

To our Kids Church parents,

We hope you are going well and looking forward to the changes to schooling arrangements next week! Let us know of anything specific we can be praying for you and your family.

Scratch coding club

Just a reminder that if you and/or your children are interested in coding, you might like to be involved in our new SNAC coding club. Someone from SNAC has also already produced a new game based on the memory verse – you can check it out at scratch.mit.edu/projects/390912878. For more information on the coding club, please go to 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

- Our opening game is a variation on 'Captain's coming'.
- You need to choose a number of different areas in your room to represent different countries.
 - You should include Australia and the Philippines as the first two countries.
 - For the other countries, we suggest choosing a country where one of our link missionary families are serving (e.g. Tanzania or Paraguay) or a country where some people you know live (e.g. you have family living in England).
 - This game involves running so choose a room with a bit of space or head outside to play. If you don't have much space, you could choose an action to represent each country instead.
- Choose someone to be the leader. The leader calls out the name of a country and everyone else has to run to that area of the room. The leader can try to trick people by changing the country quickly or saying the same country twice in a row.
- You could start with two or three countries and then slowly add more as the game progresses. Part of the challenge will be remembering which area represents the different countries.
- Make sure everyone has a turn as the leader.
- After you play, you can explain that each of these countries needs people to go share the good news of Jesus!

3. Song

- In the song action video, the Newby family teach us how to say 'Praise ye the Lord' in Tagalog (Purihin ang D'yos) which we will use in the song.
- You'll find the video teaching the actions & lyrics, 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 or download it at www.snac.org.au/kidschurch
- It's always best if you can watch the video beforehand 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 while 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 9:35–38 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

- **In Matthew 9:37, who is represented by the ‘large crop’?**
 - [The crowds who are listening to Jesus teach. Note that many of these people would have been Jewish.]
- **In Matthew 9:37, who is represented by the ‘workers’?**
 - [The disciples of Jesus.]
- **What does Jesus say should happen if there is a ‘large crop’ and ‘only a few workers’?**
 - [They should ask the person in charge of the harvest to send out more workers. In saying this, Jesus is teaching his disciples that they should pray to God and ask him to send out more disciples to share the good news of Jesus.]

Read Matthew 28:18–20.

- **What type of people need to hear about Jesus today?**
 - [Everyone! Jesus says people from every nation should become his disciples.]

Think it through

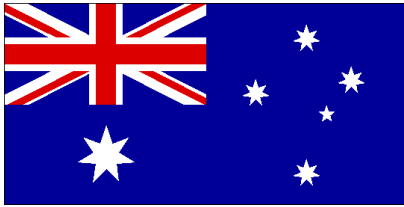
- **Think of someone you know who lives in Australia, but is not yet a follower of Jesus. Who could talk to them about Jesus?**
 - [It’s often helpful for children to think of a specific example rather than an abstract idea. An obvious answer is someone from your family but it might be that God could use someone else.]
- **Think of someone you know who lives in another country, but is not yet a follower of Jesus. Who could talk to them about Jesus?**
 - [You might have a relative or friend who lives overseas. If not, perhaps you could think of someone who lives interstate. The idea is to expand the horizon of our children to appreciate just how many people still need to hear about Jesus! It might be a bit harder for someone from your family to talk to that person about Jesus, perhaps you could pray God would bring another Christian into their lives!]
- **What are some reasons that your family should stay in Australia to share Jesus with Australians?**
 - [Of course, there are many people in Australia who need to hear about Jesus!]
- **What are some reasons your family should consider moving overseas to share Jesus with people from another country?**
 - [While this may not be part of your thinking ... perhaps God will answer our prayers in a way that surprises you! At very least, this is a good thing to talk about as a family and will hopefully get you thinking about different ways you could serve Jesus both now and in the future.]

6. Prayer

- Please pray for people living in the different countries that you used in your opening activity. Make sure you include prayer for Australia and the Philippines
- Please pray for the specific people you prayed for in your discussion above.
- Please pray the Newby family as they plan to return to the Philippines. You could pray that their children would be godly role models to those around them.

7. Craft

- Create flags from different countries around the world to remind you to pray for people around the world. Make sure you include Australia and the Philippines.
- If you make lots of flags, you could join them together to make flag bunting.
- We've included some different flags below and some ideas for craft
- 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!!!



Australia



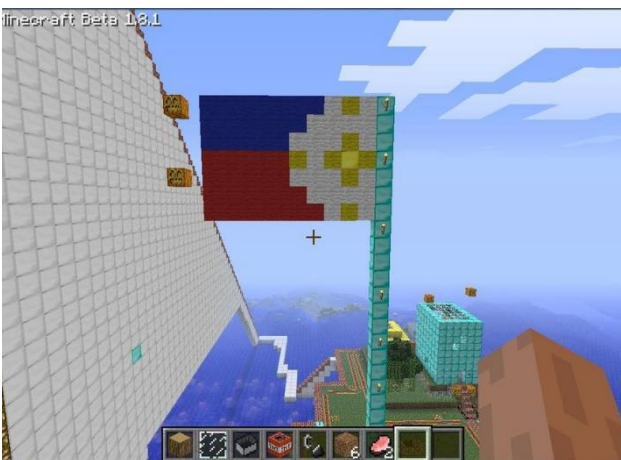
Philippines



Tanzania



Paraguay (NB: two sided flag!)



8. Morning tea

- Share some food together to celebrate the end of Kids Church.