

PRIMARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Keep Calm and Psalm!

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

Our Psalms program is all about painting a picture for kids of how they can relate to God in every season of their life. Just like the writers of Psalms, they can take their raw emotions to God and trust Him to guide them through life. The writers of Psalms put God first and even in the darkest of times, they believed that God was good and always honoured Him. We want to fill kids with faith and wonder for our God, who is the maker of the universe and yet cares for us so deeply. Through this program we are believing that kids will learn to intimately engage with God in every season.

Memory Verse: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." - Psalm 23:6

Repeated Phrase: No matter what's going on, keep talking to God!

THE PROGRAM PLAN

Week One: Psalm 23

- Key Point: The Lord is our shepherd

Week Two: Psalm 139

- Key Point: God is ever-present and watches over you.

Week Three: Psalm 37

- Key Point: The inheritance of God's people is eternal!

Week Four: Psalm 1

- Key Point: Knowing God deeply gives us strength in tough times

Week Five: Psalm 13

- Key Point: Lament! Share your heart with God

Week Six: Psalm 34

- Key Point: Seek God in trouble, He hears you!

Week Seven: Psalm 121

- Key Point: My help comes from the Lord - the maker of heaven and earth!

Week Eight: Psalm 20

- Key Point: Invite People to Pray for You

Week Nine: Psalm 27

- Key Point: Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart!

Week Ten: Psalm 138 & 107

- Key Point: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Week Eleven: Psalm 84

- Key Point: How lovely is God's dwelling place!

Week Twelve: Psalm 8

- Key Point: How Majestic is His name

THE PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- **Screens:** We have theme screens, memory verse screens, and screens for you to put your own text over!
- **Big 3 Rules:** We use consistent rules to help manage behaviour - repeat them weekly, with fun reward systems!
- **Repeated Phrase:** Our repeated phrase helps the kids engage with the greater message of the 12 week program, fitting the weekly topic into the greater theme.
- **Game:** These are designed to create a fun service and encourage friendships.
- **Memory Verse:** Repeat it every week - in fun ways! Have kids try it by themselves, use accents, fill in blanks etc.
- **Offering:** These prompt a few ideas of offering messages to bring to kids and encourage them in their giving.
- **Animation:** These are designed to be fun and help kids contextualise the message by engaging visual + auditory learning styles
- **Preach Outline:** Our preach outlines have one key point and two supporting points, drawn from scripture.
- **Illustration Idea:** These are helpful ideas on how to unpack the key topic so kids can APPLY it to their world.
- **Connect Group Q's:** These are designed to help kids engage with topic verbally and learn together.
- **Extra Resources:** You can find salvation booklets, music, story books and more at [our store!](#)

HOW TO PREPARE

1. **Allocate roles in advance and send the content to your team.** A good combo for a 2-person team is to have one leader be the 'host' running each service element and the other bring the word. Both run connect groups.
2. **Resource Prep:** Ensure all materials and resources are available, particularly for the game which may need some preparation.
3. **Illustration Prep:** Consider the illustration and what materials you may need to source from home.

SUGGESTED TIMINGS

- Welcome and Game - 10 mins
- Intro Topic and Big three rules - 3 mins
- Worship (8 mins), memory Verse & offering (4 mins)
- Animation (5 mins) and Preach (7 to 10 mins). Appropriately added, thought-through ministry time (7 mins)
- Connect Groups & Activity Sheets - 10 to 15 mins

Add to these FUN elements like free-time, playtime within connect groups, handing out prizes, extra games etc.