**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: Ps 139:13-14, 1 Sam 16:7

Key Idea: Every life and person is precious to God, our worth doesn’t depend on what we can or can’t do.

Props:

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

This is our final week in our ‘Meant to be Series’, we have learnt so many important things in this series about what it means to be human, to be made by God and in his image.

Psalm 139 teaches that every single one of us are hand made by God, he forms us and gives us life. (Clay)

Because we are made by God we have incredible worth or value, every single person is very very precious.

God has made us different to one another, in how we look and in what we can or cant do. (different jugs/containers)

People often judge our value based on these things, the external things, what we look like, what we can do. But we are told in 1 Sam 16:7 that God looks at the heart.

Our value doesn’t depend on what is on the outside, our value and worth comes from the inside, (pour out gold glitter from jugs) that we have a soul and spirit, that we living beings, people made in God’s image.

So our worth doesn’t change depending on what we can or can’t do. Every moment of every day, for our whole lives from the moment we are created in our mummy’s tummies, until we die, we are so very very precious, we have immense value and worth.

1. **Illustrate**

Today I want to introduce you to Isla, Isla is a member of our Church family and Isla is 3 1/2 years old. Isla’s Mum is Nadine, her Dad is Steve, and she has two big brothers, Will and Isaac.

Isla has a medical condition called Edwards Syndrome. Nadine can you tells us a little about Edwards Syndrome and how that effects Isla’s body and brain.

Isla loves her family so much, she can smile, giggle and she loves kisses. (Steve give Isla a kiss). Isla is learning and growing every day, she is learning to move, hear and speak.

There are things that Isla can’t do and wont ever be able to do by herself, she needs help each day. Steve can you show us some of the things you do to help Isla

Isaac and Will, can you tell us what you love about Isla as your sister.

If time – what do you think you have learnt by having Isla in your family?

Conclusion

Isla is so very loved and she is very precious, God’s word tells us that Isla has infinite worth even though she needs lots of help each day. Every day that Isla has with her family is a miracle and a gift, most babies who are born with Edwards Syndrome only live for a few days.

Steve and Nadine choose to give Isla life and bring her into their family, and care for her, when lots of people wouldn’t have done that. Steve and Nadine knew that Isla was very precious even with a condition like Edwards Syndrome.

The way that Nadine and Steve have chosen to love Isla and care for her takes lots of time, they have made big sacrifices and they are very servant hearted and selfless. Their love for Isla, points us to what Jesus’ love is like, and the costly way he served us and gave himself to give us life.

Jesus did this because every single one of us, just like Isla, are very very precious to God.

Let’s pray and ask that God would help us to look at the inside, not the outside, and see every person as very precious because they are made and loved by God. Let’s pray too for Isla thank God for her and for her family, and ask that God would give us many more days with Isla.

Let’s pray

1. **Pray**