# FÍRE MÍNÍSTRÍES' BÍBLE CLUBS AND CHÍLDREN'S MÍNÍSTRY RESQURCES



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# "YOU CAN BE A BUTTERFLY!"

This Bible club is designed to go for three days, although it can be shortened to one session or lengthened into a week or more! It is the story of caterpillars who are Christians, but even though they believe in Jesus as their Savior, they can't seem to break free from "crawling in the dirt." They still struggle with everything from pride to depression, from self-righteousness to self-pity; in short, they don't look all that different from unbelievers!

Upon finding out that there is yet hope to fly, the caterpillars set out to do everything they can to learn to fly, but the harder they try to be like Jesus and escape the pull of earthly ways and attitudes, the harder they fall. Try as they might, they just can't fly!

Then one day, they see a most magnificent sight: butterflies! Beautiful creatures who are free from all the grime and dirt of earth-dwelling, and they find out that Jesus is meant to be more than just their Savior: He is meant to be their LIFE!

When the butterflies find them exhausted and discouraged from their efforts, they explain to them that the only way for the life of Jesus to become their wings is to wrap themselves in their death with Christ, believing the Word against their feelings, and look at Him!

In other words, they must get in their cocoons!

They wrap themselves in their cocoons in faith, and after spending time beholding Jesus in their cocoons, they emerge beautiful new creation butterflies!





All children understand what it means to have hopes and dreams. In this Bible club, we find out that God has a dream too! And children understand what it feels like to be lonely. In this Bible club, we find out God knows what it is to be lonely too.

"Heart School" is based on the book of Esther. Jesus is the King, and He wants someone who loves Him for Him and responds to His heart. Vashti should have been someone like that, but when He called for her, she didn't come! The children will find out that, without going to Heart School, we are all like Vashti! We love our favorite toys and having things our way, we think about our dreams and desires, and we forget that we are the only ones who can make God's dream come true!

#### Preparing Our Hearts For the King

But we love Jesus! We don't want to miss out on the chance to give Him what His heart desires! So...off we go to Heart School!

Heart School corresponds to the year of preparation that Esther went through before she met the king. What do we find in Heart School? We find out that we have a great teacher: the Holy Spirit! He is the one in charge of showing us what the King is really like. We find out that the Bible is not just a big dry book. It is precious oils for us to soak in to make us soft and able to feel God's heart!

Most importantly, we find out that our time in Heart School is not making us better versions of ourselves, but is helping us see who we are in Jesus because of the cross, so that we can take our place with our King as ones who have His nature and who, like Esther, will lay down our lives for others by His life. And that is how He gets what He always wanted!







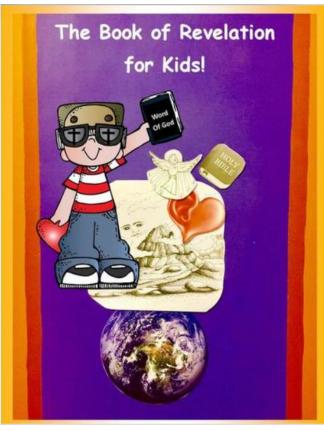


#### **NEW BIBLE CLUB!**

#### THE BOOK OF REVELATION FOR KIDS!





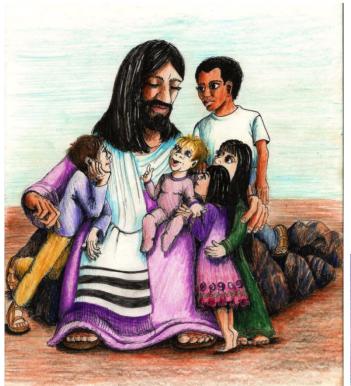


This Bible club is a work in progress. Several lessons are already online in the form of video lessons as well as many original songs, crafts, skits and a full curriculum is in the works!

In "The Book of Revelation for Kids," we meet John on the Isle of Patmos. At first, John and some of his friends are having trouble pouting because of their difficult circumstances. "Pouting on Patmos" is a real problem! But soon they discover that they are meant to go on a journey that will take them right out of pouting on Patmos into all the wonders of God's heart. When they hear the call to "Come up here!" and

they turn their hearts away from what is happening to them in the earth, they find out what is happening in God's reality! Along with John, the children find out that every difficult circumstance is an opportunity to either pout in the earth or turn our hearts all the way until they are fully looking at Jesus!

## in Christ and Christ in us!



"In Christ for Kids" Booklet

This booklet was made to teach little children about being in Christ. Its theme comes from the verse in the gospels where Jesus says He wishes He could have gathered His people under His wings like a mother hen gathers her chicks. The booklet explores the as a picture of being in Christ, how He wants us in Him, safe and warm and loved, hearing His heart and His breathing, hidden in Him, just like a mother hen when her chicks are nestled under her wings!

"Jesus Is My Home and I Am His Home"

Booklet

This booklet also focuses on children knowing that they are in Christ, and also that Christ is in them!

The emphasis here is the idea of a home. A home is much more than a house. A home is somewhere you are loved, somewhere you are comfortable, somewhere you can be yourself!

The booklet starts by talking about God's relationship with Moses on Mount Sinai, and how one day God came to live in Moses' tent! And this was only the beginning: eventually, Jesus came and died on the cross so that we could have a home in God and God could have a home in us!





## "STEPS OF FAITH FOR YOUNG HEARTS (HARTS)"

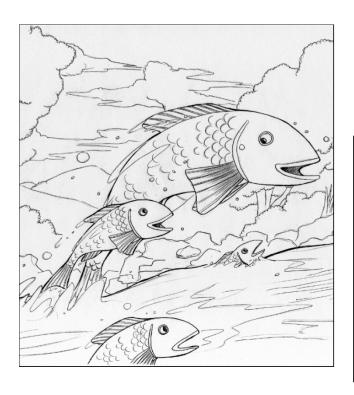


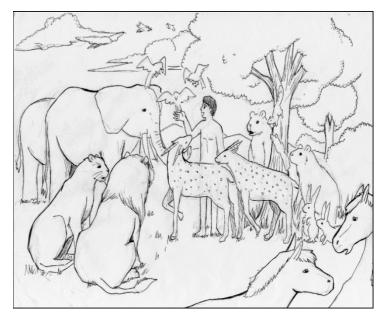
This Bible club is based on the book "Hinds' Feet on High Places" by Hannah Hurnard. In the story, the Good Shepherd invites a little girl named Much-Afraid to come away with Him and go on a journey to the High Places to live with Him. As believers, we often continue living in our own realities, driven by our desires and crippled by our own burdens and fears. But the Shepherd calls to us to come live with Him, in the High Places of His nature! What Much-Afraid will discover is that the journey itself is designed to bring her to altars where she loses herself and puts her faith in Him, in His death and in Him as her life.

In the Bible club, Much-Afraid is joined by Pilgrim Boy (based on the character Christian from <u>Pilgrim's Progress</u>) and another optional character named Trembling Heart. Together they learn to believe the Shepherd's word above their own fears, feelings, and the lies of the enemy, how to embrace their



# "God's Desire" and "Let's Be Salmon"





This Bible club is in two parts and is designed to last for a whole week of sessions with children, but of course it can be condensed (or expanded!).

Part One is "God's Desire For One After His Kind."

Adam was a man in a world of animals that all had mates, ones after their kind that shared their nature.

But Adam was alone, and God said this was not good. In these lessons, we see that it was not only Adam who needed one after his kind – GOD is desiring a family that is HIS kind!

Part Two is "Let's Be Salmon Swimming Upstream!" In Part One we learned that God wants those who are His same kind. In Part Two we discover that the way that happens is not by our works but by the life of His Son Jesus Christ growing in us until His life in us is strong enough to carry us into places of love and sacrifice that we would never go. We become salmon swimming upstream against the flow of the world by the life of Jesus within!



