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We had another great week in Kidstuff! It's so thrilling to see God at work in the heart of children. At this age level, we use a lot of extrinsic motivation (e.g. points, promotions, and prizes) for students to study and memorize God's Word, but God works through that and also transforms kids on the inside.

I wanted to share this video of Mark reciting all the memory verses he's learned in my class this year (Psalm 139:17-18, John 20:30-31, and John 1:1-13). His whole family has been memorizing these verses together, and I'd highly recommend this to all of you if you're able to do so. As you can see, this helps tremendously to engrain these memory verses in a child's mind instead of just memorizing short term.



LESSON

We watched John 7 from the [The Gospel of John](#) DVD. Here are some of the key points we discussed:

- Jesus went in secret to the feast (Feast of Booths) in Jerusalem, because He knew the Jewish leaders were seeking to kill Him.
- Many people in the crowds Jesus spoke to were confused about His identity. Some said He must be the Messiah because of all the miracles He was performing. Others said He couldn't be the Messiah because He was from Galilee, and the Messiah had been prophesied to be born in Bethlehem in Judea. Of course, they didn't realize that He indeed was born in Bethlehem in Judea.
- Multiple times the Jewish leaders attempted to seize Jesus, but they could not because it was not God's appointed time for Him to be seized. We see here how God is sovereign over every detail.
- Similar to Jesus' private conversation with the woman at the well in John 4, Jesus proclaims to all at the feast in Jerusalem that He can give them "living water" to anyone who believe in Him. Again, He is speaking of spiritual life.

MEMORY

**"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."
(John 1:14, ESV).**

The "Word", again, is Jesus, the eternal second Person of the Trinity. Since He is God, He has always existed, but not always as a man. The glorious reality of the incarnation is that the "Word became flesh" (i.e. became a human being) and actually lived among us. But unlike any other man, Jesus was fully God as well as fully man. As fully God, He was full of grace and truth. As fully man, He was able to offer His life as a substitute and ransom for all those who put their faith in Him for eternal life.

BONUS CLASS / DOCTRINES

Today's doctrines:

- Jesus was hungry, thirsty, tired, and tempted

In activities class, we played a relay race game with various challenging parts (zig-zagging through cones while linked in a circle with 3 other kids, 3-legged race, and potato sack race). This game reminded us how Jesus had to go through many hardships while here on earth, but unlike us, He never failed (not even once!) and never complained or sinned in any other way.

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