

Parents-

We are so excited for an incredible month ahead in Crossing Kids!

It's July, which means VBS is here!

As most of you know, our VBS theme is Rainforest Falls, exploring the nature of God! Throughout VBS, kids will discover some of God's amazing characteristics and what those truths mean for us.

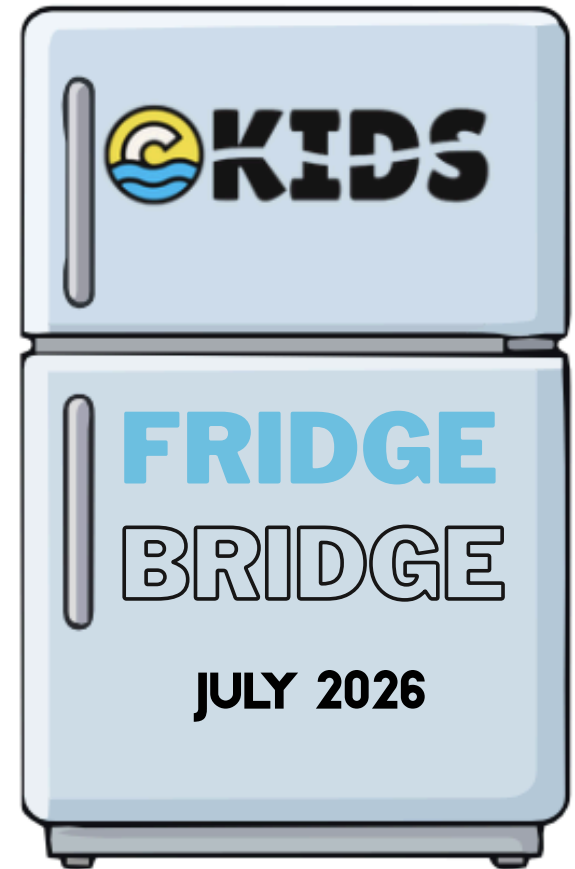
In addition to VBS, Our Sunday lessons will complement this theme as we continue learning about other attributes of God.

Each week, children will explore different aspects of his nature and learn how His character impacts the way we live, trust and follow Him.

Our Goal is to help kids grow in their understanding of God's character and deepend their relationship with Him.

At Home :

- **Talk about it! Ask your child what they learned about God each week.**
- **Look for "God Sightings" - its easy to find him anywhere, if we stop and look around.**
- **Read Together- open your Bibles and dive into God's word together.**



**THEME:
GOD**

**VBS
July 27-30**

Memory Verse - Psalm 147:5

July 5

Big Idea: God's Greatness

Psalm 147:5

- The verse says God "Counts the stars and calls them each by name." What does that tell you about God's knowledge?
- Have you ever tried to count something really big, like stars or sand? what happened?
- How does it make you feel to know God knows every star... and also knows you personally?
- God is "great and mighty in power". What are some things in world that show God's power?
- When you feel unnoticed, how can this verse encourage you?

Activity

Star gaze as a family. Count as many stars as you can.
We cant count all the stars - but God can!

JULY 12

Big Idea: God's Love

John 3:16

- What are some ways God shows His love for you?
- How can you show God that you love him?
- What is one way we can show love to one another?

Activity

Write Bible verses about God's love on strips of paper or print them out. Create a paper chain. Over the week, tear off a link and read the verse together.
Reflect on its meaning.

examples:

1 John 4:19

1 John 4:8

Romans 8:38-39

Elementary:

Great is our Lord and mighty in power: his understanding has no limits.

Toddlers & Preschool:

Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Make it Fun!!!

- **Popsicle Stick Puzzles:** Write verse on popsicle sticks, one or two words per stick. Shuffle them and then put the sticks in the correct order.
- **Practice with motions:**
 - **Great is our Lord:** Raise both hands high and stretch out your arms.
 - **And abundant in power:** Show your muscles and flex.
 - **His understanding:** Point to your temple/head.
 - **Is beyond measure:** Spread your arms out as wide as you can, shaking your head in awe.
- **Sticky Note Reminder:** Write the verse on sticky notes and place them around the house: Bathroom mirror, fridge, bedroom door.
- **Pray it:** Turn verse into an active prayer praising God for his Wisdom, strength and understanding.

July 19

Big Idea: God is Justice

Deuteronomy 32:4

- What do you think it means when the Bible says God is "the Rock?"
- The verse says God's works are "perfect". What does perfect mean to you?
- Can you think of a time when something didnt feel fair to you ?How could remembering God is just help?
- If God is strong like a rock, how can that help you when you feel worries or afraid?

Activity

Family Rock Reminder

Together as a family..find a smooth rock outside. Paint or decorate it with words like: God is our rock, strong, faithful...etc. Place it somewhere visible (desk, kitchen, nightstand).

July 26

Big Idea: God is our refuge

Psalm 142:5

- What does the word refuge mean? Can you think of a place that feels safe to you?
- When you feel scared or upset, who do you usually go to for help?
- How can God be like a safe place even when you are not at home or with family?
- Have you ever prayed when you felt alone or worried? what happened?
- Why do you think David called God his safe place?
- If God is your refuge, how should that change the way you handle fear or problems?

Activity

Work together to build a fort. Make it a safe place with pillows and blankets. Talk about why the fort feels cozy and safe. How does God make us feel safe?