

Kids Club

Leader Guide

May
Week 1

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Supplies Needed:

1. **YouTube Video** (optional): “Douglas Talks - Kids Can Do Big Things” *video*) <https://youtu.be/HMTKkkIBmh4?si=A3DpxMGKhv8dAa9b>
2. Finger paint or a stamp pad and paper to make finger paint art
3. White board/Large Paper for the Memory Verse relay

Suggested Schedule:

5 minutes - Pick up kids/kids arrive - bathroom, wash hands, water break
20 minutes - Snack, Games, Prayer/Devotion, Quality Time, Clean-up
30-40 minutes - RBKids Lesson & Prayer
10-15 minutes - Free time, Clean-up and Dismissal

Today's Focus: You Matter to God!

Weekly Verse: Mark 10:14

“Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

Rock Bridge Mission:

We exist to glorify God by connecting people from all walks of life to life in Christ. When we Love God, Love Others, and Live Sent we can accomplish our mission! God will use you - as a child - to accomplish His mission!

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for loving kids. You made each one of these kids on purpose, for a purpose. May we remember to see each other just as you see us. Thank you for the person that chose to bring them to church today.

We are so grateful for the people who bring us to You. In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Try this: Open your time together with a fun icebreaker! Ask kids to share some of their favorite things and highlight their individuality. Remind them that God made us all!

Read this: Mark 10:13-15

How did you get to church this morning? (Pause for responses.)

I imagine most of you came with your parents. Perhaps others came with grandparents. Some children may have come with aunts, foster families, or an older sibling. Maybe a friend brought you to church. One thing I'm pretty sure of is that unless you live close enough to walk to church, someone had to bring you here. I don't think any of you are old enough to drive your own car, are you? (Pause.) I didn't think so!

It's great that someone cared enough about you to bring you to church today. That tells me the person wanted to make sure you would learn about Jesus and His love for you. In the story we just read from the Bible, we heard that as Jesus was teaching, people started to bring their children to Him so He could touch them. The disciples didn't like these children interrupting Jesus. They told the people to get the children away.

- What do you think about the disciples trying to make the children leave?

Jesus was very upset. "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them," Jesus said. "The kingdom of heaven belongs to these little ones." Then Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them.

Let's always remember how Jesus loved the children and took them into His loving arms. We're thankful for each of you here today and thankful someone loved you enough to bring you.

Watch This: *(If you can, play the "Douglas Talks: Kids Can Do Big Things" video)*

Talk About This:

Look around the room. Each one of us were created by God on purpose, for a purpose. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for all of our sins. But even if we would have been the only person separated from God, He still would have sent Jesus because that's how much we matter to God. When Jesus' disciples tried to keep them away from Him, He got mad. I pray that as you realize how badly Jesus wants you to come to Him, that you will also get mad whenever you recognize that sin is keeping you from Him. My prayer is that you will know that today you can choose to follow Jesus - you don't have to wait until you are an adult.

Questions to Chat Through:

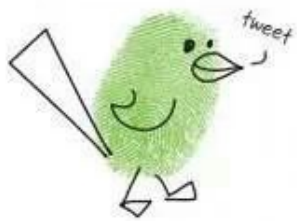
- Besides bringing you to church, what else does your family do to help you be 'touched and blessed' by Jesus?
- What things can kids teach adults?
- What are some big things that you can do right now for the kingdom of God?
- How do you know God will take care of you?
- How are we to treat others if everyone is important to Jesus?

Activity:

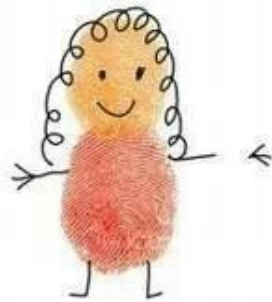
Encourage kids to use their fingerprints to make a small picture. Highlight the fact that we all have individual fingerprints and remind them that God made each of them on purpose!

Memory Verse Activity:

Verse Relay (Mark 10:13)—Divide the children into two teams. Place a chalkboard, white board, or large sheet of paper at a distance from the starting line. Hand the first child of each team something to write with, and on the shout of "Go" have them run to the writing surface and write the first word of the verse. Then have them return to their team and hand the writing instrument to the second person. The team that finishes writing the verse correctly first wins.



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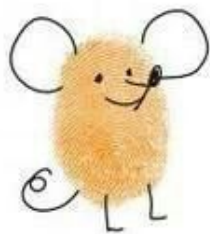
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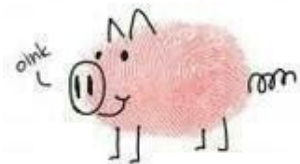
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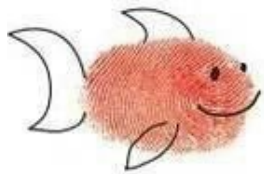
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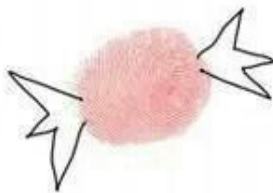
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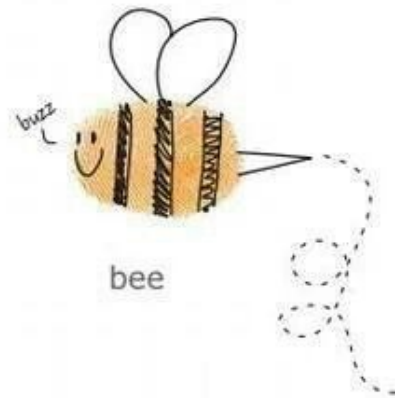
fish



candy



alien



bee



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frog



caterpillar