

PARENTS' CORNER



If you have children with you today who participated in our kids ministry, here's what they learned:

Lesson Goal:

The children will learn that we should be humble instead of prideful.

Main Point:

Because I am on God's team, I should be humble!

Bible Story:

The pride of James and John
(Mark 10:35-45)

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)

"Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."

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MESSAGE NOTES

December 13, 2015

SERIES: The Gift

Part 1: "Unto Us"

I. The gift of Christmas is more than a _____, it's an

_____.

¹ Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John ² (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). ³ So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

⁴ He had to go through Samaria on the way. ⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.

⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

- John 4:1-9 (NLT)

II. There is a big difference between knowing the _____ and knowing the

_____.

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." - John 4:10 (NLT)



Upcoming Events

Sun 12/20

Believer's Communion

- 9:30am before our gathering
- Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

Thur 12/24

Christmas Eve Service

- All ages
- 7pm-8pm
- Free Dessert and Beverage social after

Sun 12/27

NO GATHERING!!!

- yes...this means there will be no one at Kimberly Lane this day!

Sun 12/31

YEAR END GIVING

- Any contributions you wish to go towards the 2015 year must be postmarked or sent via online giving by December 31, 2015.



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²⁶ So John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River; the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us."

*²⁷ John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.' ²⁹ It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the best man is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success. ³⁰ He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.
- John 3:26-30 [NLT]*

III. Jesus was sent by God so that we could _____

God _____, and _____ God as _____

Jesus was **not** sent by God simply to:

I. Be a _____

II. Be a _____

III. Establish a _____

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus came to earth to _____ God to us!
No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. -John 1:18 [NIV]

Colossians 1:15 [NLT]

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

- If you want to know what God is like, look at how Jesus _____

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. - John 3:16-17 [NLT]

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 6:23 [NLT]

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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