

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR GOD'S WILD KINGDOM

WEEK 11: THE OCTOPUS (8/16/20)

Bible Verse: "...we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Hebrews 10:10

EXPLANATION: Jesus lived without sin His whole life. He always did what God said was good and right. He was the only One who could sacrifice, or give up, His life so our sins could be forgiven. God says that sin must be punished and the punishment for sin is death. Before Jesus, God told His people to sacrifice an animal by killing it and draining its blood so the peoples' sins could be punished and they could know and love God. But when perfect Jesus died, He took the punishment for the sin of all people. When we believe in Jesus, God gives us Jesus' holiness. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for all people!

Verse Activity: Supplies needed: Younger: animal motion cards Older: paper & pencil
Your child may choose a card. If you don't have cards, simply name an animal. As your child says the verse, he/she should do the movement that animal makes.
Older boys and girls can write the verse 5 times to help memorize.

Journal: Supplies needed: Journal page (see below) pencil

EXPLANATION: The momma octopus takes very good care of her babies while they are eggs. For 2 months she does nothing but care for them...she doesn't even eat! She sacrifices her own life for the life her babies. All people sin. God says He must punish sin and the punishment for sin is death. But God sacrificed something very precious to Him, His own Son, to take the punishment we deserve for sinning. Jesus died, sacrificing everything, for you and me. How great is our Lord. His love for us is great. Let's pray.

Father God, thank you for sending Jesus to sacrifice His life for our sins. It is a very special gift. Give us faith that we can believe and follow you. And if you ask us to sacrifice something for you, give us Your power to honor You with the sacrifice. AMEN

Use the journal page below or in the Activity Pack to allow your child to respond to the Bible

Ocean Painting: Supplies needed: octopus picture, water color or other white paper, paint salt, crayons or markers

EXPLANATION: The mother octopus shows us an example of the sacrifice of Jesus. She gives up her life for her babies, going for months without eating so she can care for the eggs. Jesus gave up His life for us. When a person believes that he is a sinner and that Jesus' sacrificed or gave up His life on the cross to pay for his sin, that person will live knowing and loving God forever! God created the octopus to live in the ocean. To remember the great sacrifice of Jesus, you are going to paint an ocean scene of an octopus.

Color the octopus with crayons or markers. Coat the water color paper until it is damp. Use shades of blue, green, yellow and purple to add to the damp paper. While the paper is still out the octopus and glue it to the ocean scene. You may also draw other things (seaweed, shells, starfish) on the ocean scene when dry.

“Socktopus” Supplies needed: sock, stuffing, rubber band, ribbon, scissors, marker

EXPLANATION: *The octopus mother makes a sacrifice for her children. She gives up her life, which is something very precious, so she could take care of her children...the job God gave her to do. Jesus made a sacrifice too. He gave up His precious life so that He could do the job God asked Him to do...take the punishment for the sin of every person who repents and believes that he is a sinner and that Jesus rescued him from sin by His death on the cross. Today you are going to make a socktopus. Every time you see or play with your socktopus you can think about the sacrifice Jesus made for you (His life so our sins could be forgiven)! Push the stuffing to the end of the sock. Gather the sock at the end of the stuffing ball and wrap the rubber band around the sock. Cut the sock in half from the end of the sock to within 2 inches of the rubber band. Cut each section of the sock in half until you have 8 legs. With marker, draw eyes and a mouth on your socktopus.*

Loving Sacrifices: Supplies needed: service coupons, pencil, any items needed to serve in ways you think of or are suggested below.

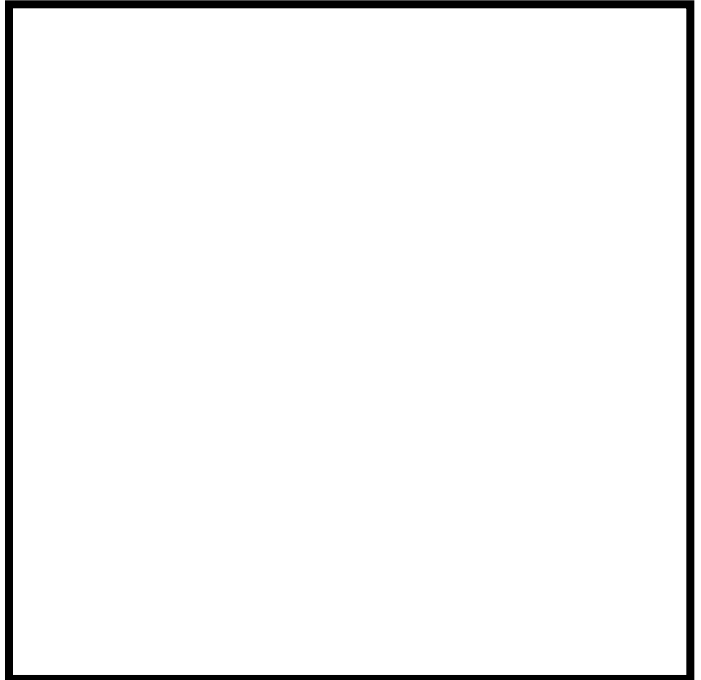
EXPLANATION: *The momma octopus sacrifices, or gives up, her life to take care of her babies. She tirelessly protects and cleans them, not even taking time to eat herself. When the eggs hatch, the mother octopus dies. She has given her life to her babies. Jesus sacrificed His own precious life to do what God asked Him to do by dying on the cross. Jesus never sinned, but He took the punishment you and I deserve for sinning so that we don't have to. He felt God's anger, or wrath, at sin so we don't have to. Jesus gave Himself up so we could live with God forever. He did this all because He loves God and He loves us. Talk about what you might give away to help another. You could give away your time...Help a sibling clean his or her room. Do yard work with or for dad. Create a card or write a letter for someone who is sick or alone. Do a chore for someone without telling them about it. You could give away something that you love. Send a favorite toy to a friend or someone who is sick. Make your favorite treat and give it away to someone. Select your favorite book and give it to the free library. Choose some of these loving sacrifices and write them on the Service Coupon handout. You can either give the coupons away to people you want to serve or you can simply use them to help you remember the things you have chosen to offer as a loving sacrifice to God and others.*

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Time With GOD: Grades 1-3

*"...we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
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In the boxes below, draw 2 things that are very special to you.



Think of someone who might need these special things more than you.
Draw the here.

Could you give these things away? YES NO
How would that make you feel?

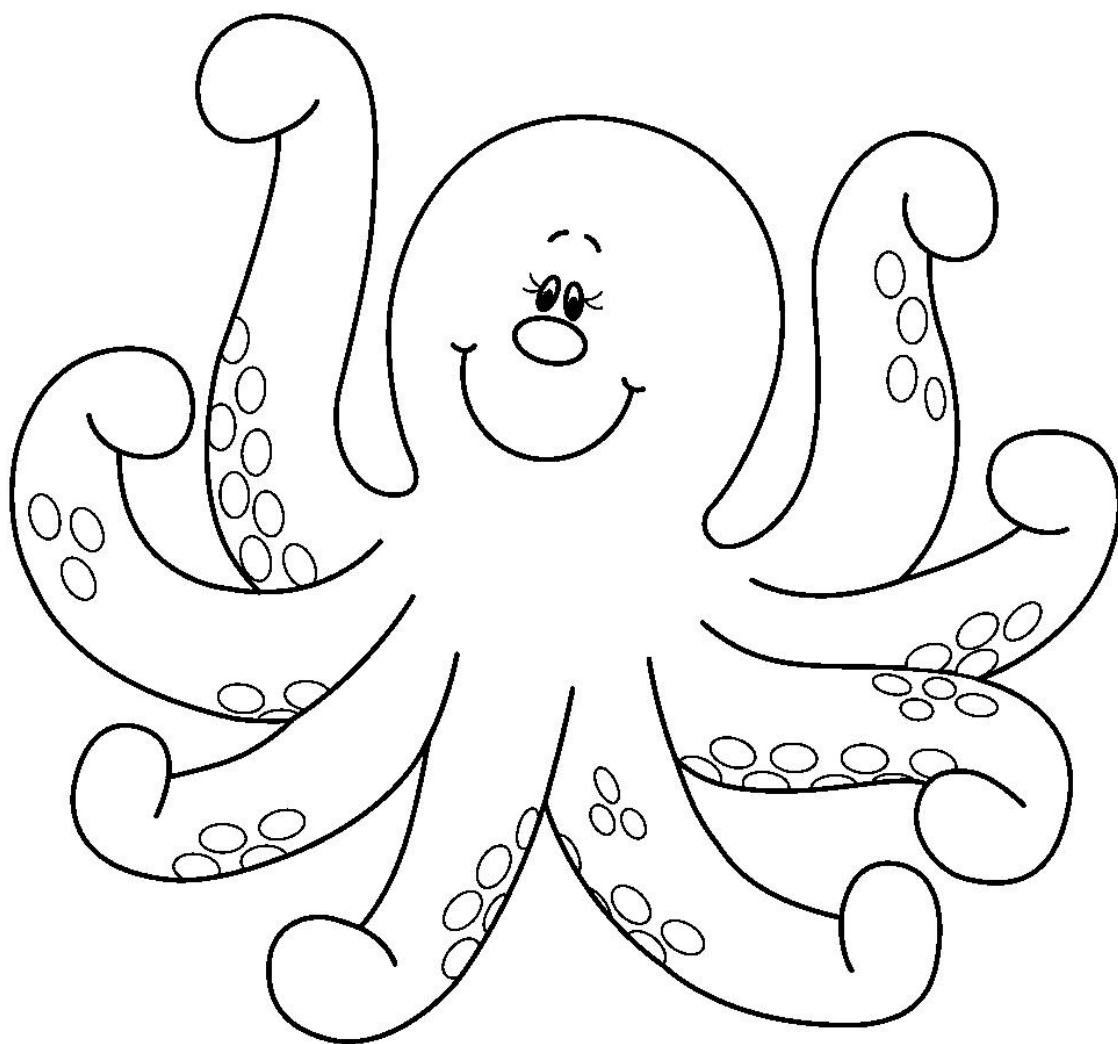
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Time With God: Grades 4-6

*"...we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
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Think about all that Jesus sacrificed for you. Write a prayer to Him telling Him what you think about His sacrifice or asking Him questions about His sacrifice.

Think about what you can sacrifice for God. What would it be? How hard would it be to sacrifice this thing? Write about it here.



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