

# MD KIDS CURRICULUM: THE BASICS

## Week Two: What Has God Done?

### To the Teacher:

This month we will be reminding ourselves who we are at Missio Dei and what we believe. We will do this by using four questions: Who is God, What has He done, Who are we in light of this, and How can we now live? The Goal is that we can better understand ourselves as we more fully see God.

- **Big Idea:** God shows who He is by the things He has done, is doing, and will do.
- **Question:** What are a few things every baby does? (*cry, eat, sleep, mess their diapers, look cute, etc*) What does a teacher do? (*teach*) What does a basketball player do? (*play basketball, practice, exercise, eat healthy, etc*)

People do things based on who they are - their identity. Remember, God is Great, Glorious, Good, and Gracious - so all He does flows out of those truths about Him!

Today we are looking at the most important thing God has done for us, through His Son, Jesus.

- **Starter:** 'Power and Purpose'  
*Choose one of the following illustrations to perform in front of the kids:*

### Hammer & Nail

Bring two scrap pieces of wood, a nail, and a hammer. Drive the nail through both pieces of wood to demonstrate the *power* of the hammer. Talk about the *purpose* of driving the nail through the wood to join two pieces together, to build or construct.

**OR**

### Breath & Balloon

If you are uncertain of your carpentry skills, bring a balloon and blow it up in front of the kids. Talk about the *power* of breath pushing the balloon apart and causing it to expand. Now describe the *purpose* of filling the balloon (for celebrations and parties).

Use either illustration to talk about the *Power* and the *Purpose* of the Gospel and what God has done for us through Jesus.

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 2:1-10

*\*\*Have the kids listen for the **Power** and the **Purpose***

**1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins **2** in which you previously lived according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. **3** We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, **5** made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! **6** He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8** For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift — **9** not from works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

*[Things to Point Out]*

- This Scripture talks about the “ruler of the power of the air”
    - This is the power “working in the disobedient”
    - We’re told that we “were dead” to this power - we had no power to get out of it!
  - Verse 4 has the beautiful words, “But God”
    - God was able to make us alive (verse 5) by His power!
    - He has power over our sin, over the power of the world, and over death!
  - Ask: Why did God make us alive? For what purpose would He do that?
    - Verse 7, “so that in the coming ages he might display the *immeasurable riches of his grace*” - it is for His glory!
    - Verse 10, “we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do”
  - There’s a reason God made us alive and saved us from sin!
    - He has a purpose for us - it’s not just so we can have a good life
    - He created good works for us to walk in - we get to live out a purpose
- **Prayer:**  
God, we thank You that You are more powerful than our sin and more powerful than death. Thank You for giving us life through Jesus. Thank You for giving us Your Spirit to help us live a life of purpose in Your power!  
Amen.

- **Craft:**
  - Use one or both of the coloring pages attached
  
- **BLESS Activity:**
  - \*For kids to do during the week\**
  - **Speak:** God's great power has saved you for His purpose. Who can you tell about this?



