

Mid-Week

CHALLENGES

week of 8/2

Complete these challenges during the week with your kids to reinforce the lesson from Sunday! Take pictures and post to social media using the hashtag

#TCCkidsathome and tag us @twocitieschurchws so we can see what you're up to!

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1

Evaluate the Outdoors

Print the "Outdoor Checklist" on heavyweight paper. Print enough copies for each child to have one checklist. Cut out the checklists. Give each child a checklist and a marker. Take an outdoor walk. Suggest boys and girls look around outdoors and see what the land is like. Show a child how to check off an item when she discovers it. Allow boys and girls to take turns looking through binoculars or microscopes. Talk about things they see.

***SAY:** Moses sent the men into the land to see what it was like. When the men saw that there were strong people already living there, they were afraid. They wanted to go against what God wanted. They wanted to go back to Egypt. What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands. Because Joshua and Caleb trusted God and wanted to obey Him, God allowed them to live in the land many years later.*

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2

Play "What Color is the Fruit"?

Place several sheets each of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple construction paper on the floor in a large space. Call out the name of a fruit, and suggest children move to the paper that represents the fruit's color. Continue calling out fruits as boys and girls move.

***SAY:** The Bible says the men brought many kinds of fruit back to Moses, and the bunch of grapes they brought was so big they had to carry it on a pole. Joshua and Caleb trusted God and were ready to move into the land, but the rest were not. Jesus always trusted God. He took the punishment we deserve for turning away from God. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life with Him forever.*

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3

Practice Using Chopsticks

Wad small scraps of paper, and place them in a bowl. Demonstrate how to hold chopsticks and pick up one of the paper balls from the bowl. Invite children to take turns trying to pick up the paper balls from the bowl. After the children have had time to practice using chopsticks, scatter paper wads in the room. When you say go, the children will walk to the center of the room, pick up a paper wad with the chopsticks, and carry it back to the bowl. Play continues in this way until kids gather all the paper wads from the center of the room.

***SAY:** Great job gathering those paper wads! Using chopsticks can be tricky if you have never learned how. In China, chopsticks are the most common utensil used for eating solid food. Forks are rare! Sadly, people in China who know about Jesus are also somewhat rare. More than one billion people live in China, and most of them do not believe the gospel of Jesus. As we learn about the importance of trusting God and what it means to sin, pray each day this week that missionaries in China will be able to reach more people there with the good news of Jesus. That way, the Chinese people can learn to trust God and turn from sin!*