

To our Kids Church parents,

As you may know, we would normally run Kids Plus at two of our church sites during the school term (Bexley North on Thursday afternoons and Carlton on Friday afternoons). Our Kids Plus leaders have been producing an online program based on the Big Picture Story Bible. It includes a reading from the Big Picture Story Bible, an online video to watch and a downloadable activity pack for kids to complete by themselves. If your child doesn't normally attend Kids Plus, you can still access this material at www.snac.org.au/kidsplus. We are planning to publish new material every Thursday. You might also like to be praying for our Kids Plus families, that they would be interested in finding out more about Jesus during this time.

Do you need a CEV Bible?

If you don't have a CEV Bible at home, we'd love to lend you one from church. You can keep it at home until Kids Church restarts. Please let Kevin know and we can arrange home delivery or you can pick up from a safe place.

We hope you have been enjoying singing together each week. Please make sure you watch the video from the Chen family teaching the actions – they've done a fantastic job! It is available at www.snac.org.au/kidschurch

Don't forget to check out our password protected section of the website for some memory verse videos from our Kids Church/Kids Plus leaders and from families at SNAC:

- Site: www.encourage.snac.org.au
- For username and password, please contact kidschurch@snac.org.au

It would be so encouraging to see more videos from families saying the memory verse. Please send your video to kidschurch@snac.org.au and we can publish it to this section.

Here is our suggested timing for the morning. Don't worry if things take shorter or longer, it's just a guide. You'll need to adapt the program depending on the age of your children.

Time (approx.)	Activity
3 mins	Welcome + prayer
7 mins	Opening activity
3 mins	Song
4 mins	Watch teaching video
8 mins	Family chat
3 mins	Prayer
12 mins	Craft
Total time: 40 minutes	

Please know that we'll be praying for you.

In Christ,
Kevin and the Kids Church team
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1. Welcome + prayer

- This is a good opportunity to remind one another that what you are doing is important. An adult or child should open your time together by praying.

2. Opening activity

- Play a game of charades using different types of jobs. The last job to be guessed should be a 'doctor'. In our Bible passage, we'll see Jesus talking about the importance of making a right 'diagnosis' about ourselves - we need Jesus to forgive our sins!
- To play charades:
 - Choose a child or adult to act out a job that everyone else will guess. The person acting cannot speak or make any noises. You may need to suggest a job to a child who is acting by whispering it in their ear. Once the job has been guessed, someone else should be the actor. Make sure everyone who wants to act is given a turn.

3. Song

- Sing 'Family of God' by Quiz Worx together. If you're not a confident singer, you just need to turn up the volume really loud! You'll find a video to teach the actions and some links to play the song online at www.snac.org.au/kidschurch

4. Watch the teaching video

- Watch the teaching video together. You can watch it or download it at www.snac.org.au/kidschurch
- It's always best if you can watch the video first as part of your preparation.

5. Family chat

Here are some suggested questions to chat about. You may need to adapt them depending on the ages of your children. You could also talk about some of the questions as you do craft. We've also included a suggested answer in brackets. This is not meant to be the 'correct answer' but hopefully a guide to help you in your preparation.

Read the CEV Bible

- If you have a CEV Bible at home, find Matthew 9:9-13 and read the verses together. If you don't have a CEV Bible, please let us know and we can get one to you.

Investigate

- **What is the 'diagnosis' for Matthew and how does he respond to Jesus?**
 - [Matthew is a sinner but he chooses to follow Jesus]
- **Why are the Pharisees upset with Jesus?**
 - [The Pharisees don't think Jesus should eat with tax collectors and sinners.]
- **What is the 'diagnosis' for the Pharisees and how do they respond to Jesus?**
 - [They also are sinners. They are not showing mercy and kindness to others. You might like to look up Hosea 6:6 where God condemns his people for their lack of mercy. As we continue to read through the gospels, it is clear that many of the Pharisees rejected Jesus.]

Think it through

- **What does Jesus mean when he says, 'I didn't come to invite good people to be my followers, I came to invite sinners'?**
 - [Jesus is responding to the Pharisees. They think they are 'good people' and so don't need Jesus. This is a mistake. However, on the other hand, Matthew the tax collector recognises he is a sinner and so follows Jesus.]
- **Do you think of yourself as a 'good person' or a 'sinner'?**
 - [This passage shows that it's dangerous to think of ourselves as a 'good person' because we won't see how much we need Jesus. We must realise that by ourselves, we are sinners. However, the good news is that all who trust in Jesus have their sin forgiven. Perhaps it's best to think of ourselves as 'forgiven sinners'.]
- **What is an example of someone doing the wrong thing in our time?**
 - [You might like to point out the example of Matthew taking more than he should as a tax collector. You might encourage your kids to give an example from their own life.]
- **What is an example of someone not doing the right thing in our time?**
 - [You might like to point out the example of the Pharisees failing to show mercy and kindness to others. You might encourage your kids to give an example from their own life.]

6. Prayer

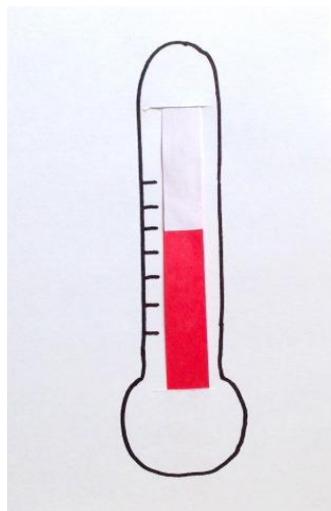
- You can say sorry to God for your own sin and ask for forgiveness. The good news is that God promises to forgive us because of Jesus.

7. Craft

- Make some 'medical equipment' to help you in making the right diagnosis. As you make your craft, you can talk about how much we need Jesus. Here are some ideas from the internet:



Stethoscope: Here is one design, perhaps you could make up your own.



Paper thermometer: This one has a layer of red paper that can be moved up and down to show the temperature.



Doctor's bag: You can either design your own equipment to go into the bag or borrow some things from your home first aid kit.



Memory verse - Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that not even death or life,
angels or rulers,
things present or things to come, hostile powers,
height or depth, or any other created thing
will have the power to separate us
from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Romans chapter 8, verses 38 to 39