

3RD-4TH GRADE





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BELONGS TO:



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Hello Rush Creek Parents,

We are excited to present you and your children with our Rush Creek Kid's Ministry Adventure Guide! As FORERUNNERS of the faith, we are committed to removing obstacles that may prevent people from Finding Jesus and helping them become F.I.T. Followers. As parents, we recognize how important it is that the pursuit of this Forerunner vision begins in our homes, with our children. In Deuteronomy 6:5-7, God reminds us that we are to "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words (The Bible) that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

I'm so proud of our Children's Ministry team and the work they have put into helping this Forerunner vision come alive in each of our homes. This Adventure Guide was created to help you as parents, raise up F.I.T. Followers who will eventually become Forerunners of the faith. Parents, I want to encourage you to walk alongside your children as they work through this resource and begin to discover what it means for them to be Forerunners of the faith United to help people Find and Follow Jesus.

Serving together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Marty

F.I.T. Followers

Fill their lives with the Word of God.
Invest their lives in the Kingdom of God.
Team up with others doing the same.

ADVENTURE ESSENTIALS

You will need a few supplies to help you complete each activity.



Be sure to always grab a pencil/pen and your Bible. You may choose to use a separate journal or the extra note pages in the back of the guide.



There is a map located on page 4 & 5 of this guide. It will be your Table of Contents to locate which activity you want to complete. You can go in any order through this book.



Once you have completed an activity, be sure to have your parent or an adult put their initials on the map by the page number you completed.



Throughout the year, we will celebrate your progress on Sunday mornings. We will let you know when these dates are coming up so that you can bring your Adventure Guide with you to class for a reward.



Unless otherwise specified, the version of the Bible used is Christian Standard Bible.

Parents: Initial your child's progress as activities are completed.





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Color the Vision Statement.

We are **FORERUNNERS**
of the **FAITH**
UNITED



to help people
FIND and **FOLLOW** Jesus

Memorize Scripture

LUKE 3:4-6 (CSB)

Forerunners memorize God's Word.



Explore: Open your Bible and highlight Luke 3:4-6. Read the verse aloud with an adult.



Discover: Complete the maze below by finding your way from the beginning to the center of the maze by following the correct words from the scripture.

Start Here

Luke 3:4-6



Challenge: Write the verse on an index card, practice reciting the verse out loud every day this week. At the end of the week, recite the verse to an adult without using the index card.



Evangelism

INVITING A FRIEND

Forerunners invite friends and family to Church.



Explore: God doesn't want us to go through life alone, so he graciously gave us friends and family members to enjoy life with, encourage one another, and to build each other up during happy and hard times. Sometimes our friends and family may not attend church or know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. God knew this would be the case, and because He wants EVERYONE in the whole wide world to know and love Him, He gave a very important job to us as Christians. Our job as Christians is to tell others the Gospel. The Gospel is God's good news. The good news is for the whole wide world. That means we need to invite our friends and family to church so they can hear more about God's good news and tell them that Jesus loves them so much that He died for all their sins. As Forerunners of the faith, we are called to help others find and follow Jesus. One way people can find Jesus is by coming to church.



Discover: Open your Bibles to Mark 16:15. What is the command that Jesus gives to everyone?



Challenge: Talk with an adult and come up with two people that you can invite to church with you. Write their names in the boxes below and then color the boxes in when you have asked them to come to church. Remember, you cannot control their response to your question, but God does call you to be faithful to God by asking them.

1.

2.



Prayer

ACTS

Forerunners pray to God.



Explore: What do you think of when you hear the word prayer? Does it sound scary? Are you nervous to pray out loud or maybe you feel like you don't know what to say? We pray so that we can thank God and ask Him for things. As Forerunners of the faith, we want to follow Jesus. When we pray, we can ask for direction on how to follow God.



Prayer is just a conversation with God. The One who created us and loves us so much!

You can talk to Him just like you talk to a friend so tell the truth and watch for how He responds. God doesn't answer us in a voice out loud, but He hears all your prayers, and He answers them in really cool ways.

Ask an adult how they pray.





Discover: Use the ACTS prayer model as a guide through four kinds of prayer.

ADORATION

Praise God for how great He is and how loving He is.

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness. – Isaiah 25:1

CONFESSION

Tell God how sorry you are for anything you think, say, or do that breaks His laws.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

THANKSGIVING

Thank Him for all the things He has given you and has done for you!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever. – Psalm 107:1

SUPPLICATION

Ask God to help you, your friends, and family with anything you may need or want.

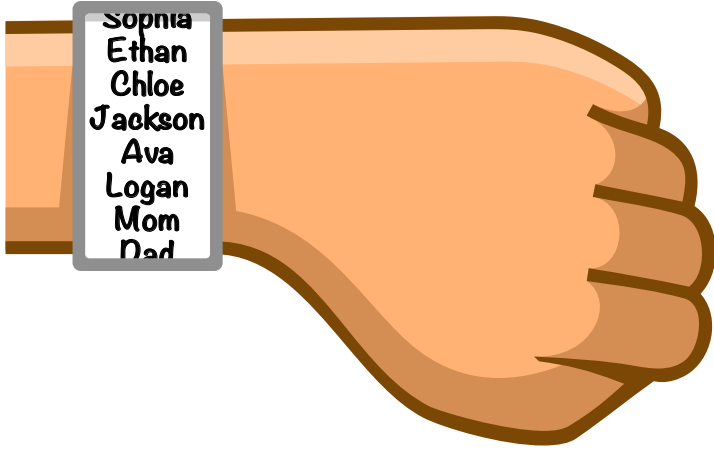
You will never weep again; he will show favor to you at the sound of your outcry; as soon as he hears, he will answer you. – Isaiah 30:19

Psalm 145:18 says “The LORD is near to all who call on him, all who call out to him with integrity.” There was a man named Peter in the Bible who was in prison because he would preach about Jesus. It was illegal to do that where he lived. Even after he was arrested, the people of God still prayed for him. As he was sitting in prison, his chains fell off, and he was free! That is how powerful prayer is. Look up Acts 12 in your Bible to read the whole story.





Challenge: With the help of an adult, cut a 2-inch-wide piece of paper to make a bracelet. Write down names of people you could be praying for and wear it during the week.



Write down their names here for a reminder.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.



Spiritual Discipline

FASTING

Forerunners practice fasting.



Explore: What is fasting? Fasting is when we give something up and spend more time with God so that we can grow closer to God. The extra time we spend with God can include praying or reading our Bible. Fasting is a choice we make, and it is a discipline we should practice as a believer in Jesus. It is not a punishment for something we have done wrong.

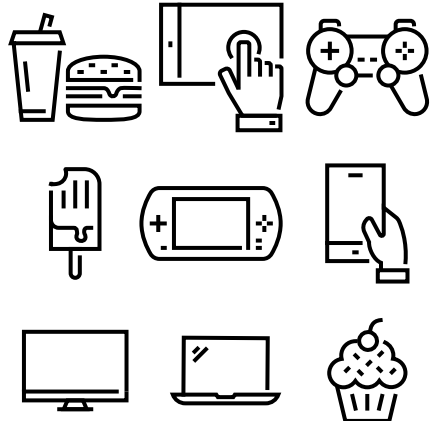


Fasting doesn't
change God.
Fasting changes us!

It is important to know that fasting doesn't change God. He knows everything and will do amazing things no matter what we do or do not do. Instead, fasting changes us! It helps us become Forerunners of the faith so we can help other people find and follow Jesus!

There are two main steps for fasting. First, decide what to give up and for how long. It should be something that does not help you grow with God. Look at the "What Should I Fast?" box for examples. Whatever you pick, it should truly be a sacrifice. A sacrifice is giving up something that is important to you.

Second, spend more time reading the Bible - especially the time you would normally spend on the activity you chose to give up.

What Should I Fast?



Discover: There are a lot of examples of people in the Bible who fasted. Turn to the book of Matthew in your Bible and read Matthew 4:1-11. This passage tells us about how Jesus fasted in the wilderness when He was tempted by Satan.



Challenge: Ask an adult if they have ever fasted. What did they learn? How did they experience the power of God?

In your own words, explain what it means to fast:

Go Further: For an extra challenge, pick something this week and fast from it. (see box on previous page for some examples)

Fill in the blanks.

Fasting doesn't _____ God. Fasting changes _____.



Worship

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Forerunners worship God.

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell about his wondrous works.”

– Psalm 105:1-2



Explore: What is worship? Sometimes we can think of worship as just singing songs in church together, but it is so much more than that. According to Webster’s Dictionary, worship is defined as “to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission”. In case you are curious, extravagant means a big amount, and submission means doing what someone else wants us to do because they are in charge. We are supposed to honor God with extravagant love and extreme submission. We are called to love God with an overflowing amount of love, obey, and listen to Him in all things. Worship is putting God at the top of our list and making sure He is the most important thing in our life. As Forerunners of the faith, we are called to worship God with everything that we have.

How can Forerunners of the faith do this?

- Sing songs that honor Him while driving in the car
- Give an offering or tithe at church
- Walk around in nature and thank God for all He has created
- Participate in corporate worship at church
- Pray to God
- Read your Bible



Discover: Ask an adult how they choose to worship God. Tell us about it:





Challenge: Look at the ways that you can worship God. Pick one of the ways to worship God and complete it. After you are finished, color in the bubble that corresponds to the way you worshipped God.



Write about the way you worshipped God. How did it make you feel? Was it hard or easy?



Missions

LOCAL MISSIONS

Forerunners are on mission for God.



Explore: Read Matthew 25:35-40 and Philippians 2:3

As a follower of Jesus, we are called to serve the people around us. We can serve in our families, church, school and community. Jesus set the ultimate example of serving when He was here on earth. As Forerunners of the faith, we are called to do the same. There are so many ways that we can serve others all around us. Not only does God want us to serve, but He wants us to do so with a joyful heart.



Church Partnerships

Compassion Center at Rush Creek provides resources and relief for those in need in our community. This includes backpack meals, the food pantry, and other classes and resources.

Handley Hope Center is a ministry of Rush Creek Church, resides in the heart of the Handley community, and provides resources, services and wellness in order to transform the neighborhood.

Operation Joy is a ministry of Rush Creek Church that provides Christmas gifts for families in our community. This is possible due to the generosity of the people of Rush Creek.

Great Turkey Take Away delivers Thanksgiving Meals to families in Fort Worth, Arlington, Mansfield, Grand Prairie, and Kennedale.



Community Partnerships

Allies in Youth engages orphans through nurturing friendships, modeling biblical love, and providing education.

Salvation Army exists to meet human need wherever, whenever, and however we can.

Mission Arlington is a faith-based organization which utilizes hundreds of volunteers and a multitude of services to assist people with their physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Beautiful Feet Ministries shares the love of Christ by reaching out to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poor and homeless in Fort Worth, Texas.





Discover: Let's think about the different ways we can serve others. Complete the activity below by writing down how you could serve under the given circumstance.

Family

A parent is sick: _____

A sibling is upset: _____

Church

A small child is upset: _____

There is trash on the ground: _____

School

A classmate is alone at recess: _____

You see someone being mean: _____

Community

You have a new neighbor: _____

You see trash at your park: _____



Challenge: Let's put our words into action! Have an adult help you. Think about how you can help someone around you. Maybe it's an example from above or maybe it's something that came to mind as you were learning about serving. Do one act of service this week for someone. Write down the date, what you did, and about your experience below!



Giving

SERVING THE CHURCH BODY

Forerunners give back to God.



Explore: Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 and Mark 10:45.



Discover: We all have many gifts, and we are called to serve the body of Christ. Being Forerunners of faith calls us to serve and love others like Jesus did. There are so many ways you can serve Rush Creek.

Think about ways you can serve in the church. Some ideas might include:

- Help the classroom leader pass out materials
- Help the classroom leaders clean up
- Give people high fives and smiles as they walk into church
- Help mom or dad where they serve
- Serve with Servants Heart (find more information at rushcreek.org/serve)



Challenge: Think of one way to serve and do it next time you're at church. Write down the date and what you did below!



Bible

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: OLD TESTAMENT

Forerunners read the Bible.



Explore: The two big parts of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is before Jesus came to earth and the New Testament is after Jesus was born and talks all about His ministry and life on Earth. There are 39 books in the Old Testament. Those books include the books of law, history, poetry, and prophets.

Prophets are people who speak God's messages about things that are happening or going to happen in the future. In the Old Testament, there are 5 Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. They are called the Major Prophets because their books of the Bible are longer than those called the Minor Prophets. God uses these prophets to help spread His teachings and promises amongst His people. These stories live on in the Bible helping to show and teach us how to live God's way. As Forerunners of the faith, we want to follow Jesus. Reading the Bible helps us do that!



Discover: Get 5 index cards or strips of paper, write down the names of each Major Prophet on the top of the card (one per card). Find where in the Bible these Major Prophets are located place your index card at the beginning of each book. Say the names in order, out loud 3-5 times. When you feel like you have them memorized, take the cards out, mix them up, and try to put them back in the right order.



Challenge: Can you memorize all of the books of the Bible? Practice by singing, dancing or writing down the books of the Bible in order. Make sure to recite the books of the Bible in order to your leader on Celebration Sunday! Scan the code to find more resources to help you memorize the books of the Bible.



For fun this week, find the Major Prophets in this puzzle.
 Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

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 R M L I Y Y K B U X F A E Q D A J B
 K D E Z E K I E L B A O N W Q M C D
 A P Z J T Z P S E O E P Y I N A L W
 F R C E T K K I T W X Z U S E U F E
 Q V P A E J O G L Q P R C N C L X Q
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 G V H T I A U T H I Y G C X M G H C
 V M S Y Z H J E R E M I A H L G Z H
 K A O S J H C C K X Z H K L H E I I
 H L A M E N T A T I O N S L L M I D
 B Y D C E N C X N H W N R O B K G O

DANIEL
 EZEKIEL

ISAIAH
 JEREMIAH

LAMENTATIONS



Memorize Scripture

ROMANS 6:23 (CSB)

Forerunners memorize God's Word.



Explore: Open your Bible and highlight Romans 6:23. Read the verse aloud with an adult.



Discover: Use a voice recorder to record yourself reading the verse slowly. Be sure to be silent after every 3-4 words. Once you are finished, end the recording and play it back. Listen and repeat the words when there is silence.



Challenge: Practice memorizing the verse 3 days this week. On the 4th day, try to write the entire scripture passage from memory without looking it up in your Bible.



Evangelism

THREE CIRCLES

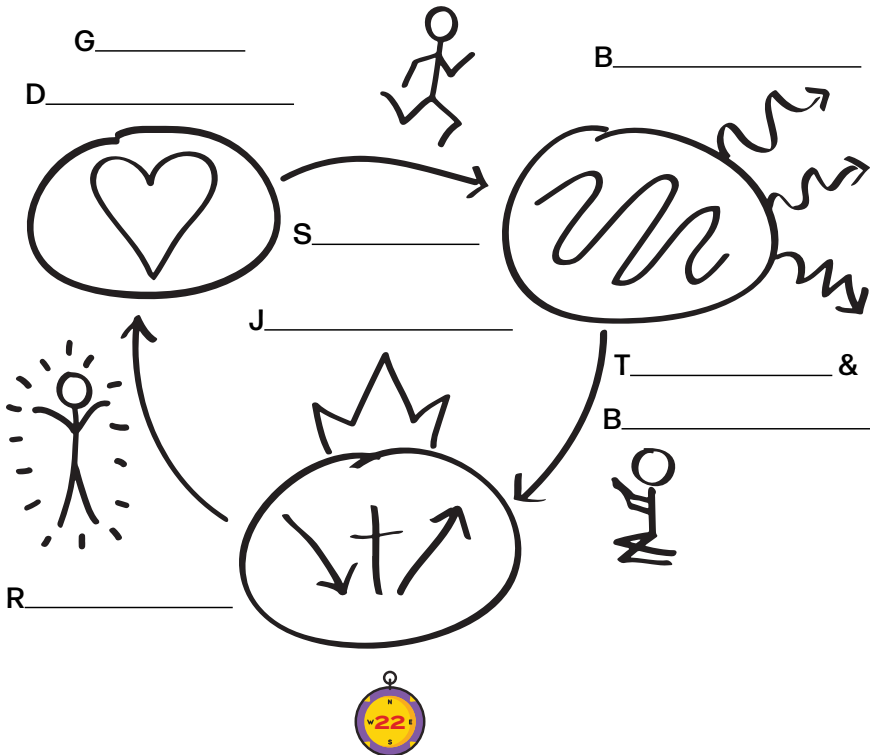
Forerunners talk about Jesus.



Explore: Sharing that you believe in Jesus and that He died on the cross for your sins is a very important part of being a Christian. It also can be a very scary part because we do not know how people will react. However, the more we practice telling others and living our lives in a way that shows people we love Jesus, the easier it will become. As Forerunners of the faith, we want to help people find Jesus. This is a great way to help our friends know who Jesus is. The 3 Circles is an easy way to tell others the good news of Jesus.



Discover: Scan this QR code to watch a video explaining the 3 Circles. Make sure to fill in the blanks after you watch.



**Challenge:**

1. Look up Romans 3:23 and write it down here.

2. What are things you see in the world that remind you of God's design for our lives? Ask an adult the same question and write their answer down here.



Bible

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: NEW TESTAMENT

Forerunners read the Bible.



Explore: Did you know there are 27 books in the New Testament? They are the Gospels, History, Letters, and Prophecy. The first 4 are the Gospels followed by Acts, which is a book of history. The 22 books that follow Acts are the letters written to churches and specific people, also known as The Epistles. The first 14 are the letters written by Paul and the next 7 were written by different authors. Last, we have Revelation, a book of prophecy. Paul is an example of a Forerunner of the faith united to help people.



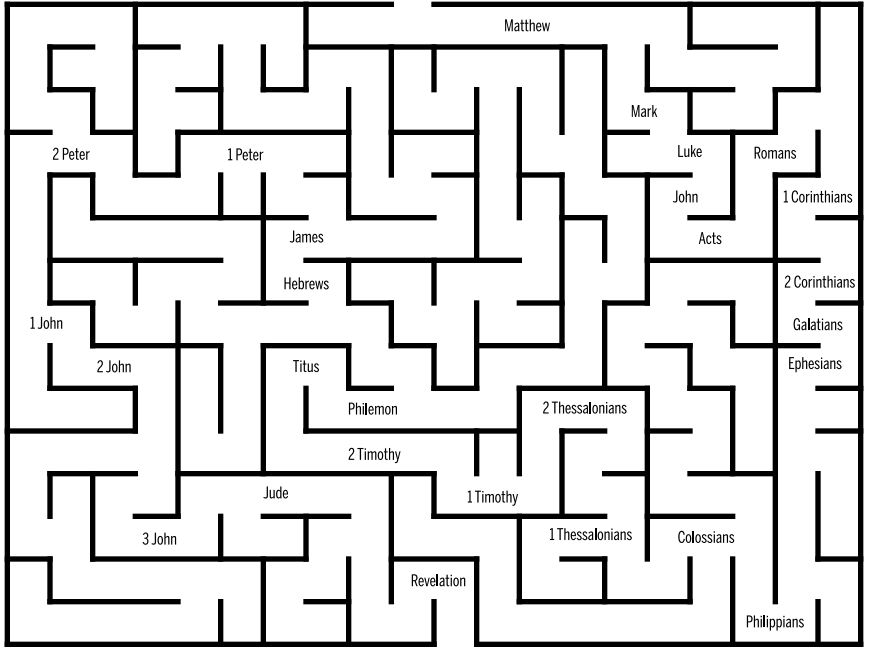
Discover: Get 7 index cards or strips of paper, write down the names of each of the letters NOT written by Paul (James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude) on the top of the card (one name per card). Find where in the Bible these letters are located place your index card at the beginning of each book. Say the names in order, out loud 3-5 times. When you feel like you have them memorized, take the cards out, mix them up, and try to put them back in the right order.



Challenge: Can you memorize all of the books of the Bible? Practice by singing, dancing or writing down the books of the Bible in order. Make sure to recite the books in order to your leader on Celebration Sunday! Scan the code below to find more resources to help you memorize the books of the Bible.



Start at Matthew and follow the maze in the same order as the books of the New Testament.



Prayer

PRAYER JOURNALING

Forerunners pray to God.



Explore: God loves when we talk to Him, no matter if we write it, speak it, or think it. He always hears us! Learning to write down our prayers helps us to be able to look back and see all the times God answered our prayers. It also helps us to focus and not get distracted.



Discover: Read 2 Samuel 22: 1-7. David praises God because God heard his prayers and saved him from his enemies. David was thankful for God listening to him and keeping him safe. Complete the following sentences.

I'm so thankful that you gave me _____.

I'm so glad that you helped me with _____.

I love you, God, because _____.

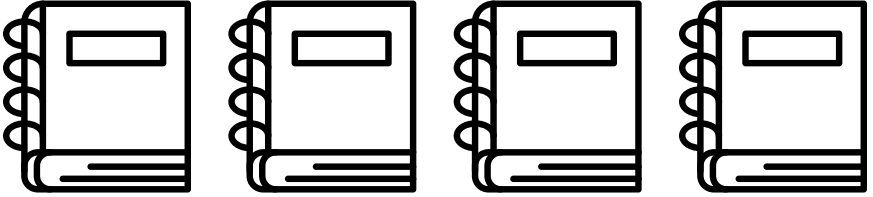
Please help me tomorrow as I _____.

Please watch over _____
[Person's name]





Challenge: This week try to write down your prayers in a journal using the ACTS prayer guide on page 10. Write down those dates on the images below.



Worship

CORPORATE WORSHIP

Forerunners worship God.



Explore: There are all kinds of churches around the world that worship God in different ways. At Rush Creek Church, we have worship services every Sunday that have some very important elements. We believe that our worship services help connect people to Jesus because we are Forerunners of the faith united to help people find and follow Jesus. A great way for people to find Jesus is to attend a worship service at Rush Creek.

1. Worship Songs

We sing worship songs together aloud. These songs have lyrics that help us praise God and pray to Him. People can stand up, sit down, raise their hands, clap their hands, or even dance along to the music.

"My mouth is full of praise and honor to you all day long." – Psalm 71:8

2. Sermon

One of our amazing pastors here at Rush Creek will preach a sermon. It always includes reading out of the Bible and almost always includes funny stories to help us remember what we are learning.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness." – 2 Timothy 3:16

3. Offering

In each of our worship centers, there are offering boxes available for families to honor God by giving a tithe or an offering. Make sure to look for these boxes at your campus.

"Each person should do as he has decided in his heart- not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7



4. The Lord's Supper

Rush Creek participates in the Lord's Supper once a quarter. This is when we remember and honor the sacrifice that Jesus made when He died on the cross for our sins.

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." – 1 Corinthians 11:26

5. Baptism

Although baptism doesn't usually happen every week, this is a very important part of our faith. People who have chosen to follow Jesus and make Him the leader of their life show the church that decision by being baptized. They are dunked into the water and then raised back up to symbolize their new life.

"Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." – Acts 2:38

We have additional information about baptism and the Lord's Supper on the website for your family to use. Scan this QR code to access it.



Challenge: Attend Sunday Morning service 2 times with your family and record the dates below. Ask an adult to visit rushcreek.org/kids and click on the Adventure Guide logo to find Printable Sermon Notes for Kids. You can print them ahead of time to help you stay focused and remember what you are learning.

1. _____

2. _____



Giving

TITHING

Forerunners give back to God.



Explore: Have you ever wondered what tithing is? Do you wonder why we are to give part of our money to the church? Tithes and offerings are money that we bring to church to help do God's work. When we give our money to help the church, we are being Forerunners of the faith united to help people find and follow Jesus. There is a difference between a tithe and an offering. In the Old Testament, God told people to give Him one-tenth of what they earned. This is called a tithe. One-tenth of the money we have is only a part of the money, not all of it. Even though it can be hard to give some of our money, God still wants us practice tithe. If you bring more money than just a tithe, that is an offering.



The word "tithe" literally means "tenth" in Hebrew.



Discover: Look up the verses in your Bible and fill in the blanks with the words below.

love

Sunday

tenth

whole

Deuteronomy 14:22 says to give a tithe, one _____ of what you earn.

Malachi 3:10 says to bring the _____ tithe to the Temple or storehouse.

Luke 11:42 says to tithe AND to show _____ for God too.

1 Corinthians 16:2 says to bring some money every _____.

(Hint: first day of the week)





Challenge: We can be generous with what God has given us. Set up a jar in your house somewhere. Whenever you receive money (allowance, chores, birthday money, etc.), ask an adult to help you take 10% of it and put it in the jar. At the end of the month, bring it to church to put in the offering bucket. Then write below about your giving experience. How did it feel?

Below are some examples of items that churches spend your tithes and offerings on. Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

Y R T C G U X E C C R I B S G N D V
 C E K P L K C H A I R S N K W T T W
 F R T E L E C T R I C I T Y J S A C
 O P A N O V A I K K B M B T J W B S
 O A A Y M N V N L R B I A O O W L M
 D P Z S O Y L M I S L D B R O Y E U
 H E J W T N X J X N F E A L K K S S
 R R V W E O S A P O G S X O E E S I
 E E L G N R R E I K L K K A V S R C
 L D P L U M B I N G X S P I P C R S
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Bible

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” – Galatians 5:22-23



Explore: The Bible tells us that kindness is a fruit of the Spirit that is given to all believers. If we have the Holy Spirit, then we have kindness inside of us. In Ephesians 4:32, it says, “And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.” This verse tells us exactly what God commands us to do. As Forerunners of the faith, God wants us to draw closer to Him. When we are close to Him, He gives us the tools and strength to display kindness all the time.



Discover: Read Titus 3:3-5. This verse shows us the greatest example of kindness, God! He is the best example of kindness. He shows us this every day through His forgiveness. Read Micah 6:8. This verse shows us that kindness is not just to obey, but we are to LOVE kindness. It should bring us joy to show those around us kindness.

Do you know someone who is always kind to you?

How do they show their kindness to others?

Why is it important that we show kindness to others?





Challenge: Write down three ways you can show kindness this week at home, school, or church.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Memorize Scripture

ISAIAH 41:10 (CSB)

Forerunners memorize God's Word.



Explore: Open your Bible and highlight Isaiah 41:10. Read the verse aloud with an adult.



Discover: Unscramble the words below and complete the verse.

fear, / I / you; / not / with / Do / am / for

am / be / not / your / do / afraid, / I / for / God.

I / help / I / you; / will / will / strengthen / you;

will / my / righteous / hand. / right / hold / I / you / with / to / on



Challenge: Write the verse on an index card, practice reciting the verse out loud every day this week. At the end of the week, recite the verse to an adult without using the index card.



Missions

GLOBAL MISSIONS: MOLDOVA

Forerunners are on mission for God.



Explore: Read Matthew 28:19-20 together.

Rush Creek Church partners with many mission partners around the whole world. Part of the money given to the church helps to support these mission partners and helps them to bring the good news of Jesus to the whole world! We believe that being Forerunners of the faith united to help people find and follow Jesus means helping people find Jesus all over the world.



Discover: One of our mission partners lives in Moldova! Let's learn a little bit about Richard and Jennifer, and their three kids Kaity, Caleb, and Caden.

The Sanders serve in the capital city of Chisinau, Moldova. Moldova is a small country in eastern Europe that is situated between Ukraine and Romania. The people of Moldova speak either Romanian or Russian. The majority of people consider themselves religious because they have grown up practicing the customs of the Russian Orthodox Church. However, most people do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. The Sanders work for a mission organization called World Team that equips men and women in their own countries to start new churches. Most pastors in Moldova must have a job in order to support their families, so Richard spends a lot of his time mentoring new church planters in church leadership, theology, and creating balance in their busy lives



Fun Fact:
In Moldova, it is rude to enter into someone else's home wearing your shoes. You are supposed to take your shoes off at the door. In some houses, they may even provide some slippers!





Challenge: Every time you enter and leave your house this week, take your shoes off at the door. Encourage everyone in your family to participate. If anyone else tries to enter your home today, share this fun fact about Moldova and have them take their shoes off as well.

When you take your shoes off at your door, pray for the Sanders family. Ask God to protect them and give them boldness to have conversations about Jesus with those around them.



Worship

FAMILY WORSHIP

Forerunners worship God.

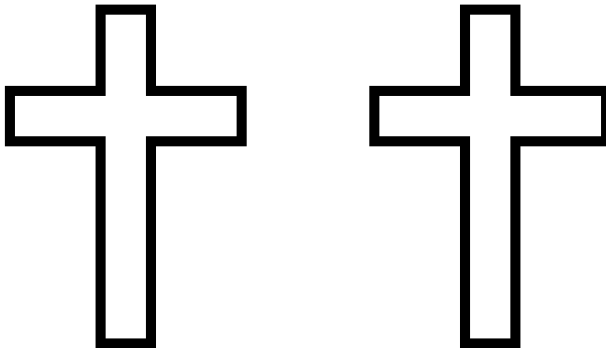
“These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7.



Explore: Here at Rush Creek Church we want families to worship together. This can look different for many families. Some families set aside one night a week to engage with their family on a Bible passage or story. Others may read from a devotional every morning or night together. The Bible emphasizes the importance of worship as well as your parent’s responsibility to lead you in worship. Spending time worshipping Jesus together as a family is one of the ways your family can be a Forerunner of the faith. Following Jesus includes spending time with Him.



Challenge: Worship together with your family 2 times and fill in one section of the cross for each time. Remember, this can look like reading your Bible together, singing a worship song together, and praying together.





Discover: Write down one aspect of family worship that you really enjoyed and what made it so special.



Bible

BRINGING YOUR BIBLE

Forerunners read the Bible.



Explore: Read Psalm 119:105.

Why should you bring your Bible to Rush Creek Church? You know they're going to read it out loud, put it on the screen and maybe even have one you can borrow, right? Sure, they will but bringing your Bible to Rush Creek means so much more than actually using it during service.

When you bring your Bible on Sunday, it will:

- Help keep you from getting distracted.
- Help you remember what you hear.
- Help you learn to be personal with God.
- Serve as testimony to others.
- Help you grow your own Faith and closer to God.
- Help you learn how to locate the books of the Bible, the chapters, and the verses in your own Bible.



Discover: As a Forerunner of the faith can you think of another reason why bringing your Bible to church would be helpful?

Can you find another verse in the Bible that talks about the word of God? (*Hint: you can use Google to help if needed*)





Challenge: Bring your Bible to church 3 times and write the dates below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Evangelism

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Forerunners share their story.



Explore: Sharing our story is very important. Our story, or testimony, is how God has saved us and chosen us. Our story should consist of our lives before we knew Jesus, the decision we made to follow Jesus, and how our life looks after Jesus. Everyone's story looks different, but there can be similarities throughout our stories about how God changed our lives. Rush Creek Church's vision statement says that we are Forerunners of the faith united to help people find and follow Jesus. People have helped us find and follow Jesus, and we get to tell that story!



Discover: Scan this QR code and go online to watch some of our testimonies. Note how their story is broken into the same three parts: before they knew Jesus, their decision to follow Jesus, and how their life looks since following Jesus.

**Challenge:**

1. Open your Bible and read Romans 10:14. What did this verse tell us that we must do?

2. What is the one thing that stuck out to you as you listened to the testimony?



Memorize Scripture

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (CSB)

Forerunners memorize God's Word.



Explore: Open your Bible and highlight Proverbs 3:5-6. Read the verse aloud with an adult.



Discover: Use the key to decode the verse by letter to reveal the scripture passage to memorize this week.

Code:

A	D	E	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	U	W	Y



Challenge: Write the verse on an index card, practice reciting the verse out loud every day this week. At the end of the week, recite the verse to an adult without using the index card.



Giving

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Forerunners give back to God.



Explore: The Bible tells us when we believe and have given our lives to Christ, we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts so that we can serve other people and build up the church in unity together. These gifts help us live out the calling to be Forerunners of the faith helping others find and follow Jesus.



Discover: Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-12 and Romans 12:6-8. Read each story and decide which spiritual gift is being used - preaching, teaching, giving, helping, encouraging, or organizing.

Beth's Sunday Morning class has kids of different ages. Beth helps the younger kids do the activities and learn the memory verses. Beth has the gift of _____ .

Nathan saw Mrs. Jeffries drop all her papers. He stopped and helped her pick them up. Nathan has the gift of _____ .

Joe noticed that Mark can sing well. He suggested Mark join the youth choir at church. Joe has the gift of _____ .

Megan's church is collecting toys for children who don't have any. Megan and her family bought and brought several toys. Megan has the gift of _____ .

It is important for people with different spiritual gifts to work together in the church, just like the different parts work together in your body.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-16 and circle each body part that is mentioned.

Hair

Eye

Ear

Mouth

Hand

Foot





Challenge: Write about what you think your spiritual gifts are? How are you using those to serve others?

Go Further: This activity will help you get started discovering which gift or gifts God has given to you. Color the box to complete each sentence according to how true it is of you. Add up the colored boxes under each gift below to figure out your results.

I am good at...

Speaking	Working	Saving Money	Comforting
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I like...

Learning	Helping Others	Sharing	Problem Solving
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I enjoy...

Reading	Completing Tasks	Meeting Needs	Being with Others
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I am...

Dependent	Humble	Generous	Positive
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1. Teaching	2. Serving	3. Giving	4. Encouraging
Total:_____	Total:_____	Total:_____	Total:_____



Bible

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Forerunners know about the good news.



Explore: Do you like to hear about good news? I think we would all answer YES, to that. The word “gospel” means good news. In the Old Testament, God promises that Jesus would come to deliver His people. In the New Testament when it happened, it was VERY GOOD NEWS! The New Testament begins with 4 books Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Those books are called The Gospels, and they all cover a different perspective of Jesus’ life here on earth. They all shared the good news that Jesus lived, died, was buried, and on the 3rd day He rose again. When we know about the good news, we can be Forerunners of the faith and share it so people can find and follow Jesus!



Discover: Open your Bible and read Romans 1:1-6 with an adult.

What does this verse say about the good news of Jesus?





Challenge: Read Matthew 14:13-21 and John 6: 1-15, in both stories you see Jesus working one of His many miracles. Read both passages and answer the questions below.

Why didn't they want to feed the crowd?

What does Jesus tell the disciples to do?

What did Jesus do with the bread?

Do you ever think you don't have enough to share?

What does this story teach you?



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