

Home Devotions

Home Devotion Pack Mission Awareness Week 2021

Hi friends!

One of the great things we get to do in the life of the college is to spend a week thinking hard, being challenged and being encouraged about MISSION. For those who are in first year, (or even second year, it was easier to miss last year) this happens every year in the second week of Term 3, (Semester 2).

Last year, one of the great bonus benefits of being online was that it took
Mission Awareness Week from just College students into our local
communities. (Newtown, Croydon Park and Parramatta). We want to
continue to engage not only students but their families, spouses and kids with
thinking about Mission!

So,

This year we have put together a few things that might help with that, and one of them is this HOME DEVOTION PACK. It goes along alongside out sermon series in our three chapel services, and goes with our big theme:

Mission? Yeah? Nah... Yeah!

It has preschool to early primary age-appropriate content, but to be honest our hope is that not just families with kids but our whole community will be blessed by it in thinking hard about mission this week!

Also, if you live in college accommodation you will receive FUN stickers in the mail to go with this pack!!!

Thanks!

The Mission Awareness Team!

How it works

Passage:

The passage we will be looking at in chapel which might work for some of our older kids/adults.

Story:

A story from the bible that you can tell and share with each other that goes with the theme and main passage for the day.

Say:

A big idea to say/teach from the story and the passage.

Pray:

A prayer to pray together coming out of what we've learnt.

Do:

Suggested activity that reinforces the big idea.

Memory Verse Challenge: Acts 1:8

Come up with actions and video and share it with the others in your local community (Moore West, Croydon Park, Newtown Gang) and /or with your year group.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

DAY 1: YEAH?

Say:

God gives us all a job to do. To tell the world about Jesus.

Pray:

Thank you God that you sent Jesus. Thank you that you give us a job to do! Help us to tell the world about Jesus.

Story:

The great commission Matthew 28,

Acts 1

Resources:

God's Story for me Bible; p441, The Ascension.

The Big Picture Story Bible; p413, God's New Kingdom Spreads https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Fr6Y89ZhoSU

Do:

1. Great Commission craft

https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=oedI-muEdMk

2. Go and ... game

Give your child simple instructions to complete as quickly as possible. Some examples could be, "Go and find your shoes.", "Go and get three toys.", "Go and get something blue."

If you have more than one child, you can turn it into a race. Remind your child of the great commission and how Jesus told us to "Go and make disciples."

1. STEPPINGSTONE ONE, in Crossing the River.

Bonus

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1 Timothy 3:1-7

DAY 2: NAH...

Say: We all have different jobs!

Story:

1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Watch one of the videos and/or talk about how each person has different jobs because we are different parts.

Resources:

Life Kid's Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evRQUxzn8qA New Vintage Kids

Do:

- 1. Body of Christ CraftIdeas:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aTxUFcAvBk
- 2. STEPPING STONE TWO, in crossing the river.

Pray:

Thank you that you made us all different, with different jobs to do. Thank you that all those jobs help us do the big job of telling people about Jesus.

Bonus

Song: The disciples were jesus witnesses all over the world, Colin Buchanan https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=20i5yvlAXdU

2 Timothy

3:10-4:8

DAY 3: YEAH!

Story:

Acts 16:16-40 The Philippian Gaoler

Resources:

God's Story for me Bible; p493, Singing in Jail. Picture Book: The prisoners, the earthquake and the midnight song. (Tales that tell the truth series)

Here's a link to the author reading it if you don't have it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=wII4BmKB8hM

Do:

- 1. Paul and Silas Chains Craft.

 https://drive.google.com/dr
 ive/folders/1bXhhfvxZDCd6
 TmyzDDxSPzdwUc7NkDs?
 usp=sharing
- 2. STEPPING STONE THREE, in crossing the river.

Say:

Telling people about Jesus can be a really hard job, but God is with us.

Pray:

Thank you God that you looked after Paul and Silas when they were in Prison. Thank you God that you are always with us, even when it is scary or hard, or confusing, you are always there.

Please help us to keep telling people about Jesus!

Bonus

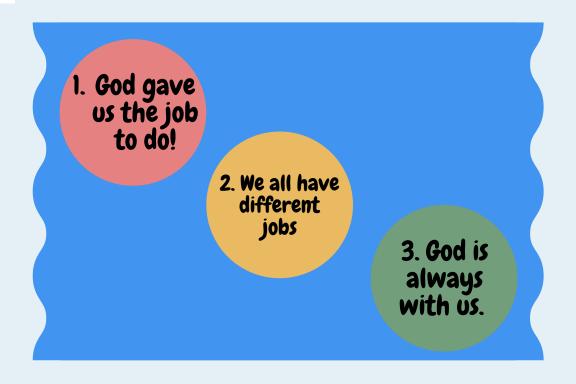
Song: Our Help, Sovereign Grace Kids https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=LuDCpU9_s3g

Crossing the River.

The goal of this activity is to build across the week a series of stepping stones to help us cross the river. One side of the river is us! It can look really big and scary to tell people about Jesus. To help us think about it, there are different things we are going to learn through the week that form stepping stones to being confident as a part of God's mission. Either right here, or on the other side of the world!

This activity can be done on a wall of your house, or on the floor, wherever there is space to build something that can go for the whole week. The idea is that you would be able to use whatever you already have in your house to create a space to do some tactile learning.





What you need:

- 1. Something to be the 'river' or 'road'. This might be a big piece of butchers paper you put on the wall. It might be a corridor in your house. It might be your kitchen floor.
- 2. Something to be the stepping stones. If your river is the wall of your house with some butchers paper, you could grab some smaller paper as 'stones' that you add to the river as you go. If you do this you might need something to act as people to slowly move across the river also (paddle-pop sticks, printouts of your faces, drawings of each other (you could do this as an additional activity)
- 3. Time each day, maybe 5-10mins. After learning from the story, and hearing what the main idea is, it becomes the stepping stone for the day.

Day 1: God gives us all a job to do. To tell the world about Jesus. God has given us this job to do! That is the first thing that gives us confidence.

Day 2: We all have different jobs! When we might think that someone else could do a better job, we can remember that we all have a different part to play on God's mission. (Bonus-you might create unique shaped 'stone' here)

Day 3: Telling people about Jesus can be a really hard job, but God is with us. When it all seems way too scary, we can remember, (the final stone) that God is with us! God is always with us!

IDEAS:

A series of chairs in your dining room. You start at one end, and you finish at the other, confident to tell people about Jesus.

Start with an activity of making the river, and the people so you are all ready and set up.