**Kids Talk Outline**

Anthropology – Meant to be

Hi Everyone

Thanks so much for giving our Kids Talk this week. Kids Talks are a moment when we can encourage, teach and delight in our children as well as learn in a clear, creative and visual way as whole church family. Kids talks are also a touch point for our adults to discuss with our children about what we are learning at Church, and they model to parents the way we teach and apply God’s word to children.

Here are a few tips for preparing and giving a kids talk.

**Preparing well**

1. Pray and read the passage as few times, read through the Kid’s Talk outline.

1. Make sure you have one big clear idea and think through how you will illustrate this. Aim to make Jesus the highpoint and link the illustration through to him and us.
2. Remember we are just introducing the big idea/theological concept or narrative we are learning about - the detailed teaching will happen in the sermon and kids’ church.
3. Practice your kids talk a few times – we are aiming to keep them to 3-4 minutes
4. Any visuals need to be large so everyone can see them (if you want them on the screen, they need to be sent to Curtis by COB Wednesday)

**Giving a Kids Talk**

1. Check in with the sound desk about your microphone – use the headset and handheld microphones for anyone assisting
2. Join pre-service prayer
3. At the beginning welcome the children to the front and introduce yourself
4. Address and speak to the children (while we are all learning together as a church family– keep your eyes and language toward the children in front of you). We are aiming the kids talks at about preschool - kindy aged, knowing there are babies right through to year 6’s participating.
5. At the end you are going to send the children off to kids’ church – see the blurb at the end of the kids talk for the most helpful way to do this ☺
6. Get some feedback – chat with the MC or congregational pastor, Naomi or a Kids Church Team leader for feedback to be encouraged and keep growing.
7. Feel free to contact me during the week to chat through ideas, I’m happy to help you prepare and practice or put you in touch with someone else who can.

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Bible Passage: 1 Corinthians 15:47-49

Key Idea: Our bodies are like flowers, they are glorious but they don’t last. Because of Jesus, we can look forward to new bodies, heavenly bodies that will last forever.

Props: Manniquins, Mr Potato head, flowers alive and dead, people cut outs, lips,eyes, hair cutouts

1. **Introduce**

Re-arranging Mr Potato Head

In Meant to be series we are thinking about what it means to be human, and a really important part of being human is having a body. We can’t be a person without a body.

God has made each of our bodies, and every single person is unique and special. God chooses our shape, our size, our eye, hair and skin colour. (Visual here – add eyes, lips, to paper cut out)

And the human body is amazing! It is glorious, it can do amazing things – walk, jump, laugh, cry, eat, breath, grow and feed babies. Our bodies are amazing!

But our bodies also get tired, and sick, our bodies grow old, and wear out. (paper doll-stick on bandaids)

1. **Explain (**the key idea we are learning from the bible)

The bible compares our bodies to flowers,

(Show flowers)

1 Peter 1:24 “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field, the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

Flowers are glorious, but they don’t last, they grow old, fade and die.

(Show dead flowers).

Like flowers, our bodies are glorious, but that glory fades, our bodies grow tired, grow old, get sick, they don’t last.

This is because our bodies are **earthly bodies**, they are made for this world, our world is wonderful and glorious, but things of this world don’t last. Everything in our world breaks, grows old and dies. And because the things of this world don’t last our bodies do not last either.

(tear or scrunch up paper body cut out)

1. **Link to Jesus & to Us**

God the Father is not like us, he is Spirit, he is eternal, and his glory never fades, he never grows tired or hungry. He never gets sick and will not die. **God is ever lasting.**

Yet God came to be one of us, God in a body, just like us. (Show Jesus paper doll)

Jesus run, jump, cried, laughed, he lived, breathed and died. (Jesus cutout in the laminator)

Death was not the end for Jesus, Jesus came to life again,

**Jesus** is in heaven in his body. His body has been made new, made for heaven, he has a body that is glorious, his body will never grow old, sick or tired. Jesus has an eternal, everlasting body. He has changed his earthly body for a heavenly body. never to die again.

**(Show paper doll Jesus that has through the laminator )**

**Jesus became like us, so that we can become like him, and have ever lasting life.**

We are waiting for Jesus to come back. God promises that when Jesus comes back, he is going to make everything new. God is going to change this tired, broken, fading world, for a new world, and our tired, broken, weary bodies, for new bodies.

We will be given new bodies, heaven bodies instead of earth bodies, bodies that can eat, run, jump, laugh, hug, sing, bodies that will never get tired, sad or sick and that will never ever die. (**Show laminated paper cut outs**).

Read 1 Corinithians 15:48-49

1. **Reinforce**

When our bodies feel tired, sad, sick or hungry this week, you can remember that our bodies are like flowers, they aren’t going to last. When people we love die that makes us really sad. But we know that one day Jesus is going to give us new bodies, bodies that will last forever, we will be together forever with him.

1. **Pray**