

MR. MULKEY'S 2ND GRADE

Meets at 10:30 or 5:00
Room D108



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handbook

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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 have been teaching second graders at North Hills since 2006. 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 earn promotions and prizes as they accumulate points. They earn points by completing two weekly "missions":

MISSION 1 | 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 are worth 6 points (point values are indicated on each sheet).

MISSION 2 | Memory Verse

Stapled to each activity sheet is a memory verse card. Students memorize this verse 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 (PVT). They then earn a promotion for every 10 points they accumulate. A few ranks require 20 points. See the rank chart on pages 5-6 for details. 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 their new rank and get to choose a prize from the prize drawer at the end of class!

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

Students earn special prizes at the following rank milestones. These promotions require 20 points:

2nd Lieutenant (2LT) | 100 points

- laminated certificate
- flashlight

Brigadier General (BG) | 170 points

- framed certificate
- binoculars

General of the Army (GOA) | 220 points

- premium framed certificate
- LEGO set
- book
- camouflage hat with 5-star pin

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

While attendance does not count towards points or promotions, a student who achieves perfect attendance will receive a special certificate at the end of the year. A student with perfect participation (perfect attendance + perfect point score) will receive a special additional prize at the end of the year.

MEMORY VERSES

We memorize six different passages throughout the year from the English Standard Version (ESV) translation of the Bible. We will practice the verse card for the week in class, and students continue to work on memorizing the verse card during the week so they can recite it to me in class the following 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

"TANK"

"Tank" is a cartoon dog that the kids will see each week that goes on an adventure through a make-believe world throughout the year, helping them learn each memory verse along the way. The weekly "episodes" of Tank will be added to the class YouTube playlist each week.

BIBLE LESSONS

We have two major units of study:

The Gospel of John | 24 weeks

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 20:31 ESV).

The Armor of God | 8 weeks

We will 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.

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 "bonus" 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. Each quarter, in the wall-mounted file holder outside our classroom door, will be a handout for the doctrines we'll be covering with ideas to help you reinforce these at home. This handout will also be posted on our class website and linked in my weekly email and Facebook updates.

ABSENCES

If your child cannot make it to class for any reason, you can make sure they don't fall behind by doing the following:

1. Take a photo of each page of their activity sheet and send it to me by text, email, or Facebook
2. Take a video or audio recording of them reciting their memory verse and sent it to me by text, email, or Facebook
3. Download the new activity sheet and memory verse card from the weekly update or from the class web portal so you can print them out
4. Have them watch the latest videos on the class YouTube playlist

LATE WORK

To be fair to students who faithfully complete their missions each week, 1 point will be subtracted from activity sheets or memory verses turned in/recited more than 9 weeks after the due date, and 2 points will be subtracted after 18 weeks. If your child joined our class partway through the year, the weeks above will be adjusted by how many weeks of class they missed for missions assigned during those weeks.

STAY CONNECTED

I do my best to ensure you are connected and well-informed with what your child is doing and learning in class. See QR codes on page 9 for links to the following resources:

Student Progress Portal | www.ksgrade2.com/students.html

This web page puts all your child's class progress information right at your fingertips, whether on your mobile device or home computer. A video walk-through of how to use it is linked on page 9.

Facebook Group | www.facebook.com/groups/ksgrade2

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

YouTube Playlist | www.tinyurl.com/ksgrade2videos

Every week, the current lesson video from the DVD *The Gospel of John* will be added to this playlist along with the current memory verse video.

Weekly Email Update

Every week, I will also send out an email with the same information that I post on Facebook. If I did not get your email from you when you dropped off/picked up your child the first time, simply scan the QR code on page 9 and click "send" to be added to the email list.

Weekly Text Update










You can also get a weekly text linking to the current weekly update. Simply scan the QR code on page 9 and click "send" to be added to the texting list.




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! You can scan the QR code on page 9 to add my contact info to your contacts.

Our goal in Kidstuff is to partner with you in training your child to know God, love God, and serve others. My prayer is that your child will come to know and love Jesus more, and that what they learn will not just make it to their heads and stop there but move to their 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		SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	SFC	50
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	PFC	10		MASTER SERGEANT	MSG	60
	CORPORAL	CPL	20		SERGEANT MAJOR	SGM	70
	SERGEANT	SGT	30		COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR	CSM	80
	STAFF SERGEANT	SSG	40	ENLISTED RANKS			

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	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2LT	100		BRIGADIER GENERAL	BG	170
	FIRST LIEUTENANT	1LT	110		MAJOR GENERAL	MG	180
	CAPTAIN	CPT	120		LIEUTENANT GENERAL	LTG	190
	MAJOR	MAJ	130		GENERAL	GEN	200
	LIEUTENANT COLONEL	LTC	140		GENERAL OF THE ARMY	GOA	220
	COLONEL	COL	150	OFFICER RANKS			

Date	Lesson	Memory	Doctrine	Bonus Class
8/21	Class Intro	Ps 139:17-18	We live to show how great God is by serving each other and sharing Jesus with the lost (Kidstuff purpose statement)	crafts (scroll)
8/28	John Intro	Jn 20:30-31		activities (tag)
9/4	NO KIDSTUFF (LABOR DAY)			
9/11	John 1	Jn 1:1-2	God is perfect in every way	inventions
9/18	John 2	Jn 1:3	God always tells the truth	music
9/25	John 3	Jn 1:4-5		crafts (sheep)
10/2	John 4	Jn 1:6-8	God loves everyone / God is full of mercy	activities (jewel thief)
10/9	John 5	Jn 1:9-11	God loves everyone	inventions
10/16	John 6	Jn 1:12-13	God is full of mercy	music
10/23	John 7	Jn 1:14	Jesus was hungry, thirsty, tired, and tempted	activities (relay)
10/30	John 8	Jn 1:15	Jesus lived a sinless life	crafts (felt fish)
11/6	John 9	Jn 1:16-17	People sin because of wrong desires in their heart / People sin because the devil tempts them	inventions
11/13	John 1-9 Review	Jn 1:18	NO WAREHOUSE (BUSINESS MEETING)	flowers
11/20	NO KIDSTUFF (ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY)			
11/27	NO KIDSTUFF (THANKSGIVING)			
12/4	John 10	Phil 2:5-6	n/a	music
12/11	John 11	Phil 2:7		writing
12/18	John 12	Phil 2:8	WALK-THROUGH NATIVITY	cookies and hot cocoa
12/25	NO KIDSTUFF (CHRISTMAS)			
1/1	NO KIDSTUFF (NEW YEARS)			

1/8	John 13	Phil 2:9	n/a	surprise
1/15	John 14	Phil 2:10-11	People are sinners because they inherited a sin nature / People are sinners because they choose to sin	review
1/22	John 15	Rom 8:31	God did not create people because He needed them	crafts (puzzle piece)
1/29	John 16	Rom 8:32	God created people to glorify Himself	inventions
2/5	John 17	Rom 8:33		foods
2/12	John 18	Rom 8:34		carpentry
2/19	John 19	Rom 8:35	Repentance is being sorry for sin and turning from sin to God	inventions
2/26	John 20	Rom 8:36	God keeps changing believers to be more like Jesus as they grow in the Christian life	music
3/5	John 21	Rom 8:37	God sees believers as not guilty	activities (backwards soccer)
3/12	John 10-21 Review	Rom 8:38-39	God keeps changing believers to be more like Jesus as they grow in the Christian life	child safety
3/19	Amor Intro	Eph 6:10-11	n/a	music
3/26	Belt	Eph 6:12		crafts (cement cross)
4/2	Breastplate	Eph 6:13	God holds all true believers so they can never fall out of His hands	activities (spoon egg)
4/9	NO KIDSTUFF (EASTER)			
4/16	Shoes	Eph 6:14-15	Jesus is coming again / No one knows the time of Jesus' return	inventions
4/23	Shield	Eph 6:16	Heaven is a real place of unending beauty and joy in the presence of God	music
4/30	Helmet	Eph 6:17		crafts (door hanger)
5/7	Sword	Eph 6:18	The leaders of the church are called elders / Elders are humble men who direct God's people	activities (rock/paper/scissors)
5/14	Armor Review	(no verse)		review
5/21	CLASS PARTY	(no verse)	n/a	CLASS PARTY



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