

Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to
grow a faith of their own.

Month 4 Week 2

SUPERKID!

READ:

Romans 8-9
Colossians 1-2

HEART GRAFFITI:

**“... Do not think
of _____
more highly than
you _____, but
rather think of
yourself with
sober
_____ in
accordance with
the measure of
_____ God
has given you.”
Romans 12:3**

Our age makes a difference in how we see ourselves, how we relate to God, and how we live among other people. When we are very young, we don't have much opportunity to think for ourselves, but as we get older that changes. We don't have to wait to be all grown up before God's word can have important things to say to us. In fact, many times Jesus encouraged the adults who were with Him to be more like kids! I don't think He was telling them to do childish things like leave dirty socks on the kitchen table, but there are some characteristics of children that God greatly values. Look at these Scripture references, and see what you think they are.

Matthew 18:2,3 _____

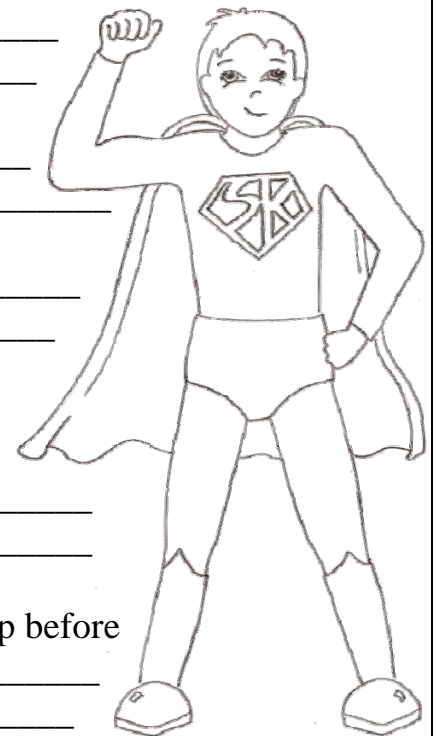
Matthew 21:15,16 _____

Luke 10:21 _____

Luke 18:15-17 _____

What challenge is given to the young in 1 Timothy 4:12?

Do you feel like you need to grow up before you can really serve God? _____



Romans 8 and 9

It is important to think of ourselves in a positive way, but our focus is not to be on what we can do, but on what God can do through us.

What do we wait and hope for (8:22-25)? _____

Who helps us when we are weak (8:26)? _____

What promise is given to those who love God and have been called according to His purpose (8:28)? _____

How does the statement in 8:31 make you feel? _____

What can separate us from the love of God (8:35-39)? _____

To the Jews, Abraham was a very important man because he is considered the father of the Jewish nation and God's chosen people. Those descended from him are considered to be special. What does Paul point out about who the children of God's promise are in Romans 9:6-16? _____

Have you ever been a little upset at God for making you a certain way? _____

In 9:20-21, what does God compare us to? _____

What purpose do you think that God has in mind for you? _____



Colossians 1 and 2

As we learn more about God, we learn more about ourselves. When we see how He works, we can understand more what we are to do. Every created thing is from God and so gets its purpose from God, and that includes us. There is room for everyone to be good at what God wants us to because He is a very big God! There is no need for us to compete with each other, because we are meant to fit together to encourage each other and help each other to grow.



“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Col. 2:7

What can take us captive if we aren't careful (2:8)? _____



PUZZLE PAGE

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FINGERPRINT MAZE

Work your way from start to center.

What funny individuals can you make out of these fingerprints?



FINGERPRINTS

A fingerprint is a unique feature of identity formed even before our birth. By around 1750 BC Babylonians used fingerprints to “sign” clay tablets. Ink prints began to be used around 220 AD in China. The usefulness of finger-prints as an identifying mark was apparently not rediscovered until the 1600s. In the 1800s fingerprints were classified and began to be used in a variety of ways. In 1924 the FBI started using fingerprints in identification. (<http://www.fingerprints.tk/>)

But God has always known that we carry this special mark of identity. Out of the billions of fingerprints examined, no two have ever been found the same, even among identical twins. Why? Why did God give us this stamp of unique identity that does not change through the span of our lifetime? If He wants us to conform to His likeness, then why do you think He gave us this mark of individuality?

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.”
Psalm 139:14-16

FINGERPRINTS

Using an inkpad, have the kids all make their fingerprints on the same piece of paper. How do they compare? Are any of them exactly the same? Talk a little about some of the ways we are all the same, and ways that no one else who has ever lived is exactly like us. Why did God make us different?



LUMPS OF CLAY

Give the kids each some play dough. Ask them to create something that represents themselves. How do they feel about their creation. How do they feel about how God made them? What do they feel is their cross to bear at this point in their life? What is their attitude toward it? How and why can we be thankful?

SUPERKIDS

Not too long ago my eleven year old decided that her classroom did not have enough recess equipment. She enlisted the help of some friends, and decided to have a bake sale. First she wrote a letter to get permission to have the sale at the school, then she and her friends baked and talked their moms into baking. They organized a work schedule, took money, made change and explained their mission to their customers.

In short, they surprised me with their persistence and capabilities. They saw a need and did something about it. It made me realize that I sell these kids short! They are powerful servants in the kingdom of God with enthusiasm and energy often lacking in adults.

This class is a great place to let the kids organize a ministry project of their own. The one we chose to do is SoleMates which gathers shoes to distribute to orphans worldwide. (www.ShoesforOrphanSouls.org)

Help your kids chose a project of their own that they can get excited about!



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