

June 3, 2018

Key Question: Why does Jesus matter?

Bottom Line: Jesus matters most.

Bible Story: Thou Raise Me Up • Ephesians 2:20-21a

Life App: Confidence - Living like you believe what God says is true.

Memory Verse:

"I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the
Lord in the land of the living."
Psalm 27:13 NIV

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: We start the month with something that Paul tells us in **Ephesians 2:20-21**. He explains that we are held together by Jesus. When we build our life on Jesus, we have a strong foundation that will stand against whatever life might throw at us.

Jesus came to bring us life to the full. We find confidence when we build our life on Him. We pray that kids will understand that living fully alive is best when they put their trust in Jesus.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"
shout out the name

1. Early Arriver - What Matters Most

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Whiteboard; Dry Erase Marker; Paper; Pencils

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids to your group and use a couple minutes to ask about their week (highs/lows)
- ASK: What are some things you want to do this summer?
- Write down kids' answers on a white board.
- Once you've filled up the board with their answers, pass out the paper to let the kids make their own lists of important things to do this summer.
- Instruct kids to number their lists in order of importance.
- After they've made their lists, ask kids to pair up and share their top five list with their partner.

What You Say:

"Wow! I'm not sure anyone could do ALL the things we've listed here. But you have identified what matters most on your own lists so maybe you can make those the priority this summer!"

Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few) Worship SONGS

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

1. Most Important!

[Application Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: "Most Important" Activity Pages; markers or crayons

What You Do:

- Give each child a "Most Important" Activity Page and set out the markers or crayons.
- Instruct kids to draw a line from each picture to the item that's missing.
- As kids work, invite them to describe why each item is important.
- Finally, invite each kid to draw a picture of themselves with Jesus in the space provided. They can draw other people with Jesus, too.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to emphasize that when it comes to the Church, **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most.**

What You Say:

"When it comes to parachuting, what do you HAVE to have? Yes! A parachute! When it comes to a skateboard, what does your skateboard HAVE to have? Yes! A deck! When it comes to a mountain bike, what does your bike HAVE to have? You got it: both wheels!"

*"When it comes to the Church, what do you have to have? What if we removed ourselves and we weren't here? (Pause and let kids think about that for a moment.) Yes! When it comes to the Church, you have to have people, and you have to have Jesus! **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most.**"*

(If they haven't already, let kids draw a picture of themselves with Jesus in the space provided. They can draw other people with Jesus, too.)

*"Jesus came to give us life to the full. And when we believe in His power to save us, we can have confidence that He'll help us through anything. He'll help us when we're sad, He'll help us when we're lonely, He'll help us when we're scared, He'll help us when we're angry, and He'll help us when we're confused. No matter what, Jesus will always help us. So remember: **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most.**"*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.

What You Say:

*"Today you learned that **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most.** How does Jesus matter most? (He's God's Son; He's our Savior; He died on the cross for us and came back to life.) Yes, **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most** because without Him, everything would fall apart. **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most** because He loves you more than you can imagine. **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most** because if you choose to believe in Him and follow Him, He'll be your Savior and you'll live with Him forever. Let's pray.*

"Dear God, thank You so much for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Thank You, God, that You love us more than we can imagine. Help us learn to have confidence in You and to love You more and more. We love You, Lord. Amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, prompt kids to tell their parent today's Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most** and hand out the monthly overview cards to each child.*