

KIDSGATE CURRICULUM

UNIT 2

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and loves us

Finding God's Love in Our Struggles

WEEK 17

FINDING GOD WHEN WE'RE SAD

Verse(s): Matthew 5:3-4; The Message

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LESSON OVERVIEW

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TRUSTING GOD WHEN WE'RE AFRAID

(Romans 8:31-39; The Message)

"None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us."

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REMEMBERING GOD'S PERFECT PLAN

(Romans 8:26-28; The Message)

"Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs and groans....That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good."

WEEK

19

GOD ENCOURAGES US TO BELIEVE IN HIM

(John 20:29; The Message)

"Jesus said, 'So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.."

Worship (5-10 minutes)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Play the worship DVD
2. Watch the rules (that are at the beginning of the DVD) every week and try to play the song at least twice

Sign Language

- Teach sign language for Exodus 3:12.
- Help the child learn by moving their hand in the correct motion as you say the phrase

Exodus 3:12

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 <p>With Make fists with both hands, with the thumbs out. Place the fists together, with curled fingers touching.</p>	 <p>You Point out with your index finger.</p>	

Bible Story:

Read the following story that goes along with Matthew 5:3-4; The Message. (Giving snacks during this time is a good way to keep the students sitting still while you read)

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Jonathan. Jonathan loved to run around outside and catch butterflies. One day, Jonathan saw the most beautiful butterfly at the end of his driveway. It had giant wings and looked to be a rare sparkly blue color. Jonathan ran as fast as he could towards the butterfly, trying to catch it before it ran away! He ran and ran, and right before he got to the butterfly, he tripped.

Jonathan began to cry. He had scraped his knee and was sad because he lost the butterfly. "Mommy! Mommy! I fell down and I need help," Jonathan shouted to his mother who was in the house. Just then, the front door swung open and out came his mother with supplies to fix up his knee.

While Jonathan explained why he fell down, his mother cleaned up his scrape and put a band aid on his knee. Jonathan was still crying though because he really wanted to get a closer look at that sparkly blue butterfly.

His mom just smiled and pointed at his knee. Through teary eyes, Jonathan looked down and saw that on his band aid his mother had drawn a sparkly blue butterfly.

"Now you don't have to be in such a rush to be near the rare butterflies," said his mother. Jonathan smiled, hugged his mom and thanked her for taking care of him so well.

Prayer Time

DIRECTIONS:

Intentionally spend time praying for each student. For each prayer:

- Thank God for the child and mention something specific that you enjoy about the child
- Ask God to continue to take care of the child.
- (Feel free to add to this prayer)

Take Home Page

- Give a take home page to every parent. Let them know how their child did in class and show them what they learned today.

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