

Children's Ministry

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FOURTH

November 22nd || Ecclesiastes 11-12

Main Point: Today is a gift.

Read Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 and ask:

1. How long does childhood last?
2. How should you act since your childhood is short?
3. What starts to happen when childhood is over?
4. What sort of injuries does the Preacher describe?

Read Psalm 118:19-29, and then ask:

1. How is Jesus our gate to God?
2. How should we respond to what Jesus has done?
3. Who made our day we enjoy?
4. How long does God's lovingkindness last?

We should see every day as a gift from God to us. He has provided salvation for us, and then also cares for us and gives us the days we can enjoy.

Even if we are feeling sick, or we become older or weak, each day is still a gift from God because we have been saved by Jesus and can know God more each day.

Doggone Puppy Pictures

Have the kids try to guess which puppy picture matches up to the dog picture. (Answers: A3, B1, C4, D2). Have them point out the things that have changed about the puppy as it grew older. Explain to the kids that we also change in a lot of ways, as we get older. However, God doesn't want us to look back to past days and wish we were still there. Also, we don't want to just live wishing we were a bit older. We should be thankful for the day God has given us and ultimately look forward to the time we can be with Him forever!

- Ask the kids:
1. Do I treat every day as a gift from God?
 2. How do I show I am thankful to God?

Driving it home...



Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when he appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.—1 John 3:2

Though we should be thankful for every day that we have, our hearts should ultimately long for the day we stand before Jesus. At that time, age and disease, pain and suffering will no longer be an issue. So, we set our hearts on the day when we will be like Jesus—given an immortal body—so that we can stand before Him in His presence.