



**Series Overview:** This series looks at Jesus' miracles. It encourages kids to accept the challenges that come their way by looking at how Jesus faced and overcame challenges. Kids will see that in everything they experience here on earth, Jesus takes care of them, shows them truth, helps them fight temptation and understands their challenges.

**Bible Story:** Jesus Predicts His Death: Mark 8:31-38;

**Big Idea:** Jesus understands my challenges.

**Series Memory Verse:** Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. -1 John 5:5

**Lesson Guide:**

1. Have everyone share something they heard from Pastor Brent's message or a question they have from his message.
2. Get a Bible or two or three, open them to Mark 8:31-38, and review the Bible story something like this...

- I can't believe we've reached our last week of "Challenge Accepted!" We have learned that no matter what kinds of challenges we face, Jesus takes care of us, shows us the truth, and helps us when we are tempted.
- In today's Bible story, we find that Jesus faced a very serious challenge, and it involved having to make a prediction. **Do you know what a prediction is? Have you ever made a bet or tried to guess who would win a game?**
- You see, Jesus also had to make a prediction, but it involved himself. Jesus predicted when he was going to die.
- *[Read Mark 8: 31-33.]* **How do you think you would have reacted if you were Peter or any of the other disciples?** Jesus just told his closest friends that he was going to die soon. Jesus knew it needed to happen to save the world from sin, but his friends did not know this. They didn't understand why Jesus would choose this.
- *[Read Mark 8:34-38.]* Jesus reminds his friends that anyone who loves God has to do what Jesus was doing – which is to let go of our own way and follow God's way. It must have been so difficult for Jesus to accept that he was going to die, especially because he really didn't deserve to. But he was going to obey God because that was the way God was going to save everyone from sin. Jesus accepted the challenge.
- We have to accept the challenge, too. It's not always easy to choose to do the things God wants us to do. And trust me, Jesus gets it. Jesus knows how hard it is. But we know, like Jesus did, that God's ways are always better – even if we can't see it just yet.

### 3. BIBLE STORY REVIEW ACTIVITY:

***Supplies: Bible, paper and coloring / writing utensils...stickers or other craft supplies are optional***

- This month, we talked a lot about the challenges Jesus faced, and how Jesus shows us what to do when we face challenges of our own. Remember that whatever you are going through, you are not alone – Jesus has been there. Jesus understands your challenges. Jesus accepts you and your challenges. Let's accept the challenge to follow Jesus the best we can!
- **Do you know anyone who might be going through a challenging time?** Let's make them a card to remind them that Jesus understands and will help them in their challenges.
- Write one or more of the following verses (or choose your own) in the card.
  - **Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
  - **Psalm 54:4** Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.
  - **Psalm 86:7** When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.
  - **Psalm 55:22** Cast your burdens upon the Lord and He will sustain you.
  - **Isaiah 41:10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
  - **John 13:7** Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."
  - **1 Corinthians 16:23** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
  - **Philippians 1:6** And I am sure of this, that he who began <sup>h</sup>a good work in you <sup>i</sup>will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
  - **Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
  - **James 1:2-3** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.
  - **1 Peter 5:10** And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

#### 4. MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE:

- Read 1 John 5:5 from your Bible together as a family.
- Then practice the memory verse with the motions in the following video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/csove85vd2ew4vs/Feb2021MemVerseMotions.MOV?dl=0>

- Next try this activity...

**Supplies: material/ long sock/ a jacket or rope or big rubber bands**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tie together the legs of your entire family and instruct them to try and cross from one side of the room to the other. Have them say the memory verse together as many times as they can as they walk. Once they arrive to the other side of the room, untie them and only tie together two people at a time. Instruct them to go back to the other side of the room only being tied to one other person...still have them say the memory verse. Repeat a few times. The last time have them walk with a friend just holding hands or with their arms hooked together (say the memory verse as they walk).*
- **Which was more challenging, being tied to one other person or being tied to your whole group? Which was easy having your leg tied to a friend and walking or just hooking arms/ holding hands with them as you walked?**
- Being tied to your whole group is like being led by other people. Being tied to only one person is more like walking alongside Jesus.
- Holding hands/ arms is even more like walking with Jesus...the Bible talks about God holding our hands in several places. That language or idea helps us see that God is close to us, He leads us, He helps us up when we fall, He can push or pull us gently to show us where to go, etc.
- I want the God that sacrificed Himself in love to come down to save me and the man that predicted his own death and then came back to life to be holding my hand. I want to walk with Him...what about you?
- The most important thing we can do is to listen to how Jesus is leading us instead of following what the crowd says we should do.
- Walking with and listening to Jesus is overcoming the world one day at a time.

#### 5. DISCUSS SOME OR ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS:

**\*Supplies: Bible(s)\***

- How many days later did Jesus raise from the dead?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What did Jesus say a Jesus follower has to do?
- Re-read Mark 8:33. What do you think it means to have in mind the concerns of God instead of human concerns?
- What do you think it means to "take up your cross?"
- When Peter found out Jesus' death was inevitable, how do you think Peter felt?
- Do you think it was challenging for Jesus to tell the disciples about the upcoming death?

#### 6. PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.

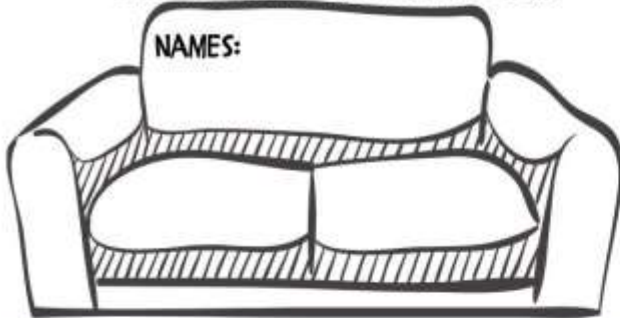
***\*If you have a printer, the next page is for your kids to take notes while watching the online service, and then the next page is an arrow you can use for the memory verse craft\*\****

- MONTH \_\_\_\_\_
- DAY \_\_\_\_\_
- YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

# Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



HOW DID YOU WATCH THE SERMON FROM HOME?



WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR JAMMIES OR CLOTHES?? DRAW A PICTURE:

A WORSHIP SONG THAT WAS SUNG:

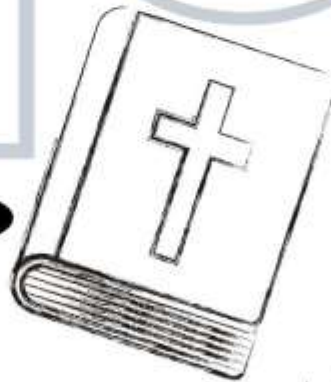


TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:

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3 BIG THINKS FROM TODAY'S SERMON YOU CAN ASK GOD TO USE TO GROW YOU CLOSER TO HIM:

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- 2
- 3

SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WAS PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHURCH AT HOME?