

## Milestone Kids Next Step Class

*Good evening parents and Milestone Kids, how is everyone doing?*

Speaker Intro

Parents, thank you so much for coming today. It is our desire in Milestone Kids to partner with your family in raising your kids to love Jesus and do their best to help others do the same. Our goal as a ministry is to help your children see 5 Milestones become reality in their life:

1. **Know God's Love** - the unconditional love He has for you
2. **Follow Jesus** - Receive Salvation, Get Water Baptized
3. **Grow in God's Word** - write His word on their heart
4. **Honor Others** - we honor up, we honor down, we honor all around
5. **Find Good Friends**

*Before we dive in I want to just say a word of prayer....*

*Dear God, thank You so much for the opportunity we have to be in this class together. Thank you for every child and family as we talk through these next steps to reach the milestones you have for each person. Amen!*

We've learned in Milestone Kids that God loves all of us but we all have a very bad problem called **SIN**. What is sin? (*allow for answers*) - **Sin is anything we say, think or do that goes against God's way.**

- Disobey your parents
- Get mad at your brother or sister and said something mean
- Tell a lie

...all of us have sinned. For us to understand why we have sin we have to know how sin came into the world in the first place.

**ADAM & EVE** - A long long time ago two people, Adam & Eve, were on the earth and God told them not to eat from a certain tree...well long story short they made the decision to eat the fruit. In that exact moment sin entered the world.

Now you might be asking, "What does this have to do with me?" I know Adam and Eve made that choice, but how does it affect me? Well, the Bible says that because of Adam and Eve's sin, all of us are born with sin inside of us. That's why we do the things that God doesn't want us to do.

***I want us to unpack this - MK if you're still with me give me two thumbs up!***

### **ILLUSTRATION: ADAM & EVE + US + JESUS**

**JAR 1-** ADAM & EVE – Water...add Iodine (SIN)

*This jar represents adam and eve's decision*

**JAR 2-** US – Water – pour Jar 1 into Jar 2(SIN)

We come from adam and eve, so when adam and eve made that decision it affected us

*This jar represents us and our sin, maybe you yelled at your parents, were mean to your siblings - that is all sin in your life*

**JAR 3** – Jesus - Water + Bleach – Pour into Jar 2 – Cleaning of SIN.

*Jesus made the decision to die on the cross for our sins - when you accept Jesus into your heart he comes in and cleanses you of your sins*

And, once that happens, The Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us to live the life that God wants us to live.

But, it's our choice. We can either accept God's free gift of forgiveness or we can ignore it. If we choose to accept this free gift, **it's easy to receive.**

The Bible tells us in Romans 10:9 *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

I want to give you the opportunity to pray and receive Jesus into your heart today.

If you have already prayed to receive Jesus that's okay you can still pray along with our friends that may be praying for the first time.

Salvation Opportunity

**Prayer— Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. (pause)**

**I believe you sent your son Jesus**

**To die on the cross for my sins**

**That you rose again three days later**

**Come into my life**

**Wash away my sin**

**Be my Lord and Savior**

**In Jesus Name, Amen**

If that was the first time you have ever said that prayer, we are so proud of you. The Bible tells us that there is a celebration every time someone comes to know Jesus so let's give everyone a round of applause!

I know what some of you may be wondering. What's next? **Well, now it's time to begin growing as a Christ follower.** Parent's these are just as much for you as they are for your child. You are the spiritual leader of your house. Your children will follow the example that you set.

The first step after accepting Jesus is to get water baptized!

## **WATER BAPTISM - TALK ABOUT RESOURCE**

Now, I want to make it clear that baptism does not save you. Your decision to accept the free gift of God does. Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision. I like to say that Baptism is if you had a mega phone and wanted to tell everyone about your decision to follow Jesus. You made that decision with just you and the Lord, but now by choosing to get baptized you are telling everyone that you want to live your life for Jesus! For my Milestone Kids your eyes might get super wide when you hear water baptism...don't worry there aren't any fish swimming around in the baptism tank. There is however a pastor who will be there with you the whole time. **\*Mom and dad in the crowd - invite your friends, etc.**

There is even a celebration in MK the following weekend, where your kids are celebrated and prayed over in their class!

**A great next step for everyone is to focus on prayer**

### **PRAY**

Praying is simply talking to God. Praying is so important because this is how we communicate with God. Illustration about talking on the phone with mom

*We can even pray what is in the Bible*

Parents, we also have some great resources for you. There is our 5 ways to pray for your child. Praying for your child doesn't have to be this complicated thing, and we pray that this resource will help you pray for your child.

### **READ YOUR BIBLE**

The Bible is a way God communicates with us. **\*\*Lego illustration**

It is our instruction manual for life. Everything we need to know about God and how to walk through life is in this book.

**ACTIVITY MOMENT** - We are all going to take a moment and look up a scripture together. There are Bibles on your table. The Verse is **Romans 10: 9 - If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** I wanted us to take a moment and look up the verse together. When you spend time in God's Word you learn more about who God is. There is a bookmark on your table that talks about the SOAP method and can help you continue to grow in God's Word.

If you need a Bible we have them available for you.

### **RESOURCES**

We also have a 21 day devotional. We have physical copies as well as an electronic version that can be downloaded. This devotional is topical, so no matter what you are walking through you can look at the topic that best fits what you are walking through or you can start on Day 1 and read it all the way through.

**Parents, our heart as a kids team is to help you and your child take their next step in their walk with Jesus, no matter what that step is. In just a moment our team is going to come join you at your table and talk with you about your child's next step. LET'S PRAY!**