**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: Gen 1:27

Key Idea: We are male and female, and all God’s children, deeply loved by him.

Props: Coloured Modelling Clay, Coloured Heart Stickers/Post it Notes for Hands, it’s a boy/girl balloons and cards/bags/ poppers

1. **Introduce**

This week in our Meant to be series we are thinking about the topic of Gender. What it means to be male and female.

Before or when a baby is born there is great excitement when we find out the baby’s gender – we might have a cake, have a party or pop a popper to reveal the gender of the baby. Russ didn’t find out our babies gender until they were born, and the doctor yelled out “it’s a boy.. three times and the last time… it’s a girl!!”

(Props here – it’s a boy or it’s a girl balloons/ coloured cakes?)

We all have a gender- we are a boy or a girl, a male or a female

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

And we are told in the bible that having a gender, be a male or a female is a really, really good thing. It is how God designed us, how we were meant to be.

Read Genesis 1: 27

We are told in Genesis that as males and females we reflect God’s image

God is three distinct persons, Father, Son and Spirit, but together perfectly are God. (modelling clay – three colours joined together perfectly)

As humans, we are two distinct genders, male and female but together perfectly we are humanity. (Modelling clay – two colours fitted together perfectly)

The bible teaches us God’s truth about gender, and we can trust it.

But lots of our friends, our teachers and our family will have different ideas about gender and the topic of gender has become really confusing (Modelling clay – merge colours together)

One of most important things to remember when you are talking to your friends or listening to what other people say, is that our most important identity is not our gender, but that we are a child of God.

Every single person, whoever they are, whatever gender they are, are made and loved by God.

(Shape the coloured clay into a love heart)

You are made and deeply loved by God.

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

God does not have favourites.

There are times when we are broken sinners don’t love each other in the way we should, we might not like being a boy, or find it hard to be girl, because we are told we have to do this, or be like this, we might be made fun of, put down treated badly, people play favourites. (shape coloured clay – people shapes)

But God does not have favourites. And nor should we.

When you were born God celebrated over you, and he delights in you. It’s like he is shouting “It’s a boy it’s a boy!! It’s my precious boy! Or It’s a girl, it’s a girl!! It’s my precious girl. My child whom I love so so very much.”

God loves you. He loves you with an abundant extravagant love of a very very proud and delighted father.

He has no favourites, males and females, boys and girls, he loves just as much as each other.

Jesus came and showed us this great love, his great and perfect love for us, a love that is the same for every single person, for boys and for girls.

Jesus stretched out his arms and said I love you this much. (Blue heart and Red Hearts – drawn on hands?)

Jesus died and rose to life to show us his love for us and so we can know the goodness of being God’s child. As God’s children you can live confidently knowing you are exactly who you were meant to be, God made you a male or a female. (coloured clay together again)

1. **Reinforce**

And one day, when we are all together with Jesus, we will see perfectly how good it is to be God’s children, who are male and female.

1. **Pray**
2. **Send Kids Out to Kids Church**