

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. In addition to three doctrines of Christ, this quarter we are teaching two Bible truths about how God saves and uses children! 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

2nd Quarter (Year E)

Doctrines of Christ

- God the Father sent His only Son to earth to be born as a man.
- The reason Jesus came was to save sinners.
- Jesus claimed equality with God.

Bible Truths About Children

- God saves children.
- God uses children.

"Surprise" Letter

Have your child watch you address an envelope to him/her and place a folded paper in it and mail it. Your child does not know what is in the envelope and will anticipate receiving it! When the envelope arrives, have him/her open it to discover a seed. Have a pot with dirt in it waiting and have your child place the seed on top of the dirt. Explain that just as you sent the seed to your child that can grow into flower, God sent His only Son to earth to be born as a man.

The next day purchase a blooming flower (any single stem flower is fine) and discuss with your child how a seed becomes a plant that produces a beautiful flower. The seed has a purpose—to become a flower and bring joy when others see its beauty. Likewise, God sent His only Son to be born as a man for a reason—the reason Jesus came was to save sinners.

Trip to the Playground

Make a trip to a playground *that has a seesaw* with your child along with his/her siblings and even some of his/her favorite stuffed animals or action figures. You (or another adult) sit on one end of the seesaw (representing God) and take turns placing each animal or action figure and each sibling on the seesaw to show that no one can equal the grown up. The seesaw always stays down on your end—which represents no one is equal to God. Then have your child sit on the seesaw and you stand enough to make the seesaw level out, explaining that Jesus claimed equality with God—because He was!

Story Time

Prepare a special snack that has a "kids" theme to it—something your child would view as a treat all kids would love! Invite an adult who was saved as a child and who has walked with the Lord a long time (a grandparent, a Shepherding Group member, a Kidstuff teacher) to come over for the special snack and have him/her share their testimony of coming to faith in Christ as a child. Make a big deal over how much Jesus loves children and how you don't have to be an adult to come to faith in Christ. God saves children.

Now . . . repeat this experience, using a different but equally desirable snack . . . only this time invite another child/teen to come over to enjoy the snack. Choose a child that you know God has used to show care for someone or to share the gospel with someone. Have that child tell the story of how God used him/her. Make a big deal over how much Jesus loves children and how you don't have to be an adult for God to use you. God uses children.