

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 first 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

1st Quarter (Year E)

Doctrines of God

- God is the Creator of all things.
- God is the Sustainer of all things.
- God is the Ruler of all things.

Doctrines of The Bible

- The Holy Spirit directed men to write the Bible.
- The Bible has only one meaning.

"Creating"

Have your child make a list of 10 things God has created. With your child, choose three (or more) and "make" one yourself—drawing a picture, using craft supplies or building materials, etc. Talk about how amazing it is that God made each one—and so many more things! **God is the Creator of all things!**

On a different day, use the "creations" your child made to talk about what it would take to "sustain" that creation or keep it going. (i.e. If the creation is a flower, it needs water and soil and sunlight, and it makes seeds to create more flowers.) Spend time in prayer together thanking God that **He is the Sustainer of all things!**

Fun with Words

Use the letters from a Scrabble game or a Boggle game (or cut letters out of newspaper or magazine pages) to have your child spell a word. You choose a word that can have more than one meaning like *iron, squash, bat, pound, yard, etc.* Have your child make up a sentence using the word and then slide the letters to you "giving" you the word.

Then you change the sentence to make the word have a different meaning but act as if you are quoting or representing your child.

Example

Child: "The player hit a homerun with the bat."

Parent: "Josh said, 'The player ran home when he saw the black bat.'"

Explain to your child that **the Holy Spirit directed men to write the Bible** just like you directed your child to spell the word.

Then explain that when your child made up the sentence, the word had a specific meaning. (In the example, "bat" was a baseball bat not an animal with wings.) When your child gave you the word it had a specific meaning, and when you changed it you were not being true to the real meaning of the word. Likewise, when the Holy Spirit gave God's Word to people, it had a specific meaning. **The Bible has one true meaning.** God's people should want to know the true meaning of God's words and be true to that meaning rather than changing them to mean something different.