



Hi, RCKids Families! Welcome to RCKids at home and a beautiful, crisp fall weekend! We pray that some of you will be able to attend our RCKids Family Gathering tomorrow. We are looking forward to more fun and worship this week! You will notice that we have changed the format of our weekly newsletter. We still provide resources that you can use from home, however, we are not providing links to specific lessons and activities. Rather you are able to choose topics and lessons that interest you and your family.

### **Puddlejumpers (0-3 years old)**

For our kids in the Puddlejumpers, there is a great app you can download to your phone, iPad, or Kindle called the Bible App for Kids. It was developed by Life.Church and shares interactive, animated Bible stories that are appropriate for young children. Each story is followed by a fun activity to complete online.

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### **All Other Age Groups**

We suggest that you take a look at the resources on the Life.Church website. Our former emails (March – August) included videos and activities from this website. Listed below are the instructions for finding the resources we used. We encourage you to explore the website for many additional resources.

### **Instructions for Using Life.Church Resources as Found in Our Weekly Emails**

1. Use the following link to go to the resource page. <https://open.life.church/resources>
2. The first time you use the site, you will need to create an account. You will just log in after the first time.  
To create an account: Toward the bottom of the page, click on the box that states, “Create a Free Account”. You will need to put in your name, email, a password, and an area of ministry. For area of ministry, use the term “Children’s Ministry”.
3. A new page will open once you are logged in. Look for the word “RESOURCES” near the top. Next to that is the word “Categories” with a pull down arrow. Click on the arrow to see the many resource options. Families of Pond kids and Ocean kids, click on “Kids” in the pull down menu. Families of Upstream kids, click on “Youth” in the pull down menu.
4. Pond and Ocean kids: Once you are on the “Kids” page, you will want to click on Early Childhood or Elementary depending on the age(s) of your child(ren).
5. Upstream kids: Once you are on the “Youth” page, you will want to click on 4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
6. Each of these pages include many Bible-based units that include lessons, videos, art, music, games, and activities

Families, we hope that this new email format can be tailored to your family’s needs and that you find it easy to use. We are praying for you and your families! We ask you to pray for all of the RCKids leaders, teachers, and helpers. We are excited to see some of you in person at our RCKids Family Gathering! If your family makes the choice to continue to worship from home, we hope the kids continue to learn and grow in Christ through the Life.Church website.

Please feel free to share this email with your family, friends, or neighbors who have kids! Let us know if they would like to be added to our email list. Please reach out to us if you or the kids have any questions or any specific prayer requests.

Lovingly in Christ,

Pam, Kim, and Peter