Third Grade Bible Adventure

Due to the circumstances of 2020, we were not able to have our in-person 3rd grade Bible ceremony or Bible Exploration event. This document provides an overview of how we reached our 3rd graders and presented them with their 3rd grade Bibles.

Registration: Families registered their children so that we could collect information for the personalized bookplates, addresses for delivering or mailing the Bibles and email addresses to send the link to our Zoom celebration.

Bible KIT: We put together the following kit to be hand delivered or mailed to each 3rd grader who registered:

- **Deep Blue Kids Bible** – CEB by Abingdon Press
- **Finding Your Way Through the Bible** book that accompanies the Deep Blue kids Bible.
- **Personalized Bookplate** – see asset labeled Bible Bookplate. We print them on 3x4 inch labels. See
- **Note to child with details on kit & celebration** – see asset labeled 3rd Grade Bible Kit – Overview Sample.
- **Gospel of Mark reading plan** and challenge to read before Easter – see asset labeled 3rd Grade Bible Reading Plan.
- **Bible Brownie recipe card** – see asset labeled Bible Brownie Recipe card.
- **Bible Bookmark** – purchased through The Well bookstore
- **20 Post-it Note tabs** – To mark pages and specific scripture verses.
- **Package of 2 cookies** baked at the Sonflower bakery by our Matthew's Ministry adult learners.
- **It's a Phase – 3rd Grade Edition** - Resource for parents that talks about growth and development insights, and techniques for influencing a 3rd graders mind and heart.
- Packaged together in a **white plastic drawstring bag** with a red 3rd Grade Bible Adventure logo printed on it. See asset labeled Bag Logo.

Delivering Bibles – We gave the families a window of time when we would be delivering the Bibles. We didn't try and coordinate times with them but if you had the ability to do that it would be impactful. Even though we didn't run into many 3rd graders during delivery, the response was very positive. The kids loved having special deliveries to their homes. **One great tip we learned**: use an app called Routexl, where you can enter up to 20 addresses, give it a starting and stopping point and it will plot the best route to hit all the stops!

Worship Service: We invited a 3rd grader to read scripture for the service on 1/31 when we would be celebrating 3rd graders receiving their Bibles. Families were asked to send in photos of their 3rd graders with their Bibles which we included in a slideshow shown during worship that weekend. This allowed the congregation to see the kids in this milestone step in their faith and to remind them they make it all possible.

ZOOM Celebration: Since we could not meet in person, we created an online ceremony/celebration! It started out with a quick introduction and then Pastor Adam spoke for about 20 minutes to the kids. We then broke out into groups by campus for 10 minutes and then back together for a few lessons and games. It was a huge success! The feedback was positive, and the kids got face time with Pastor Adam which they loved. See full run-down in the asset labeled 3rd Grade Bible Zoom Call schedule.

In Person Celebration: Our plan is to host an in-person celebration for 3rd graders outside before the end of the school year. Something simple like a pizza party with a few more Bible exploration games and fellowship.

Follow-up Mailer: We will be sending a follow-up letter to 3rd graders the first of March. It will remind them of the Mark reading challenge, invite them to join us in our currently program offerings and have a fun scripture scramble puzzle for them to complete.