

Hi, RCKids Families! Welcome back to another exciting week of RCKids! We hope you're having a wonderful weekend!

This week we'll be worshipping together with a few songs, family prayer, and our RCKids outreach offering. Then we'll watch our grade level video lessons, work on memory verses, and complete an activity or discussion questions. Hope you have fun doing RCKids at home!

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.

This week we recommend the story: The First Sin. There is an online story mix-up activity that follows the video.

Also, we have linked a music video below. You may have to paste the link in the YouTube search bar.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw - Praise Ye the Lord Hallelujah

Worship: The Pond, The Ocean, and Upstream (3 years old - 6th grade)

This week we will start worship together as if we are at RiverCross. Linked below are three songs we have used in RCKids.

Remember kids that it's important to get up and move for the Lord! Show Him how much you love Him! Families, you may find that there are ads at the beginning of each video and you may have to copy the link and paste it into the search bar on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e01-52V1c_s&t=38s -Alive

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDIy5TUXovo -I'm in the Lord's Army

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUageJdwyPY -My God Is So Big

Now that you've worshipped through song and dance, please take a few minutes to pray as a family. Think of something that God has given you this week, and then put an offering in the RCKids offering box you've made. This is your chance to give back to God. Remember our goal for this year is \$640! After prayer and offering, it's time to split up into our grade level classes.

The Pond (3 years old – Kindergarten)

Pond kids, this week you will rewatch the video about the beginning of the world. The lesson is called "In the Beginning"!

<u>https://open.life.church/items/116934-message-mp4</u> (You may have to copy and paste this link in your browser's search bar.)

Work on this memory verse with a grown-up: Psalm 139:14 NIRV *How you made me is amazing and wonderful.* ...

Print out the Week 2 Adventure Book attached to this email and finish it with someone in your family. You can make a thank you card for God. If you don't have stickers for page 2, just use crayons.

Ocean (1st grade to 3rd grade) Ocean kids, today you're with the Konnect crew! You'll be continuing the series called "Pure and Clean". Today your video is called "Live Pure". Be sure to be on the lookout for The Point!

https://open.life.church/items/187506-message-mp4

You'll want to watch this video too to remind yourself of the ABC's of asking Jesus into your life! https://open.life.church/items/187504-message-mp4 (Start the video around the 52:26 mark.)

Memory verse for this week: Romans 14:13 NIRV ... make up your mind not to put anything in your brother's way that would make him trip and fall. Try to find this verse in the Bible with help from a grown-up; just like we do each week in the Ocean.

Complete the Week 4 Pure and Clean Challenge Card (Page 2) with your family. It is attached to this email.

Upstream (4th grade to 6th grade) Upstream kids, today you will be watching a new Loop Show series called "Survival Skills". This video is titled "Carry a Compass". Here's your big question for this lesson: Do you think prayer has the power to change things?

https://open.life.church/items/196673-teaching-segment-mp4

Memory verse: **Matthew 6:9-13 NLT** "Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."

Finish this lesson by talking with your family about these questions:

- 1. How good are you at following directions?
- 2. How can prayer be a way for you to find direction for your life?
- 3. Why do you think God sometimes doesn't answer our prayers the way we ask?

If you or your family ever has questions about how to answer the lesson questions, you can contact Peter, Kim, or Pam and we would love to talk with you.

Pray with someone. Pray that you look BACK with gratitude; look UP to praise and focus on God; look IN to ask forgiveness and for help to change what you need to change; look AROUND to ask for help for the needs of the people around you; and, look FORWARD to share your hopes and dreams with God.

Families, we miss our RCKids and we are praying for you and your families! We ask you to pray for all of the RCKids teachers and helpers, too. We can't wait to be able to gather with you in person; hopefully in July! For now, we hope the kids continue to learn and grow in Christ at home with you!

Be on the lookout for texts and emails inviting your kids to join us for mid-week Zoom sessions. This past week we had a great time having fellowship and praying for each other.

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