

Dear Parents:

All of us in **Kidstuff** Children's Ministry are excited to partner with you in teaching your child to know and love God! What a privilege we have to help you fill their minds and hearts with the never changing truth from God's Word.

One of the ways we accomplish this goal is by teaching what we call doctrinal objectives. We have developed a comprehensive set of 100 doctrinal objectives, taken right from the North Hills doctrinal statement and stated in kid-friendly language. We teach five of these doctrinal objectives each quarter for the five years a child is in **Kidstuff**.

Below you will find the doctrinal objectives for your child for this fourth quarter. The teacher is already working to help your child learn these truths, and the special classes provided each week in the Art Studio, as well as the skits in the Warehouse, reinforce what they are learning.

As the primary spiritual teacher in your child's life, we trust that you will rehearse these truths with your child at home over and over again. To help you in that venture, we have suggested some simple and fun at-home activities that you can do with your child. You may be helped by using these ideas—and you may come up with some even better ideas on your own.

We love ministering to your child!

Kidstuff Doctrinal Objectives

4th Quarter (Year E)

Doctrines of End Times

- When Jesus comes back, God will finally make all believers perfect.
- Jesus will take all believers to heaven.

Doctrines of Sin

- The devil does not have all power. Only God does.
- The devil does not know everything. Only God does.
- The devil is not everywhere. Only God is.

It's not unusual for children to formulate unbiblical ideas about Satan that they will carry into adulthood. Nowhere does the Bible teach that Satan has the same powers as God. The devil is not an all-powerful being on the "dark side." He is not equal to God. God is in a category all alone; there is only one God—and your child learned several important attributes about God in kidstuff during the Fall. This quarter your child is learning that God has an enemy, the devil, who is real. BUT, your child is also learning that Satan does not have the same powers as God. The devil is limited, and it is important for us to convey him accurately to our children.

Activities

Have your child think of something in his/her mind without speaking it. You guess what he/she is thinking (which will hopefully be incorrect!) Explain that just like you do not know everything, neither does Satan. Only God can know our thoughts. Any other person cannot know, they can only guess. (You can go on to explain that the devil is very smart and sneaky and he can use what he does hear us say and see us do to gain understanding about how we think and what will tempt us, but he is not all-knowing like God.) **The devil does not know everything. Only God does.**

Have your child go into one room in the house. Position yourself in a different room. Use an object of some sort to represent Satan and place that in yet another room to show how Satan can only be in one place in the world at a time. Then use a string, streamers, or anything long, and run it from room to room to represent how God is in every place at the same time. **The devil is not everywhere. Only God is.**

Sit in the floor with your child to talk about how the devil is not as powerful as God. Use an example of some of his/her toys or a movie he/she enjoys—focusing on the good guys and the bad guys. Often they seem like equal versions—the good fighting the bad. Explain that God has the most power, and even though Satan has power, he is not equal to God in an evil version. **The devil does not have all power. Only God does.**

Craft Project

Look for an example of when your child is frustrated that he/she is not perfect . . . or struggling because someone else is not perfect. Explain that Jesus promised He would return and **when Jesus comes back, God will make all believers perfect.** Our longings to be perfect will be true when Jesus comes back and makes us perfect. And our longings for everything to right will come true when **Jesus takes all believers to heaven!** Heaven is a perfect place!

Have your child create a shoe box scene of heaven. He or she can use whatever creative materials desired to create an example of what a glimpse of heaven could look like. (You can read through Revelation 21-22 with your child to share the biblical description of heaven.) Look for an opportunity for your son or daughter to show the shoe box creation to a neighbor, friend or family member, explaining about heaven and the way to get there through Jesus Christ! (If your child does not enjoy craft projects at all, you could have him or her draw/paint a scene of heaven instead.)