel, so Treasure Him.
Second, Jesus is Messiah, so Follow Him.

SLIDE: JESUS IS ALMIGHTY GOD. WORSHIP HIM.

And then third, Jesus is Almighty God, so Worship Him.

(Erin enters)

Now we're going to dig into the Ministry Years of Jesus – when He taught, when He healed people, when He performed miracles.

ERIN: Alright kids. I have a question for you. Did Jesus stay a kid? No...when Jesus was about 30 years old, He chose some men to be his disciples. Jesus taught them amazing truths, and they were in awe of who Jesus was.

One of those incredible truths is that Jesus said He IS GOD. Listen to this life changing statement in John 8:58. **Jesus said to them...**

GRADY: **"Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."**

ERIN: This was an absolutely shocking thing for Jesus to say. He was telling all the Jewish people that He has existed from the beginning. Even before Abraham, who they looked at as the father of their Jewish faith. Jesus was saying that He is the “great I AM,” which is a title that God used for Himself. In these verses Jesus is claiming to be God.

GRADY: Now if I claimed to be God, or if YOU claimed to be God, people would say we were crazy. But Jesus SHOWED He is God by doing miracles that only God can do. Let’s take a look at a few of those miracles that show Jesus is who He claimed to be – the Son of God.

(Erin and Grady read verses together. Erin reads narrative and Grady reads the words of Jesus)

SLIDE: NATURE/CREATION

Lights Dim SFX: Dramatic Music (play in the background on repeat)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYj8ciqAPcA>

**Jared dressed as nature/creation, carrying a sign, enters confidently and stands on the platform, head raised, sign up, and frozen in place*

ERIN: Mark Chapter 4... Jesus has power over nature and all creation.

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them,

GRADY: “Let us go across to the other side.”

ERIN: ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea,

GRADY: “Peace! Be still!” SFX: Dramatic Music

ERIN: And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

(Jared visibly recoils/yells a bit when Erin reads “Peace Be Still!”)

SLIDE: SIN

**Jonathan dressed as sin, carrying a sign, enters confidently and stands on the platform, head raised, sign up, and frozen in place*

ERIN: Mark Chapter 2... Jesus has power over sin.

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at

home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,

GRADY: “Son, your sins are forgiven.” SFX: Dramatic Music

ERIN: ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them,

GRADY: “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”

ERIN: he said to the paralytic

GRADY: ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”

ERIN: ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

(Jonathan visibly recoils/yells a bit when Erin reads “Son Your Sins Are Forgiven”)

SLIDE: DEATH

**Robbie dressed as death, carrying a sign, enters confidently and stands on the platform, head raised, sign up, and frozen in place.*

ERIN: Mark Chapter 5... Jesus has power over death. Jairus implored Jesus earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴ And he went with him. ³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue,

GRADY: “Do not fear, only believe.”

ERIN: ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them,

GRADY: “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

ERIN: ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her,

GRADY: “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” **SFX: Dramatic Music**

ERIN: ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

(Robbie visibly recoils/yells a bit when Erin reads “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”)

SFX: Fade out music

(Everyone exits. Grady remains)

SLIDE: JESUS IS ALMIGHTY GOD. WORSHIP HIM.

GRADY: As you can see, Jesus’ power is so much different than anyone else’s power in all of history? There has never been any military ruler as powerful as Jesus! There has never been any religious leader as powerful as Jesus! Leaders of other religions have lived, died,... and stayed dead. People like Muhammad (who started a religion called Islam), Joseph Smith (who started Mormonism), and Buddha (who started Buddhism) are all dead in their graves right now. They couldn’t bring themselves back to life. Jesus is the **ONLY ONE** who has power over death! He came back to life! He’s the only one worthy to trust and follow and worship! Jesus is Almighty God, so worship Him!

(Jonathan enters)

I ask you, Who do you say I am?

First, Jesus Is Creator & Immanuel, so Treasure Him.

Second, Jesus is Messiah, so Follow Him.

Third, Jesus is Almighty God, so Worship Him.

SLIDE: JESUS IS RISEN SAVIOR. BELIEVE IN HIM.

And fourth, Jesus is Risen Savior, so Believe in Him

SLIDE: Jesus on the Cross

JK: Even though Jesus healed so many people and lived a perfect life, evil men wanted to kill Jesus. Jesus had said that He was God, and they despised him for that. So...they put him to death – death on a cross. In Matthew 27, we find the crucifixion account of Jesus. Let’s start at verse 45 while Jesus was on the cross. *(read Matthew 27:45-46, 50, 54).*

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Jesus – who IS GOD – ALLOWED them to put Him to death on a cross? He chose to do that. He didn’t have to. He could have called 10,000 angels if He wanted to. But He didn’t. He was obedient to God the Father and fulfilled the perfect plan from eternity past. Jesus died to save us from the punishment of our sins so we could have fellowship with God forever.

GRADY: And save us He did! But He not only died on the cross for our sins, He did something that no other person has ever done in the history of the world.

SLIDE: EMPTY TOMB.

Jesus rose from the dead and defeated sin and death forever! And He’s still alive today! Let’s read Matthew 28:1-8. (*read verses*).

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

JK: Wow, Grady! That’s the most amazing thing we will ever hear! Jesus came back to life! He was buried in a tomb after He died, but on the third day, He rose from the dead!

(*Erin enters*)

GRADY: That’s right Jonathan. So I ask you, Who do you say I am?

SLIDE: JESUS IS RISEN SAVIOR. BELIEVE IN HIM.

First, Jesus Is Creator & Immanuel, so Treasure Him.

Second, Jesus is Messiah, so Follow Him.

Third, Jesus is Almighty God, so Worship Him.

Fourth, Jesus is Risen Savior, so Believe in Him.

SLIDE: JESUS IS KING OF KINGS. SHARE HIM.

And fifth, Jesus is the King of Kings, so Share Him

GRADY: Let's recap a little. First Jesus came as a baby, then lived a perfect life, died on a cross, and rose again. And finally, He WILL come again as the King of Kings. So let's dig into what happened after Jesus died and rose again. Jonathan, would you read Acts 1:8-11

JK: ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

SLIDE: Ascension of Jesus

ERIN: Wow! That is so cool! Imagine if you were right there standing with Jesus when He was taken back up to heaven in a cloud! That would have been one of the most remarkable things ever! And that's where Jesus is now. He continues to be both fully God and fully man in heaven – now and forever.

GRADY: Erin, the Bible also tells us that Jesus is praying for us and getting things ready for His children to live with Him someday. And then, at some point in the future – no one knows when – Jesus will come back to earth. We don't know *when*, but we do know *how*. Look at what Matthew 24:27 and 30 say about how Jesus will come back. (*read verses*)

SLIDE: Matthew 24:27

For as the lighting comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

SLIDE: Matthew 27:30

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

SLIDE: Ascension of Jesus

JK: Jesus will come back to earth just like He went up – in a cloud! It will be like lightning – fast and bright. And it *will* happen, because Jesus promised He will return, and He always keeps His promises. But I have a question. While we're waiting for Him to come back, should we just sit around and do nothing?

GRADY: No way! The Bible tells us how we should be living while we wait for Jesus to return.

JK: Wait a minute! Jesus is returning?!! I'm just going to go over here and wait for Him to come back! (*JK crosses the stage and sits on the edge of the stage with his legs dangling looking up at the ceiling in anticipation.*)

SFX Jeopardy Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXGhvoekY44>

(Music plays – JK stares at the ceiling – EJ and GA act impatient)

ERIN: *(clears throat to get Jonathan's attention – JK stares into space – GA whaps JK upside the head and finally "wakes up")* Welcome back, Jonathan.

GRADY: I was actually about to tell everyone that we have a big responsibility as followers of Jesus to live a certain way while we wait for Jesus to come back. We don't just sit around. In fact, it's helpful to think of ourselves as being ON MISSION for Jesus. And we can summarize our purpose as followers of Jesus to KNOW, GROW, and GO.

SLIDE: KNOW, GROW, GO

JK: Oooo, that's really good Grady. The first part of that mission is to KNOW GOD. We can become part of His family by believing in Jesus and then learning more about Him from the Bible.

GRADY: And we can GROW. It doesn't mean we grow taller, it means we GROW in our love for Jesus and all the things Jesus loves. What things does Jesus love? Well, he loves people – all people – so we should love them too. Jesus wants us to love one another. And Jesus loves it when we love and obey Him.

ERIN: And last, Jesus wants us to GO and live for His glory. Tell others that Jesus came to save them from their sins. Show others you care, just like Jesus did when He was here. Jesus isn't on earth right now, but you are! Let your life show others how wonderful Jesus is! You could say we're the hands and feet of Jesus, because we get the amazing privilege and responsibility to use our talents and abilities for God!

Grady: In Matthew 16 Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say I am?"

SLIDE: 5 POINT RECAP

JK: Jesus is Creator and Immanuel, so Treasure Him!

ERIN: Jesus is Messiah, so Follow Him!

JK: Jesus is Almighty God, so Worship Him!

ERIN: Jesus is Risen Savior, so Believe in Him!

Luke: *(walking out on stage)* Jesus is King of Kings, so Share Him!

GRADY: That's right, Luke! And now I ask you ... Who do you say I am? Have you answered that question for yourself? It is my prayer that you have. And if not, that you will answer it soon, maybe even today.

Let's pray.

Lord, Thank you for an incredible week together at High Five. But as incredible as it was it pales in comparison to who you are and what you did for us. Father, I pray that every person in this room would leave here this morning with a better understanding of who you are, and that they would believe. Father, I believe. I believe that Jesus is Creator, Immanuel, Messiah, Almighty God, Risen Savior, and King of Kings! There is no one or no thing that compares to you! And for that we praise you, honor you, and give you all the glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

As we close this morning how about if we fill this front area and worship the Lord together because Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and Life! Kids, come on forward!

Worship