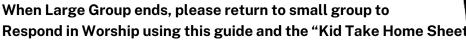
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for the next 5 weeks. Not every kid will have the Red Letter Challenge devotional book, so this gives us a chance to let every parent participate in focusing their kids' hearts on the main theme for each week! Look below to see exactly how you'll use the "Kids Take Home Sheets" before sending them home.

Theme

Look here to see which of the 5 key areas are we focusing on each week. (Week 1: Intro to ALL themes, then Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and ending week 6 with Going)

Bible Verse

Each week, please read the Bible Verse aloud to your small group. Remind them their parents will have the same verse in their devotion book! Encourage them to learn it with their family!

Big Idea

This section is the driving question for the theme of the week. Ask kids to share their responses as you think through why it's important to learn to imitate Jesus in each area. This section is the reminder about who we are aiming to become as we spend time with Jesus.

A weekly "Take Home Sheet" will go home with kids to review with their parents. Each week, <u>you will lead your small group kids through the "Do This Now" section during our</u> <u>"Responding in Worship" part of our service.</u> Our intention is to help kids prepare their hearts and focus on how they can respond to what God wants to do in their lives through the Red Letter Challenge. The parent take home sheet offers an easy transition into the focus of the week whether kids are using the RLC Kids book, or not!

Do This Now:

This is a non-negotiable part of our service each week as we set our parents up for success as they dive into the Red Letter Challenge for Kids. By introducing our kids to a response portion, we help them have something to immediately share with their parents about what they are looking forward to with the RLC.

Each week, tell kids to "Take this home and show your parents your responses!"

The last section is a note directly to the parents. We want them to remember that the RLC can be completed with their kids!

Dear Parents:

In the Red Letter Challenge, we are asking parents to complete specific challenges with their kids. This section will always encourage them to review what their kid responded while they were in small group with you so they can continue the conversation at home!



Oct 6 week of giving kids take home sheet



Theme GIVING like Jesus

Bible Verse

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

Big Idea

Why is GIVING to Jesus important?

***DO THIS NOW:**

On the back of this paper, write a list or draw pictures of some of your favorite things. It could be things you own, like toys, games, or clothes. Or maybe it's your favorite food, book, or snack.

Next, pick three things from your list that you could give to someone else to bring them joy or help meet their need.

Imagine yourself giving one of those things away. Draw an emoji below to show how you think you'd feel:

Dear Parents:

The Red Letter Challenge includes principles that often become clearer as children grow, but kids can grasp them remarkably well. For example, children often embrace the concept of giving more easily than adults. Their generosity can be truly inspiring when they are given opportunities to share. This week, we will discuss the motive for giving and recognize Jesus as the Ultimate Giver. Understanding what Jesus has given to us helps us give generously to others. We give because we have been given everything. If your child feels prompted to give something that makes you hesitate, remember that allowing them to give freely supports their growth and reflects the beauty of their generosity.

Challenge: Flip this page over and look at some of your child's favorite things. Notice the ones they are willing to give away and prompt a conversation about their generosity. Identify a person or place they can take their give-away item to. Encourage them to slow down and name the emotions they feel when they give things away - especially things of value!

