

GOOD SAM'S

KIDS!

January & February 2021

A new year is finally upon us. With all of the challenges we had in 2020, Good Samaritan is looking forward to positive change in 2021! While we will continue to offer worship online only, the Good Sam's Kids leaders are looking for fun ways to keep our 1st - 4th graders engaged and learning.

For the month of January, we will continue learning about Jesus' early life. Not much is known about Jesus as a boy, but Luke shares two stories of a young Jesus in his Gospel. In all four Gospels, we learn about Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River by his cousin, John, which we will learn about just before the end of the month. Also in January, Good Sam's Kids will be invited to join in our Fellowship Fifth Sunday. In the months when we are lucky enough to have five Sundays, we will use the fifth one to take a rest from lessons and instead have fun playing games and chatting via Zoom.

In February, we will continue to learn about Jesus' life as we learn about miracles he performed and we even get to hear about Jesus having a fun dinner with his friends, Mary and Martha. Our Good Sam's Kids will also be learning about Ash Wednesday, and they are invited to take part in our online Imposition of Ashes service on Ash Wednesday. Did you know that both priests and lay people can impose ashes? Because we are not meeting in person this year, we will be porch dropping ashes for every person who would like to take part in the Imposition of Ashes. All you need is a bit of olive oil to mix in with the ashes before applying. I'm looking forward to seeing our families take part!

Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, this year. While we are still working on new ideas for observing this season in an online format, we are embracing this unique opportunity to really focus on reflection and prayer this year. Remember that Lent doesn't mean you have to give something up. Sometimes it may even be more helpful to commit to adding something in. This year, we would like for families to consider taking part in a reading challenge. Deb Samples has a wonderful library for Good Sam families, and has recently added books that help kids learn to talk about race. Please look for more information coming very soon!



Save the Date!



January

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Whose Am I? Learn about the Baptism of Jesus by John in the River Jordan.

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Fun Fourth Friday at 7:00 p.m. Join us for games and fellowship during our online hangout every 4th Friday of the month!

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Loved & Forgiven, Forgiven & Loved – Jesus has dinner at Simon’s house when an unexpected guest shows up.

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Fellowship Sunday – Take a break from lessons to play games and have fun together every 5th Sunday of the month!

February

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Jesus Makes People Well – Learn about the miracles of Jesus when he saves a little girl and heals a woman.

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Mary & Martha – Jesus comes for dinner. See what happens when Martha is upset because she is doing all the work. We will also learn about Ash Wednesday.

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Ash Wednesday – Join us at 7 p.m. for an online service for the Imposition of Ashes. Reading challenge begins.

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Parable of the Good Samaritan – Learn the story of Good Sam’s namesake. Who is my neighbor??

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The Parable of the Rich Fool – don’t store up treasures for yourself. These can’t go to God’s Kingdom.
The Parable of the Mustard Seed. Just how big is God’s Kingdom??