

MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 14: Worry (from Luke 12: 22-34)

Big Idea and Missio Basic: God is a good and gives us everything that we need. We do not have to look anywhere else to be complete.

Starter Ideas: You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
2. Play dough: Create flowers out of the play dough. Talk to the kids about how God gives the flowers beautiful colors and petals!
3. Decorate birds and flowers: While the kids color and place stickers on the birds and flowers, discuss with the kids about how God takes care of the birds by feeding them and gives the flowers beautiful petals. If God takes care of flowers and birds, God will take care of His children.

Circle Time: When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

Welcome Song: (To the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)

Welcome, [Name]

Welcome, [Name]

Hear God’s Word

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We can trust in Jesus.

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Welcome, friends.

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Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus’ special words. Jesus used these words of peace when

the disciples were scared. Jesus said, “Peace be with you.” We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, “Peace be with you.”

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God’s peace by shaking their hand and saying, “Peace be with you.” Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let’s all say Jesus’ words of peace. “Peace be with you.”** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

Prayer Time:

Praying for Others: Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

Praying Together: *Jesus thank you that you are a loving father that sees what we need and because you love us so much, you give those things to us. Help us to remember your Kingdom so that we will not be worried about the things of this life because they will not last. Amen.*

Story: from Luke 12: 22-34 (Or read *The Singer* from The Jesus Storybook Bible on pages 228-235)

[READ]

Jesus just got done warning a man that was rich not to be greedy and keep all of his things for himself. He had so much stuff that instead of being generous and giving things away to people who needed them, he just built bigger barns and storage to keep it all for himself.

Jesus then turns to his disciples and says, “Guys, do not worry about what you will eat or drink. There is so much more to this life than what you will eat or what you will wear. I have so much more for you. Look at the birds, they don’t work for money to buy their food so they can eat, yet God takes care of them. He provides all the food that they will need to live. You are so much more valuable to God. Don’t you think He will take care of you too? Worrying won’t give you any extra time or make things happen, so why do it?”

He then says, “Now look at the flowers all over this field. Look how beautiful they are. I will tell you this, not even Solomon who was one of the richest men ever and had the best clothes out of anyone, was dressed as beautifully as these flowers. If God created these flowers with such care and beauty, don’t you think that He created you even more beautifully and with such care and thought? So why do you worry about trying to make yourself look even more beautiful?”

Don't make your life revolve around things like what you will earn or what you will wear. God knows you need these things and will provide them for you so stop worrying about it. When you worry about these things you are not trusting God. This creates fear, and when we live out of fear, we worry and try to hold on to everything we have and not share. Remember what God has done and look to see what God is doing now. Seek to bring His kingdom here on earth by giving your possessions, time, money, love, and energy away to people that need them to demonstrate our trust in Jesus that He will provide for everything. This will help you to trust God with eternal things and not worry about things that will not last.

[Reflection]

1. How does your dad or mom take care of you? What do they do for you? (make you food, buy you toys, put clothes on you)
2. How does God take care of us?

Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch! Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

BLESS Activity:

For kids to do during the week

Bless Think of someone who needs something that you have and give it to them without wanting anything in return.

Optional playground time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that preschool playground time does not start until 5:30PM.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for your word, The Bible.

Thank you that we can trust you to provide for our needs.

Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.



God takes care of His children.
Luke 12