

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR GOD'S WILD KINGDOM-WEEK 1 KICK-OFF (6/7/20)

Bible Verse: "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19

Verse Activity: Supplies needed: rocks, markers or paper and crayons

EXPLANATION: A zookeeper does his or her best to take good care of animals in the zoo...but he or she is NOT able to take PERFECT care of all the animals. In contrast, God is so big, so powerful, and so wise that He is the perfect caregiver for His creation! God has perfectly met every person's deepest need-the need for sin to be forgiven-in Jesus. I first go to Him believing that He has saved me from sin. Then I can go to Him for all my needs-when I am scared, I can ask Him to calm my heart. When I don't know what to do, I can ask Him to guide me. When I need help being kind or forgiving or helping others, I can ask Him to give me what I need to act in a way that shows my love for Him.

This verse does NOT mean that bad things will never happen to us, or that because bad things happen God isn't taking care of us. God wants to show love and kindness to us, and He has done this in the biggest way by giving us the holiness of Jesus. When a person believes that Jesus has saved him or her from sin God only sees Jesus' perfect goodness in that person. But sometimes a believer in Jesus still chooses to sin. And sin often brings bad things into our life (consequences). Sometimes God allows hard things in our lives even when we aren't sinning because He knows that going through the hard time will make us more like Jesus. Whatever our needs are, God is telling us in this verse that He doesn't want us to worry about what we need. God wants us to take our needs to Him and trust Him to take care of us in the perfect way.

Label or have your child label rocks or small pieces of paper with each word of the Bible verse. Mix up the rocks or papers and then have your child put the verse in proper order.

Journal Supplies needed: journal pages (see below), pencil, Bible for older children

EXPLANATION: God used a raven, a bird, to take care of Elijah. God can do anything that is needed to care for those who love Him! What a great God He is!

Pray-Heavenly Father, we thank you for the perfect ways you care for us-much like the zookeeper cares for the animals. During this time with you, help me to remember and say thank you for all the ways you care for me. AMEN

Use the Journal pages that follow to allow your child to respond to the Bible lesson.

Science Activity Supplies needed: coin for each child

Give your child/children a quarter. Tell your child to open her right hand if right-handed (left if left-handed) and rest it on her shoulder with her palm facing up. Place the quarter on your child's elbow. Tell your child to sweep her arm downward as fast as she can trying to catch the quarter in her hand. It might take a few times to do so but keep trying!

EXPLANATION: *In science there is a law called the law of inertia. It says that an object that is resting will stay at rest until some other force acts on it. Our object is the coin. The force that pulls the coin down when you dropped your arm is called gravity. But before gravity kicks in, the coin remains at rest for a tiny moment helping you to have time to catch it. God's care for us is kind of like this. There are forces pulling at you to trying to get us to move away from God-like our sin, Satan and the temptations of others. But God's care for us is perfect. He is there to remind us that HIS way is best, and we can choose it. He is there to catch us when we do make a bad choice when He listens to us confess our sin and forgives us, holding us close to Him again!*

Animal Snacks Supplies needed: undecorated cookie, graham cracker, cupcake or vanilla wafer, frosting, items to make animals such as chocolate chips, popcorn, raisins, licorice, marshmallows, etc.

EXPLANATION: *A zookeeper reminds us of God because He makes sure all the animals in the zoo are safe, healthy and well cared for. God CREATED all animals and people. He is in charge of us. He gives us the best way to live. What God says is true and good and right. God can and does provide perfectly for His creation. His Bible says that He even cares for the sparrow-a tiny little bird! We can ask God to bring us what we need and then we can trust Him to take care of us perfectly! Let's make some animal snacks to remind us of God's perfect care for all of His creation.*

Use undecorated cookies or other items to decorate with frosting, chocolate chips, marshmallows, etc. to look like animals in God's wild Kingdom! See examples below.

Animal Faces: Supplies needed: animal faces sheet, crayons, scissors

EXPLANATION: *God created, or made, every animal...including all of these on this paper! God takes perfect care of the animals He created, and God takes perfect care of you! Do you need something? Ask God to take care of you and watch to see how He does it! Children color the animal face parts and then cut them out (little ones may need help with this step), Then they can put the faces together in the way that God made them or they can have fun and make silly animal faces!*

1 Kings 17: God Cares for Elijah and Others

Grades 1-3 Journal

Draw at least one way God cared for Elijah, the widow or her son.



Draw at least one way God has cared for you.



1 Kings 17: God Cares for Elijah and Others

Grades 4-6 Journal

Read the scripture in each box. Then draw or write about how God took care of someone in the passage.

1 Kings 17:1-7

Who did God take care of and how did He care for this person?

1 Kings 17:8-16

Who did care for and how did He care for him/her?

1Kings 17:17-24

Who does God care for and how does He care for him/her?

Draw or write about a time God took care of you.

Animal snack Ideas



