

`CR Childcare

September 7, 2022

5:45 - 6 PM: HUDDLE

A quick run-through of the night, assign roles, important information, and prayer time.

6:15 - 6:45 PM: FREE TIME

Toys will be set out on the tables. Go around, connect and play with the students.

6:46 - 6:50 PM: CLEAN-UP

Encourage and help clean up and put away the toys.

6:55 - 7:15 PM: OPENER / LESSON

A leader will greet the kids, present the big idea and teach an important topic straight from God's word.

7:15 - 7:30 PM: HIGH ENERGY GAME

A leader will lead the group in a game that's meant to tie in with the lesson.

7:30 - 7:50 PM: OUTSIDE

Play at the playground if the weather permits it

7:50 - 8:10 PM: SNACK / SMALL GROUPS

Kids will grab a chair and gather around the rectangle tables. A couple of leaders and a kid helper will wash and glove up and pass out that evening's snack.

Break up into groups of 4 or 5 kids and go over the questions on the back of this paper.

8:15 - 8:30 PM: GAME

A leader will choose a fun and active game to lead the kids in.

8:30 - 8:45 PM: FREE TIME

Go around, connect and play with the students.

8:45 PM: CLEAN-UP/ SET-UP/ SHUT-DOWN

Wipe off tables, Put out toys for childcare the next day, fill out pay sheets, turn off lights and lock up the building.

Dig Into the Bible

- Read: Jonah 1–4
- In This Passage: God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people there that they'll be destroyed because they are wicked. Jonah runs away instead and gets caught in a storm at sea. He tells the sailors to throw him overboard, and God sends a fish to swallow him. Jonah finally goes to Nineveh and tells the message. When the people change their ways, God shows mercy, but Jonah is mad about it. God shows mercy even when we don't.
- Bible Point: God shows mercy even when we don't.
- Summary Verse: "O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me" (Psalm 139:1).

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Tell about a time you didn't want to do what you were told to do. (Share your own example first.)
2. What would you like or not like about being inside a fish?
3. Jonah said God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Why do you think he said that as a complaint?
4. When is it hard for you to care about other people?
 - Tell about a time you were upset because someone didn't get the punishment he or she deserved.
 - Tell about a time you were shown mercy and didn't get a punishment you deserved.

Wrap Up Pray: God, thank you that you show mercy even when we don't. Thank you for the mercy you've shown us. Help us show others your mercy. In Jesus' name, amen. Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.