

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR GOD'S WILD KINGDOM

WEEK 12: THE MONKEY (8/23/20)

Bible Verse: "It is written: Be holy because I am holy." 1Peter 1:16

EXPLANATION: Jesus always does what God does, He is holy, or different (better) than anyone! God tells believers in Jesus to be holy just like Jesus is holy. I don't know about you, but I do not live a perfect life. But because Jesus has saved me from my sin and given me the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit helps me want to live like Jesus and gives me the power to keep doing a little better every day. No follower of Jesus will be able to live a completely perfect, or holy, life until he or she gets to heaven. But believers in Jesus can learn more about what it is to be holy from Jesus and lean on the Holy Spirit to help us make holy choices in life.

Verse activity: Supplies needed: sidewalk chalk, jump rope or basketball

While you child says the verse he or she can either hopscotch, jump rope or bounce or shoot baskets to help him/her remember God's words.

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

EXPLANATION: Curious little monkeys are eager to learn about the world around them. They learn and grow by copying others. God wants believers in Jesus to learn and grow-getting better and better at living like Jesus lived. He gives believers in Jesus the Holy Spirit to help them do this. As believers in Jesus read the Bible they learn more about how Jesus lived. The Holy Spirit then helps believers in Jesus "copy Him" or live like He does. Believers in Jesus spend their whole lives learning about Jesus and growing to be more like Him. God wants us to be curious because we have much to learn! Let's pray.

Father God, You have given us so much! You have given us Jesus to pay for our sin. You give believers in Jesus the Holy Spirit to help us live holy lives. Please give us a curiosity for you. Please help us as we study Jesus and learn about Him. Then give us the power we need to copy Him and grow to be like Him more and more. AMEN

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

Monkey Hats: Supplies needed: dark brown paper strips and ears, light brown ears and mouth, google eyes, bananas, glue (or stapler), scissors

EXPLANATION: You are going to make a hungry, curious little monkey. This monkey will have some bananas to eat. Written on each banana is a way that Jesus acts and the address for finding the place in the Bible where we see Jesus acting this way. We know that when a person believes in Jesus God gives him the Holy Spirit to live inside of him. The Holy Spirit helps believers in Jesus to be curious about Jesus, learn the ways He acted while He was on the earth, and live like He did. The Holy Spirit helps believers in Jesus grow to be more like Jesus!

Size the dark brown paper strips so they fit around your child's head. Glue or staple in place. Glue the light brown semi circles onto the brown semi circles. Fold a small strip along the flat, bottom edge of the dark brown ears. Glue the ears to the dark brown "face." Draw a mouth on the light brown mouth and glue it and the google eyes onto the dark brown "face."

Help your child look up the Bible verses on the bananas. Talk about how Jesus acted in these verses and what a believer in Jesus should do to copy, or imitate, Jesus. Cut out the bananas and glue them around the monkey headpiece.

Be Like Jesus: Supplies needed: Bible, pencil, worksheet

EXPLANATION: *Just like monkeys learn how to live in the world around them by copying others, we learn the best way to love and live for God in His world when we copy Jesus. The place we to find out how Jesus thought, spoke and acted is the Bible. And more specifically we learn about Jesus' life while He was on the earth in the books of the Bible called the gospels. The names of these books of the Bible are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We are going to look at some of the ways Jesus acted when He was on the earth, so we can know how we might live to honor God with our lives like Jesus did.*

Look up the verses in each box to find what Jesus is doing. Write them down so you can remember to see Jesus and live like Jesus! Younger kids can simply discuss the answers.

Monkey See, Monkey Do: Supplies needed: none

EXPLANATION: *God wants people to be curious about Him and to learn from Him. God wants us to trust what He says about Jesus and believe that He died to take the punishment we owe God for our sin. Believers in Jesus are given the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps believers in Jesus to be curious about Jesus and learn about Him. The Holy Spirit helps believers in Jesus grow to become more like His Son, Jesus Christ. We are going to play a game to remind us that when we see how Jesus lived, we can, in the power of the Holy Spirit, do just as He did!*

This game is played just like Follow the Leader. Choose someone to be the Leader. Everyone else should follow the actions the Leader does just like he or she does them.

What Would Jesus Do? Supplies needed: Scenario cards

EXPLANATION: *When we read the Bible, especially the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we see how Jesus lived. When a person is a believer in Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps him live like Jesus lived. In our everyday life, when we are at home with our family, in school, with our friends at play, on the sports field or in dance class we are to live like Jesus did. That way, when others see us they are really seeing Jesus!*

Pick a What Would Jesus Do? card and discuss what you might do in this situation that would live it out like Jesus would.

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Time With God: Grades 1-3

"It is written, 'be holy because I am holy.'"

1 Peter 1:16

Draw a picture of Jesus living in a way that makes God happy.

When we don't live in ways that make God happy it is called sin. Draw or write about a sin you do. Then ask God to forgive you and help you not sin in this way.

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Time With God: Grades 4-6

"It is written, 'be holy because I am holy.'"

1 Peter 1:16

List at least 5 ways you know Jesus lived when He was on the earth.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

How are you having trouble living like Jesus? List them here. Then write a prayer to God asking for His help in making you more like Jesus.

SEE JESUS, LIVE LIKE JESUS

Look up the verses in the boxes below. Decide what Jesus is doing in the verse and answer the questions.

Mark 1:35

What did Jesus do?

What do you need to do to be like Jesus?
What behavior do you need to change?

Luke 23:32-34

What did Jesus do?

What do you need to do to be like Jesus?
What behavior do you need to change?

Matthew 4:1-4

What did Jesus do?

What do you need to do to be like Jesus?
What behavior do you need to change?

Mark 9:35

What did Jesus do?

What do you need to do to be like Jesus?
What behavior do you need to change?

Luke 6:27-28

What did Jesus do?

What do you need to do to be like Jesus?
What behavior do you need to change?

Luke 6:37

What did Jesus do?

What do you need to do to be like Jesus?
What behavior do you need to change?

What would Jesus Do Cards

WWJD?

Outside the grocery store you find a wallet with money in it on the ground.

What would Jesus do?

WWJD?

Your mom was cleaning and accidentally threw away an art project you were really proud of. She said she was sorry but you are really mad.

What would Jesus do?

WWJD?

You are roughhousing in the living room with your friend/brother and break your mom's favorite picture frame. Your dog has a big fluffy tail that is always knocking things over.

What would Jesus do?

WWJD?

Your elderly neighbor has just returned from the grocery store and is bringing groceries into her house.

What would Jesus do?

WWJD?

At lunch some friends make fun of the sweater you are wearing.

What would Jesus do?

WWJD?

Your sister is sad because she got invited to go to a birthday party but can't go until her room is clean.

What would Jesus do?