

MIR. MULKEY'S 2ND GRADE

**MEETS AT 10:30 OR 5:00
ROOM D108**

**North Hills Church
4952 Edwards Rd
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Dear Second Grade Parent,

My name is Jonathan Mulkey, and I am so excited to be your second grader's Kidstuff teacher at 10:30 or 5:00 this year (I teach an identical class during both of those services, so your child can come to either one)! I have been serving in the children's ministry at North Hills since 2006, and this will be my 16th year teaching 2nd graders. Your child is about to embark on an exciting adventure this year! Let me tell you all about it.

My class is structured around a U.S. Army theme. I borrowed and adapted this theme from my dad, a retired U.S. Army major and Sunday school teacher. Students can earn promotions and prizes as they accumulate points. They earn points by completing two weekly "missions":

MISSION 1: Complete Activity Sheet

Each Sunday, an activity sheet is sent home with students. Students complete this sheet during the week and turn it in the next Sunday in class. Most sheets are worth 3 points, but a few will be worth 6 points (point values are indicated on each sheet).

MISSION 2: Recite Memory Verse

Stapled to each activity sheet is a memory verse card. Students memorize this verse card during the week and recite it the next Sunday in class. Verses are worth 3-6 points, depending on their length (point values are indicated on each verse card).

RANKS AND PROMOTIONS

Each student starts out at the rank of Private. They then earn a promotion for every 10 points they accumulate (a few ranks require 20 points). All the ranks and required points are shown on the last page of this handout. Each week when your child comes to class, they will turn in their activity sheet and recite their memory verse. If they've earned enough points for a promotion, they will receive a new rank badge (worn around the neck on a lanyard in class) and get to choose a prize from the prize drawer!

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

Students earn special prizes at the following rank milestones. These are the ranks that require 20 points (instead of the usual 10 points):

2nd Lieutenant: laminated certificate; flashlight

Brigadier General: framed certificate; binoculars

General of the Army: premium framed certificate; LEGO set (varies); book (varies); camouflage hat; 5-star pin

ARMY THEME AT 10:30 AND 5:00 SERVICE ONLY

Please note that this Army theme applies only to my class, which meets at 10:30 or 5:00. The 8:30 class is taught by another teacher who uses their own system and procedures, but all lessons and memory verses are still the same. If your child must attend the 8:30 class for whatever reason, they can turn in their activity sheet and recite their memory verse to me in the time between the 8:30 and 10:30 classes. Otherwise, follow the procedures under the section entitled "Absences" in this handout.

MEMORY VERSES

We memorize six different passages throughout the year (ESV translation). We will practice the verse card for the week in class, and students continue to work on memorizing the verse card during the week and recite it in class the next Sunday.

1. Psalm 139:17-18 (class verse)
2. John 20:30-31 (Gospel of John purpose statement)
3. John 1:1-18 (the deity of Jesus)
4. Philippians 2:5-11 (the humility of Jesus)
5. Romans 8:31-39 (our security in Jesus)
6. Ephesians 6:10-18 (living victoriously in Jesus)

BIBLE LESSONS

We have two major units of study:

The Gospel of John

We will learn about the person and work of Jesus from the Gospel of John. Each week, we will watch a chapter of the movie *The Gospel of John* (Visual Bible International) and discuss that chapter together. Our purpose in this study is precisely the reason why the Apostle John says he wrote his gospel: ". . . that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31 ESV).

The Armor of God

We learn about the spiritual armor God has provided for us to live victoriously in spiritual warfare as described in Ephesians 6. We will make each piece of armor as a craft and discuss its importance in the Christian life. We then conclude the year with a class party!

BIBLE DOCTRINES

Each week in the Warehouse (where students watch a skit or hear from a special speaker) and Art Studio (where students participate in a special class, such as music or crafts), there will be a specific Bible truth (doctrine) that will be emphasized. These doctrines will also be periodically reviewed as part of our classroom time.

TANK

To make verse memorization fun for students, I have created a make-believe world and storyline about a cartoon dog in Microsoft PowerPoint named "Tank". One day he found an abandoned tank, and as soon as he got in it, he was transported to a strange, vast world. He must journey through this world and collect all six pieces of the Armor of God to unlock his way back home. Along the way, he encounters each memory verse and helps the kids memorize the verses by "destroying" key words in the verses using various weapons, so that the students must supply each missing word every time we recite it together.

ABSENCES

If your child cannot make it to class for any reason, you can take a photo of both sides of their completed activity sheet and record an audio or video clip of them reciting their memory verse and email/message these to jhmulkey@gmail.com, 864-569-4879, or through Facebook. You can also download and print the new activity sheet and memory verse for that week from the weekly email, the class website (ksgrade2.com), or Facebook. This way your child will not fall behind in their progress!

LATE WORK

To be fair to students who are diligently completing their activity sheets and memory verses each week, 1 point will be subtracted from any activity sheet or memory verse turned in/recited more than 2 weeks after the date it was due, and 2 points subtracted after more than 5 weeks.

STAY CONNECTED

I do my best to ensure you, as parents, are connected and well-informed with what your child is doing and learning in class:

Website: www.ksgrade2.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ksgrade2

If you're on Facebook, please join my class's private Facebook group page to receive notifications about weekly updates and special announcements. I'll also occasionally post photos and videos of what we're up to in Kidstuff!

Weekly Email Update

No Facebook? No problem. Every week, I will also send out an email with the same information that I post on Facebook.

Weekly Text Update





















You can also get a weekly text linking to the current weekly update if you wish to. Simply text the word "Join" to 844-568-8420 to be added to the weekly text updates.

Contact

Feel free to contact me at any time via phone, text, email, Facebook, or in person at church.
I LOVE to hear from parents!

Our goal in Kidstuff is to partner with you, the parents, in training your child to know God, love God, and serve others. My prayer is that your child (and all of us) will come to know Jesus better, and that what we learn will not stay only in our heads but move to our hearts in praise and hands in ministry. If there is any way we can serve you better to this end, please let us know!

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INSIGNIA	RANK	ABBREVIATION	POINTS	INSIGNIA	RANK	ABBREVIATION	POINTS
	PRIVATE	PVT	0		SECOND LIEUTENANT	2LT	100
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	PFC	10		FIRST LIEUTENANT	1LT	110
	CORPORAL	CPL	20		CAPTAIN	CPT	120
	SERGEANT	SGT	30		MAJOR	MAJ	130
	STAFF SERGEANT	SSG	40		LIEUTENANT COLONEL	LTC	140
	SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	SFC	50		COLONEL	COL	150
	MASTER SERGEANT	MSG	60		BRIGADIER GENERAL	BG	170
	SERGEANT MAJOR	SGM	70		MAJOR GENERAL	MG	180
	COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR	CSM	80		LIEUTENANT GENERAL	LTG	190
RANK CHART					GENERAL	GEN	200
					GENERAL OF THE ARMY	GOA	220