

## Oasis Grades 1st-4th MPact

How good are you at using your imagination? Imagine what it would be like if you were a Canaanite kid, watching your father's flocks as they graze on a hill near the Jordan River. It is a cool spring day and the river is at flood stage, so you must be careful of the swiftly moving waters. Across the raging waters, you notice a huge group of people gathered at the other side of the river. "What in the world could they be doing?" you ask yourself. "They couldn't be crazy enough to try to cross the river at this time of the year." Suddenly, you see a small group of men carrying a large box on poles. They are stepping into the river! Are they crazy? But, instead of being swept away in the powerful current, the water seems to disappear around their feet! When you look up the river, you can see the waters piling up in a heap! Soon, the river bottom is completely dry!

**Describe how the Canaanites felt when they witnessed what God did with the flood waters of the Jordan? (see Josh 5:1)**

**Why do you think God helped the Israelites make such a "big entrance" into the Promised Land? (Josh 3:10)**

As a family, talk about how this story makes you feel. Remember, God never changes, so when you pray together, you are praying to the same God that made the Canaanites "shake in their sandals." No matter what difficult times you may see, our God is great! Trust Him! Wait and see what He will do!

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## Early Childhood Ministries

### *Chimp Room – 2 year old*

Genesis 37 Joseph's Colorful Coat

Today we are learning about Joseph's colorful coat. Joseph was a boy who loved God. God blessed Joseph because He loved God. Joseph's father gave him a very beautiful coat made of many colors. Joseph's brothers did not like that their brother got a beautiful coat and they did not get one. They decided to send Joseph far away to another country. God took care of Joseph when he was in the country far away, just like God takes care of us.

### Faithful Fish, 3 year olds

Matthew 6:25-34 Don't Worry

The Bible tells us that Jesus taught people. He was a very good teacher. People followed Jesus where He went because they wanted to learn more about God, his Father. One day Jesus asked his helpers, the disciples to gather around Him on the hill. Jesus said, "Don't worry." Jesus knew that the people were worried about what they were going to eat and what clothes to wear. God takes care of the flowers and grass. God loves you much more than the grass and plants. Each day God will give you the clothes you need. Don't worry. Instead, think about God and what He wants you to do. And let God take care of what you need.

**Bible Verse:** Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

### Kingdom Kids, 4 year olds through Kindergarten

John 5:1-15 Jesus heals

The Bible tells us that Jesus came to a pool of water in Jerusalem, called the Pool of Bethesda. People believe that the pool had healing powers and sometimes would stay days at the pool to become healed. Jesus came to the pool and went up to a man who could not walk. The man was lying on a mat and had not walked for 38 years. Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to get well?" The man replied he could not get into the pool. Jesus told him to "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." The man did not know who just healed him. Later Jesus found the man in the temple. Jesus talked with him. The man knew who healed him. Then the man was able to say who healed him. Jesus is God's Son. He has the power to heal.

**Bible Verse:** "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:9

### *Children's Wellness Policy*

All Staff and children are asked to refrain from attending when ill. Children should not be admitted into class with any of the following symptoms and/or illness; fever or throwing up in the last 24 hours, runny nose (not clear), active chicken pox, questionable rashes, any Skin Infection-boils, ring worm, impetigo, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis (pinkeye), diarrhea, coughing/croup, head lice, including the presence of eggs or nits.

Hello from the Mzawa Church staff! Mzawa Church is currently going through the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. We are pausing our series to recap through some of the Ten Commandments we already covered. This week we are discussing what the first four commandments are about and how they relate to the greatest commandment Jesus gave us in Matthew 22:37, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

As a family, read Exodus 20:1-11 and Matthew 22:34-37 and answer the following questions:

1. What are the first four commandments about?
2. What does Jesus say is the greatest commandment in Matthew 22:37?
3. What do the first four commandments have to do with what Jesus said in Matthew 22:37?

The first four commandments are about our relationship with God. God wanted Israel to put Him first above all things. Jesus tried to explain this point later on in Matthew when He explained that we need to love God with EVERYTHING we have. God wants to bless us, lead us, and He always loves us. God wants us to trust that when we let Him lead, He will send us in the right direction!

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