

To our Kids Church parents,

We hope and pray the first week back of school has gone well for your family. Our team of Kids Church leaders are keen to support you during this time so please let us know if there is anything specific we can be praying for you or if there is anything else we can do to help you in running Kids Church at home.

Memory Verse videos

There is a great new memory verse video from Carmel (featuring her dog Archie!) so make sure you check it out at the website below.

- Site: <http://www.encourage.snac.org.au>
- Please contact kidschurch@snac.org.au for login details

If your family would like to film a video saying Romans 8:38-39 (HCSB), that would be a great encouragement to others. We can help with any video editing required. Please send your video to kidschurch@snac.org.au and we can publish it to this section of the website.

Scratch coding club

If you and/or your children are interested in coding, you might like to be involved in our new SNAC coding club. The idea is to create a game to help someone learn the memory verse using Scratch. Scratch is a visual programming language designed especially for ages 8 to 16, but is used by people of all ages. You can try out our example game: www.scratch.mit.edu/projects/389726302. You could remix this project or create something new. For more information on the code club, please go to <http://www.snac.org.au/coding>.

Timing for the morning

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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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.

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 'escape' with parent/s against kid/s. The easiest way to learn how to play is to watch the Bluey episode called 'Escape' - <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/bluey/series/0/video/CH1903Q023S00>
 - Here are some starting scenarios to get you going.
 - The parents are trying to get away from the kids to have some time alone while the kids are trying to catch them. (NB: This is the same scenario as the Bluey episode.)
 - Parent/s are trying to catch the kids so they can start home-schooling while the kids are trying to get away from them ...
 - Parent/s are coming up with reasons of why the kids should tidy their rooms while the kids are coming up with reasons why that's not necessary ...
 - If you have younger kids, you might just like to watch the episode and discuss it rather than making up your own scenarios.
- After you play the game, you can explain that while it can be fun to come up with crazy ways to escape, this is not always so easy in real life. In our Bible story today, we will see two situations where it seems completely hopeless ... that is, until Jesus gets involved!

3. Song

- Sing 'Blind man' by Quiz Worx together. You'll find a video from Patrick teaching the actions and some links to play the song online at <http://www.snac.org.au/kidschurch>. If you're not a confident singer, just turn up the volume loud!

4. Watch the teaching video

- Watch the teaching video together. You can watch or download it at <http://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 9:18-26 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 made the situation seem hopeless for the Jewish official?**
 - [His daughter has just died.]
- **What made the situation seem hopeless for the woman in v20?**
 - [She had been bleeding/sick for 12 years.]
- **Who did the Jewish official and woman think could help them?**
 - [Of course the answer is Jesus! You might like to talk about the faith of the Jewish official and woman. Both of their situations seemed hopeless and yet they trusted that Jesus could help them.]
- **How did Jesus heal the woman?**
 - [He spoke to the woman and she was healed.]
- **How did Jesus raise the girl who had died?**
 - [He took the girl by her hand and she came back to life.]

Think it through

- **What do we learn about Jesus in this story?**
 - [We see that Jesus has the power to heal the sick and raise the dead.]
- **In the talk, we heard that ‘our most hopeless situation is that we can’t save ourselves from sin and from death’. What makes this situation so hopeless?**
 - [As hard as we try, we can never stop sin or death by ourselves. Our world constantly tells our kids they can achieve whatever they want to in this world. However, this is one thing we cannot look within ourselves for but we must fully rely upon Jesus.]
- **What would you say to someone who was trying to save themselves from sin and from death?**
 - [It is always tempting for both kids and adults to think that we can save ourselves by our own efforts. However, this will never work and actually, may distract from relying upon Jesus. Instead, we must always rely on Jesus!]

6. Prayer

- It would be great to thank God for how amazing Jesus is. He is the one who can truly save us from sin and death!

7. Craft

- Draw a comic strip of the passage today. As you draw the characters in the story, try to express how hopeless the situation seemed for them apart from Jesus. You’ll find a template to use on the next page or you can make your own. We suggest you use the following scenes:
 - Scene 1: v18-19
 - Scene 2: v20-21
 - Scene 3: v22
 - Scene 4: v23-24
 - Scene 5: v25-26
- If you would like to show your kids church leaders your pictures, please take a photo and email kidschurch@snac.org.au. We’d really love to see them!!!

VERSE 18-19

VERSE 20-21

VERSE 22

MATTHEW 9:18-26

VERSE 25-26

VERSE 23-24

DRAWN BY: _____



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