

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 third 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

3rd Quarter (Year E)

Doctrines of the Church

- The job of the church is to make disciples.
- Making disciples includes sharing the good news of the gospel with unbelievers and teaching believers how to live according to God's Word.

Doctrines of Sin

- God's judgment of sin is physical death and spiritual death, which is separation from God.

Doctrines of Salvation

- God completely forgives people when they believe in Jesus.
- True believers will never permanently stop loving God and living for Him.

Scripture Memory

You can really help your child by teaching him/her where in the Bible we are given our mission in life. God's people have been given a specific task . . . to make disciples. Whatever occupation we have, wherever we live, whatever amount of education or money we have—all believers have the same mission in life. The job of the church is to make disciples. Help your child know that mission by having him or her learn Matthew 28:19-20 (the words and the reference) and emphasizing that for as long as a Christian lives, these verses can keep him or her on track.

Matthew 28:19-20 English Standard Version (ESV)

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Poster

Help your child make a poster with the scripture memory verses at the top of it. Now have him/her draw a line down the middle of the poster. Explain that God's people have 1 JOB—MAKING DISCIPLES that includes 2 PARTS—(1) sharing the good news of the gospel with unbelievers and (2) teaching believers how to live according to God's Word. Have your child underline each of these parts and draw a line to one half of the poster. In that space have your child draw a picture of what that part looks like in action. Now do the same for the other part on the other side of the poster.

Bad News/Good News

The Bad News:

Explain to your child that every single person is a sinner. No one lives a perfect life without sinning.

Next explain that God's judgment for sin is death—both physical death and spiritual death. Use a thermometer or a stethoscope (or something that makes sense to your child) to signify physical death. All human bodies will someday die because of sin. Use an open umbrella to represent spiritual death. Have your child stand on one side of the umbrella and you on the other showing how sinners will be separated from God forever because He cannot have sin around Him.

The Good News:

Draw a cross and write FORGIVEN in large letters on a piece of paper and tape it to the top of the open umbrella. Explain that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and God completely forgives people when they believe in Jesus. Have your child join you under the umbrella showing that people who believe in Jesus are completely forgiven. They are protected from having to pay for their sins!

Have your child walk around the room, with you following and keeping him/her under the umbrella. God's love and forgiveness will keep covering His children. Stand with your child under the umbrella and explain to your child that God will never let go of His children and a true believer will never permanently stop loving God and living for Him.