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Hello!

Whether you are a parent/guardian or a kids' church leader, we want you to know how excited we are to embark on this new form of church together. This is new to all of us, and we are glad you are onboard for the journey! Our prayer for you, is that you are able to share the word of God, impart spiritual truths and show Christ's love to the children in your care.

In the month of October, HPAC will be studying the beatitudes found in Luke chapter 6—and so will our kids! In Luke's account there is a heavy emphasis on Jesus' stance on injustice in our world. We want to teach children how to recognize injustice in our world, and to respond like Jesus did.

We have spent the past few months developing lesson materials and activities we pray will set you up for success. This month's package contains 4 lessons:

Week 1: Blessed Are the Poor – Luke 6:20

Week 2: Blessed Are the Hungry – Luke 6:21a

Week 3: Blessed Are You Who Weep - Luke 6:21b

Week 4: Blesses Are the Rejected – Luke 6:22-23

OCTOBER LESSONS

All materials and resources you will need for each weeks' lesson are provided in your October package.

Thank you for investing your time to teach our children about Jesus! We pray the time you spend teaching your children will be fun, fruitful and blessed— Know that we are cheering you on every step of the way!

You got this!

-HPAC Children's Ministries Team

The CM team exists to serve leaders like you! Please never hesitate to reach out to us for assistance or provide feedback, we would love to hear from you! You can contact us here:

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OCTOBER UPDATES:

October's Memory Verse:

"Defend the weak
and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of
the poor and the
oppressed."


-Psalm 82:3 (NIV)

Video Resource Access:

www.hpackids.org
Click on the "Videos"
tab

Family Church Events:

October 31st: Trunk-
or-Treat



WEEK 1

OCTOBER 4-10

MAIN POINT: BLESSED ARE THE POOR

MAIN VERSE: LUKE 6:20

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WEEK 1

LESSON SUMMARY (FOR THE KIDS CHURCH LEADER):

Blessed Are the Poor – Luke 6:20

In this lesson we are introducing the story of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain and focusing on the first beatitude he shared.

(Luke 6:17-20 NIV)

Jesus had spent the night on a mountain praying to God, at daybreak he called for his disciples and appointed the 12 apostles, when they came down from the mountain:

“He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are the poor. Who is Jesus talking about here? Jesus is referring to those who desire Him, but do not have many earthly possessions, someone who physically has very little. Maybe they don't have a lot of money, resources or opportunities. Not just that, but perhaps they are spiritually poor, they don't think highly of themselves, they think they are unimportant and insignificant because they do not know their value.

But then Jesus goes on to say that the kingdom of God is theirs! Those that the world deems unworthy, Jesus gives them the highest honour by telling them the kingdom of heaven belongs to them—an eternity spent with Jesus.

We want to teach our children that Jesus does not think the way that the world does. He does not look at the outward appearance of a person, but at their heart. (1 Samuel 16:7) He takes the poor and seats them in position of great honour. We also want to teach them how to show care and compassion for the poor, just like Jesus did.

**USE THIS SUMMARY TO PREPARE YOUR OWN LESSON
INTRODUCTION FOR YOUR KIDS CHURCH GROUP**

WEEK 1

ICEBREAKER: PLASTIC BAG BALL TOSS

What You Need:

- Plastic Bag
- Papers
- Roll of Tape

What To Do:

- Explain that as a group, you will be creating a toy ball out of plastic bags, papers and tape. Tell each kid to shape the ball as it passed onto the next child in the circle. First starting with paper, then onto the plastic bag and lastly the tape.
- Once the ball is formed, take it and ask, "if you saw this ball in a toy store, would you ask your parents to buy it for you?" Then say, "in some places around the world, children and their parents can't afford the same toys that you have in your homes. They might only have toys that look like this ball."
- Toss the ball around, make sure each child gets a turn, as someone has the ball, they must share with the group one item that they are fortunate enough to have. (Examples: Lego, Books, Pens and Paper, Chore Money, etc...) Kids Church Leader starts off.
- This will lead you into the introduction of the main point: Blessed are the Poor

INTRO TO LESSON/PRAAYER:

Introduce the Bible story by sharing what you will be learning and stating the main point.

Prepare the kids' hearts to receive the lesson. Before watching the video, pray over your time together. Encourage the children in your group to participate if they feel comfortable.

VIDEO AND OPTIONAL WORSHIP:

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POPCORN QUIZ:

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Q: True or false, our Bible story today is found in the Old Testament

A: False, it is found in the New Testament

Q: What book of the Bible is our story found in?

A: Luke

WEEK 1

POPCORN QUIZ:

Q: What chapter in Luke is our story found in?

A: 6

Q: The message Jesus shared in our story, is referred to as the Sermon on the ____?

A: Plain

Q: Where did Jesus come from before he began speaking to the crowd?

A: A mountain

Q: In our key verse, who does Jesus say would be blessed?

A: The poor

Q: What did Jesus say belonged the poor?

A: The Kingdom of God

Q: Who was present during Jesus' Sermon on the Plain?

A: a) A large crowd of his disciples, b) people from Judea, Jerusalem, and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

Q: What word do we use to describe the blessings Jesus taught?

A: Beatitudes

Q: True or false, Jesus does not think the way the world does.

A: True

DISCUSSION/APPLICATION:

We want to encourage our children to apply what they learn in the Bible to their own lives. It is important that we encourage discussion and model it by guiding the discussion. Review these questions beforehand and be prepared to share your answers with your kids!

1. If someone is poor, why might it be best to first meet their physical needs before trying to meet their spiritual needs?
2. Can someone still be considered poor even if they have a lot of money?
3. What are some things we could do to help the poor and needy in our community?
4. What did Jesus mean when he said, "Yours is the kingdom of God?"

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WEEK 1

ACTIVITY: THE STONE SOUP STORY READING

What You Need:

- 1 bowl *not included in package
- A few stones
- Cutouts of: (page found at the back of this package)
 - Cabbage
 - Salt & Pepper
 - Potatoes
 - Onions
 - Carrots

What To Do:

- Before you read, place a bowl with stones in it, in the middle of the circle.
- Hand out each cut-out of the “ingredients” to each child in the group circle. Let them know that when you mention their ingredient, they must add their ingredient to the “stone soup”.
- Read out the “Stone Soup” Story and act it out with the kids.
- After the story: Explain to the kids: We are blessed with wonderful things and are fortunate enough to have homes and items that fill each of our homes. There are many people who are not as fortunate as us and do not have these things, and God still blesses them. We can share our blessings with those who don’t have as much as us, just like the villagers share their ingredients.

story is provided on the next page

MEMORY VERSE REVIEW: PSALM82:3 (NIV)

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SNACK:

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FREETIME:

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WEEK 1

STONE SOUP

Once upon a time, there was a traveler who was very hungry. One day, he went to a village and began talking to the villagers. Everyone he talked to told him to move on because there was no food there. He told them that he could make something called Stone Soup. No one thought that Stone Soup sounded very good, but they were curious about what he was doing. He pulled out an iron pot from his bag, filled it with water, and built a fire under it. Then he pulled an ordinary-looking stone from his pocket and dropped it into the water. By now, more and more of the villagers had heard about this Stone Soup that the traveler was making, and they wanted to see it. They came to the town square to see what was going on. While he was waiting for the water to boil, the traveler began to sniff his soup and rub his stomach. “Ahh,” the traveler said to himself rather loudly, “I do like a tasty stone soup. Of course, stone soup with cabbage is so much better than plain stone soup.” One of the villagers ran home and came back with a bit of cabbage he had been hiding. He added it to the pot and the traveler thanked him. Then the traveler mentioned that once he had stone soup with cabbage AND salt and pepper. That soup, he said, was the best stone soup he had ever had. Another villager managed to find some salt and pepper. Every time the traveler mentioned something else that might go well with the stone soup, someone in the village was able to find that item. By the time the soup was ready, there was cabbage, salt and pepper, potatoes, onions, carrots and mushrooms. This was going to be a delicious meal for all. The traveler shared his Stone Soup with everyone in the village. They were excited to have been able to share in the tasty meal and to find a new friend in the traveler. Before he left the village, the traveler reminded the people that good things come when everyone shares what they have. The villagers remembered what the traveler said long after he left the village and they did their best to share what they had with other people.



WEEK 2

OCTOBER 11-17

MAIN POINT: BLESSED ARE THE HUNGRY

MAIN VERSE: LUKE 6:21A

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WEEK 2

LESSON SUMMARY (FOR THE KIDS CHURCH LEADER):

Blessed Are the Hungry – Luke 6:21a (Thanksgiving)

Happy Thanksgiving!

Along with reflecting on the many things that we are thankful for, when we think of Thanksgiving, most of us think of spending the day with family around a feast of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, the list of food is endless. What comes next is that post turkey, dinner feeling, of being completely filled to the brim with what you just consumed. With a holiday so focused around food, how interesting that we would be teaching about the second beatitude Jesus shares in Luke, about those that are hungry.

“Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.” Luke 6:21a NIV

Hunger is a strong human desire, although it is understood that Jesus is talking about spiritual hunger, we can use a child’s understanding of physical hunger in order to help them better understand this need. When a person is hungry, they are looking to be satisfied, so what will they do? They eat. However, we know that a few hours after they have eaten, they will need to eat again, they will always be looking to be satisfied again, and again. When Jesus is talking about being satisfied, he is talking about a satisfaction that only comes through Him. It doesn’t matter what type of satisfaction we seek on this earth, whether it’s eating a whole pizza by yourself, saving up for that new car, or going on that tropical vacation you had been planning for, none of these things will ever FULLY satisfy us the way that Jesus can. When we hunger after Christ, when we look to him to fill us, he will fully satisfy us, simply because of who He is.

Look at those in our world who are hungry—those that are looking to be satisfied. What part do we play in making sure that they receive satisfaction through Christ?

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied...

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WEEK 2

ICEBREAKER: FOOD ALPHABET

What You Need:

- Alphabet letters

What To Do:

- Sit in a circle with your kids and begin by holding up a letter from the alphabet. Ask the kids to give you a food that starts with this letter. List as many foods as you can before moving on to a new letter. Play for as many rounds as you would like!
- Example:
 - a. Apple, Asparagus...
 - b. Blueberry, Buns...
 - c. Carrots, Chips...
- Whoever gets the most food listed wins! "are you hungry now?"
- This will lead into the introduction of the main point: Blessed are the Hungry

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Q: What part of the Bible is our story found in?

A: The New Testament

Q: What book of the Bible is our story found in?

A: Luke

Q: What chapter in Luke is our story found in?

A: 6

WEEK 2

POPCORN QUIZ: CONTINUED

Q: The Bible says that Jesus stepped out onto a large level place, this can also be called a ___?

A: Plain

Q: People in the crowd were gathered to hear Jesus, some were also there to seek ___?

A: Healing

Q: In the second beatitude Jesus gave he said, "Blessed are you who ___ now."

A: Hunger

Q: Finish the rest of the scripture, "Blessed are you who hunger now for you will be ___"

A: Satisfied

Q: True or False, Jesus said to be satisfied, you must eat a snack

A: False

Q: Can somebody say the whole key verse from memory? (Luke 6: 21a)

A: "Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied."

Q: Who can always fully leave us satisfied?

A: Jesus

DISCUSSION/APPLICATION:

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1. Have the kids in your group estimate how long they think they could go without food. (allow for responses) Discuss how eventually we all need to eat to survive. Turn to what Jesus says in John 6:35 and read it aloud. Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Discuss what this verse means.
2. How does it feel to be satisfied?
3. This world is full of hungry people, what are some ways we can meet their needs and show them the love of Jesus?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Close your discussion with your group in prayer. Use the prayer request book provided in your package to take down any prayer requests of the children in your group. By writing them down, you will be reminded to pray for these requests throughout the week, and will have something to look back on as a reminder of God's faithfulness.

WEEK 2

ACTIVITY: IMAGINE THIS (OBJECT LESSON)

What You Need: *objects and food items for this object lesson and not included in the package

- 3 Random (NON-EDIBLE) objects from around the house (a wrench, a pen, a hairbrush, etc...)
- 3 Food items (bread, candy, veggies, etc...)
- Your Bible

What To Do:

- Have your items all in a bag, hidden from the kids.
- "I want you to imagine that you are really hungry. Imagine that you haven't had any food for two days. What would that be like? How would your stomach feel?"
- Bring out your non-edible items one by one, ask "would this help satisfy your hunger?" each time.
- Then bring out your food items one by one, ask "would this help satisfy your hunger?" each time.
- Then bring out your Bible, ask "would this help satisfy your hunger?"
- When the kids answer this question, you can talk about how there is a physical hunger, which we need food to satisfy, but there is also a hunger much deeper inside us. One that is satisfied by only one thing, and it isn't food, it's Jesus.
- Read Luke 6:21a or have a volunteer read it. Jesus satisfies those who want and love Him.

MEMORY VERSE REVIEW: PSALM 82:3 (NIV)

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WEEK 3

OCTOBER 18-24

MAIN POINT: BLESSED ARE YOU WHO WEEP

MAIN VERSE: LUKE 6:21B

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WEEK 3

LESSON SUMMARY (FOR THE KIDS CHURCH LEADER):

Blessed Are You Who Weep - Luke 6:21b

High-five for making it to lesson 3 of our Sermon on the Plain series!

This week we will be teaching kids the third beatitude that Jesus shared in Luke as well as recapping week 1 and 2.

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. *Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.*

(Luke 6:20-21b NIV)

We all have experienced the imperfection of our world, there is sickness, death, sorrow and sadness, the list goes on and on--but that was never God's design for this world. It wasn't until sin entered the world did our world become imperfect. Jesus never said that we would not experience sorrow in this life, but He DID promise joy and laughter! Children are not exempt from experiencing great sorrow, they also have times of weeping. That is why it is important to teach children that God is our comforter in times of sadness. Because of Jesus, we have hope! God sent His son to show us glimpses of what the kingdom of heaven will be like, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

(Rev 21:4 NIV)

In times of weeping, remember the promise Jesus gives us of joy and laughter. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh...

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WEEK 3

ICEBREAKER: THE FEELINGS GAME

What You Need:

- Skittles
- The Feelings Game printout (found at the back of weekly package)

What To Do:

- Give each kid their own pack of skittles. Have them take turns drawing a skittle from their pack and answer the Feelings Game question that corresponds with their colour skittle.
- This will lead into the introduction of the main point. "Speaking of all of these feelings, today's main point is: blessed are those who weep"

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Q: What book and chapter is our Bible story found in?

A: Luke 6

Q: In the morning before he came down from the mountain, Jesus called for his disciples and appointed 12 to be his apostles. Name the 12 disciples (or the ones you remember)

A: Simon, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, Simon, Judas, Judas Iscariot.

Q: True or False, Jesus stood in a plane

A: False, on a plain (a level place!)

Q: True or False, some people in the crowd had gathered to hear Jesus and seek healing of diseases, and impure spirits.

A: True

WEEK 3

POPCORN QUIZ: CONTINUED

Q: How did some people receive healing?

A: They touched Jesus

Q: What does it mean to weep?

A: cry/be sad/to mourn

Q: When someone is happy, or experiencing great joy they will often what?

A: Laugh

Q: In the 3rd beatitude Jesus shared he said, "Blessed are you who ___ for you will ___"

A: weep, laugh

Q: In times of sadness (mourning) Jesus will ___ us

A: Comfort

Q: In what other gospel (Mathew, Mark or John) does Jesus say something similar to what he says in Luke?

A: Matthew, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

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1. What was a time in your life when you were very sad? What did you do about it?
2. How can we be sure that God will comfort us?
3. What are some ways we can comfort others if they are sad?

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ACTIVITY: JOY FILLED (OBJECT LESSON)

What You Need:

1. 1 bottle of soda water
2. 1 empty plastic bottle with lid
3. A permanent marker

WEEK 3

ACTIVITY: JOY FILLED (OBJECT LESSON)

What To Do:

NOTE: you will want to do this activity outside!

- Take a permanent marker and draw a person on the outside of your empty bottle. Explain that the bottle represents us.
- Explain that this soda water will represent our sorrows and tears. Ask the kids "what has made you weep or cry?"
- While they answer, pour more and more soda water into the empty bottle, (make sure that the bottle isn't fully filled so you can shake the bottle later on.)
- Ask the kids, "What is the main point?" (Blessed are those who weep) Explain that "God says that 'in due time you will laugh'.
- Securely tighten the cap on the bottle.
- Ask the kids, "What makes you laugh", as they answer, have each kid take a turn shaking the bottle.
- When everyone has answered, explain, "God wants us filled with the joy that He gives us, He doesn't want us filled with sorrows and tears." As you say this, unscrew the cap and hopefully the bottle will fizz over! Conclude by saying, "You see, He wants us bursting with laughter and joy, not bursting with tears and sadness."

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WEEK 3

THE FEELINGS GAME

PICK A RANDOM SKITTLE, AND SHARE YOUR FEELINGS WITH THE GROUP!

IF YOU PICK:

SHARE THIS:

RED

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

ORANGE

WHAT MAKES YOU SAD

YELLOW

WHAT MAKES YOU EXCITED

GREEN

WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY

PURPLE

WHAT MAKES YOU AFRAID



WEEK 4

OCTOBER 25-31

**MAIN POINT: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
ARE REJECTED**

MAIN VERSE: LUKE 6:22-23



WEEK 4

LESSON SUMMARY (FOR THE KIDS CHURCH LEADER):

Blessed are the Rejected (Luke 6:22-23)

Yipee! We made it to the end of October! In this weeks' lesson we will be learning the fourth beatitude that Jesus gave in Luke 6 as well as recapping what we have covered this month.

20 Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 23 "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. (Luke 6: 20-23 NIV)

People will hate me, exclude me AND reject me because I follow Jesus? That sounds serious. The truth is, the cost of following Jesus is serious, but it's nothing compared to the cost Jesus had to pay to take the punishment for our sins. When Jesus was on earth, he himself was rejected, so as his followers, why should we be treated any differently? There will be times when we will experience hate and rejection because of our faith, but Jesus says that we are to rejoice, and leap for joy because we will be rewarded in heaven!

It's also important to remember that Jesus gives us hope. In the moments when we feel rejected because of our faith, we should think of the rejection of Jesus and the sacrifice He paid for us on the cross. He endured rejection more than any of us will ever know, he knows what we are going through and in the end, we know that our reward is far greater than our rejection!

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven...

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WEEK 4

ICEBREAKER: THE COMPLIMENT GAME

What You Need:

- A bean bag

What To Do:

- Sit in a circle with your kids, start by tossing the bean bag to someone. When they catch it, give them a compliment (ex. you are very kind.)
- Explain that each person in the group will take turns passing the bean bag to someone in the circle and when it is caught, they must pay that person a compliment.
- After you have played a few rounds say, "How nice is it to be complimented? Makes you happy doesn't it? What if instead of building each other up with compliments we said mean things? It would make us pretty sad, right?"
- This should lead into conversation about the Main Point: blessed are those who are rejected.

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Watch the Bible lesson video! Go to our website [www. hpackids.org](http://www.hpackids.org) Click the "Videos" tab and select the corresponding video for this lesson. We also have a worship playlist provided.

POPCORN QUIZ:

Ask the questions below to the children in your group and allow for answers. There are candy prizes included in your package if you wish to use them to encourage participation! Some questions are harder than others, choose/adapt the questions to best suit the age group you are working with. Feel free to come up with questions of your own if you wish!

The popcorn questions for this week will also be reviewing what was covered in the month of October.

Q: Where can we go in the Bible to find the story of Jesus Sermon on the Plain?

A: Luke 6 (Bonus if they know the verses: 17-23)

Q: In week 1, we learned the first beatitude Jesus gave on the Sermon on the Plain. Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are ____, for yours is the ____ of God."

A: Poor, Kingdom

Q: In week 2, we learned the second beatitude Jesus gave on the Sermon on the Plain. Jesus said, "Blessed are you who ____ now, for you will be ____."

A: Hunger, Satisfied

WEEK 4

POPCORN QUIZ: CONTINUED

Q: In week 3, we learned the third beatitude Jesus gave on the Sermon on the Plain. Jesus said, "Blesses are you who ___ now, for you will ____."

A: Weep, Laugh

Q: What is a Plain?

A: A level place, flat ground

Q: In the beatitude we are learning today, Jesus says that we will be rejected for following Him. What does he say should be our response?

A: Rejoice and leap with joy

Q: Jesus says to, "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in ____"

A: Heaven

Q: True False, the world did not reject Jesus

A: False

Q: True or False.

Following Jesus will mean that you upset some people, because of what you believe.

A: True

Q: Jesus says for being rejected we will be _____

A: Blessed!

DISCUSSION/APPLICATION:

We want to encourage our children to apply what they learn in the Bible to their own lives. It is important that we encourage discussion and model it by guiding the discussion. Review these questions beforehand and be prepared to share your answers with your kids!

1. Has there ever been a time when you were rejected? Has there ever been a time when you were rejected because you were a Christian?
2. Why do we not need to worry when others reject us for following Jesus?
3. What should we do when others reject us? What can we say? Who can we turn to?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Close your discussion with your group in prayer. Use the prayer request book provided in your package to take down any prayer requests of the children in your group. By writing them down, you will be reminded to pray for these requests throughout the week, and will have something to look back on as a reminder of God's faithfulness.

WEEK 4

ACTIVITY: CAN'T KEEP ME DOWN (OBJECT LESSON)

What You Need:

- A balloon (not yet filled)
- A bowl filled with water *not included in package

What To Do:

- Begin by inflating the balloon. Explain to the kids that the balloon represents those that are filled with joy and love because they have Christ living in them. (inflate the balloon to a small size.)
- "But sometimes, life tries to get you down. Maybe you're rejected by your friends because you are a Christian" (push the balloon down into the water)
- "Do you have any other examples of rejection?" Name off examples of rejection (get kids to help you) each time you name off a form of rejection, push the balloon into the water.
- Let go of the balloon and ask, "why does the balloon float back up, even though I pushed it harder and further into the water?" because it is filled with air.
- "That's why we can't be kept down, just like this balloon, we are filled with the joy and happiness that God gives us because we know a great reward waits for us in heaven."
- Read Luke 6:22-23
- Remember, that even though life may get you down sometimes, God reminds us to be happy and leap for joy, because we have a reward in heaven waiting for us!

MEMORY VERSE REVIEW: PSALM 82:3 (NIV)

Go to www.hpackids.org and click on the "Videos" tab to find the provided Memory Verse Video. Review the verse and actions with your kids. Note: In order for us to document who has completed their memory verse for the month, Please email us videos of children reciting their memory verse. Children that recite all memory verses for the year will receive an award. We will be holding a memory verse awards ceremony in May 2021.

Email: Ashlyn@hpac.org

SNACK:

You will find labeled pre-packed snacks and juice boxes in your monthly package. Hand these out to your kids and enjoy!

FREETIME:

Use this time to interact and play with the children in your care, colour a colouring sheet provided, do a craft found in your monthly package, or do an activity you have planned on your own! No matter how you use this time, we hope it is meaningful and fun!