



Hi, RCKids Families! Welcome back to another exciting week of RCKids! We pray that some of you will be able to attend our first-ever RCKids Family Gathering this Sunday, August 2. Just in case you need to stay home, we will continue to send out our weekly music, videos, and activities email.

At home you'll be worshipping with a few songs, family prayer, and our RCKids outreach offering. Then you'll watch your grade level video lesson, 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: A Baby and a Bush. It tells about Mose's birth and how he became a servant of God. There is an online coloring 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=ka2lGI2hJxU> -This Little Light of Mine

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 is a song we have used in RCKids, a new RCKids song from last week, and an old favorite that has a new beat and actions.

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=rARMujeG2J4> -Way Maker

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASXowiv3FAc> -Father Abraham with actions

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 watch the video titled "Abraham's Big Test" again. It tells the story of faith and Abraham.

<https://open.life.church/items/132270-message-mp4> (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 31:14 NIV ... *I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God."*

Print out the Week 2 Adventure Book attached to this email and finish it with someone in your family. Play the promise game called "Wait For It" with your family. 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 watching the next video in the series called "Spiritual Disciplines"! Your video is called "Reading the Bible". Be sure to be on the lookout for The Point!

<https://open.life.church/items/197755-teaching-segment-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/197753-message-mp4> (Start the video around the 50:11 mark.)

Your memory verse for this week is: **Matthew 4:4 NLT** *But Jesus told him, "... 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*" 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 3 "Spiritual Disciplines" 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 the last video in the Loop Show series called "How to Save the World". Your video is titled "Grace Picks You". Here's your big question for this lesson: Why should you share grace with everyone?

<https://open.life.church/items/198304-teaching-segment-mp4>

Memory verse: **Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT** *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

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

- 1- Who makes it challenging for you to show grace to them? Why do you think it's especially hard for you to be gracious to this person?
- 2- What do you have to do to be good enough to earn God's grace? What would it be like if everyone were gracious to others the way God is gracious?
- 3- Today, we learned three ways to show grace to the world: be generous; build each other up; and forgive with ease. Which of these is hardest for you? Which do you think you're doing a pretty good job at? How can you get better at doing all three regularly?

If you or your family aren't sure about how to answer these questions, you can contact Peter, Kim, or Pam and we would love to talk with you.

Pray with someone. Pray that you realize how amazing God's grace is. Pray that you share that same gracious attitude toward everyone you know and meet.

Families, we miss seeing all 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 are excited to maybe 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 activities in this email.

Continue to be on the lookout for texts and emails inviting your kids to join us for midweek Zoom sessions. We understand that many families are busy during this summer season, but we will continue to plan these Zoom get-togethers and pray the kids can join us.

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