

My Life: Makin' a Difference

Week 1: Doing hard things that take you outside your comfort zone

Blurb:

Kids don't have to wait until they grow up to live their life for Christ! Your LifeKID will love watching the lives of other kids just like them that are Makin' a Difference!

Tip for Volunteers:

What can you do to enhance kids' time at LifeKIDS.tv? Make sure they leave feeling loved! From your smile as they enter to the last friendly nametag check as they leave, our interactions help them know church is a place where they will be loved and cared for. Instead of talking to other adults or tending to tasks in the room, make kids your main focus. Use their nametags as cues to call them by name as you interact with them. Sit down and play a quick game of rock, paper, scissors before the show starts or go over the Say It verse with a group during pick-up. Every moment is an opportunity to share God's love.

Bible story:

Esther goes to speak to the King to save her people

Verse:

Joshua 1:9 NLT This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Phrase:

Getting out of my comfort zone is a challenge I can own.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think God expects big things out of kids?
2. What kind of things would be out of your comfort zone?

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Week 2: Doing hard things that go beyond what's expected or required

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Tip for Volunteers:

What can you do to enhance kids' time at LifeKIDS.tv? Make sure the lesson really sticks! The show uses a variety of features to make the teaching points sticky! But you can do what the video never can—open a dialog with kids to ask what they think, how they feel, what they didn't understand, what steps they'll take this week, and who they'll share what they learned with. Talking it over is a great thing for any of us to do after a message at church! When we get kids talking, we are increasing the chance that they will not only remember what they learned, but their lives will change forever because of it!

Bible story:

The mighty men bring David water from the well in Jerusalem (with details from any others of their exploits)

Verse:

Matthew 5:41 NIV If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

Phrase:

God, if I want to do big things for You, I'll have to do more than people expect me to.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are things people think you can't do because you're just a kid?
2. Have you ever done more than what's expected of you? Share what happened.

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Week 3: Doing hard things that are too big for you to do alone

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Tip for Volunteers:

What can you do to enhance kids' time at LifeKIDS.tv? Make sure their behavior isn't getting in the way of learning! We want church to be a fun place for kids, but that's not really the goal. What we really want is for them to know God and share Him with others. That may require some early intervention in disruptive behaviors. Don't wait until someone gets hurt—step in and kindly redirect minor things like turning away from the stage, laying on the floor, whispering, invading personal space, or anything that might escalate. You can often avoid big disturbances by minimizing the little ones.

Bible story:

Nehemiah leads a team to rebuild the wall. (This could also recap the other two, he went out of his comfort zone to talk to the king, and he went above and beyond by living in integrity and not taking any money for himself even though he could have)

Verse:

Hebrews 10:24 NLT Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

Phrase:

God, if I want to do big things for You, I'll need to work with others on Your crew.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time when you worked as a team with other kids to get something done.
2. Who will you ask to help you when God asks you to do something so big you can't do it by yourself?

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Week 4: Doing hard things that don't pay off immediately

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Tip for Volunteers:

What can you do to enhance kids' time at LifeKIDS.tv? Come with your heart ready to learn and worship! Kids pick up on all kinds of non-verbal cues. Make sure you are modeling the kinds of behaviors you want to see in them. When it's time to get started, move that way yourself. When it's time to worship, give God all you've got. Put money in the offering bucket. Share during small group time. Sit among the kids and show them what good listening skills look like. Most of all, come expecting to learn and share what you learn. You'll do a far better job facilitating discussion questions if you've really been paying attention too!

Bible story:

David plays music for King Saul and works as a shepherd for his dad after being anointed king.

Verse:

1 Corinthians 10:31 NLT ... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Phrase:

God, if I want to do big things for You, I must be willing to do the small things too.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think the small things you do, like cleaning your room and making your bed, are important? Why or why not?
2. What small things could you be better about doing?

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Week 5: Doing hard things that go against the crowd

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Tip for Volunteers:

What can you do to enhance kids' time at LifeKIDS.tv? Reach into the rest of their week! We only see a kid 50 hours a year if we're lucky. So our focus must be on motivating them to grow at home. Encourage the kids that aren't using the Good News Stand incentive program to get in the game. Grab a Take Home before discussion time and ask each kid eye-to-eye what they will do with it this week. Will they share the verse with a family member? Will they share the main idea with a friend? Will they invite a friend to come next week? Will they go online and watch again? Pray for your kids to love Jesus with their whole week!

Bible story:

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow.

Verse:

Philippians 4:13 NLT ...I can do everything, through Christ who gives me strength.

Phrase:

God, if I want to do big things for You, Your voice inside will help me stay true.

Discussion Questions:

1. Doing hard things for God sometimes means we've got to do things differently than everyone else. Do you think it's hard to do things differently than your friends?
2. Is there anything God's telling you to do that you're not doing because you're afraid of what other people might think?