

KOMERAKids is a brochure designed to help encourage and motivate children between the ages of 7 - 10yrs, during this time of confinement.

We hope for them to learn things about God and themselves, all while having fun!

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Shalom!

for KOMERAKids!
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Dear adventurer,

KOMERA!

How is your trip going?

Do you remember in the last KOMERAKids, for the game, you needed to use a mirror to see the references?

Did you know that we can compare The Word of God to a mirror? Think about that for a moment!

The Word of God helps us to see certain things in our life which we wouldn't necessarily see without relating them to this Word! These things can be good or bad!

Just as a mirror helps us to see ourselves as others see us, The Word of God allows us to see how we appear to God! When you look in a mirror, what do you see? You check whether you are clean, whether your hair is brushed, whether you've buttoned up your shirt, if you have any dirty spots on you,... You can see yourself and say: 'I like my hair, or, I like my shirt!'

So, when you look at yourself with the help of The Word of God, you can see whether there are areas in your life where certain things need to change, or, if there are good things that need to be kept and treasured. For example, you can see if inside of you, there maybe anger or if you are jealous or disrespectful. But you can also see, joy, goodness, or peace in your heart!

Well, just as a mirror allows you to see how you look on the outside, The Word of God helps you see how you look on the inside! As you are used to using a mirror to take care of your outer appearance, I encourage you to develop this habit of using The Word of God to take care of your inner appearance!

Everything is a matter of choice. Is it better how you look to other or to God? Which mirror will you choose first? The bathroom mirror or the Word of God?

Enjoy your trip!

LUKE 15:11-32, New Living Translation (NLT)

¹¹ To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

¹³ “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. ¹⁴ About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵ He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”’

²⁰ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

²² “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

²⁸ “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

³¹ “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

LET'S DISCOVER...

God, the Father

Try answering these questions?

1. What was the father's reaction when his younger son asked for his inheritance?
2. What was the father's response when his son returned home?
3. How did the father show his joy that he found his son again?
4. How did the father respond to his older son's attitude when his younger brother returned?

You can send your answers to
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Do you know why we call God the Father?

It was Jesus who taught his disciples to pray to God, calling Him: Father.

« He said to them: « when you pray, say:
Father, your name is Holy, may your
kingdom come »

Luke 11:2

But already long before Jesus came, God had told the Israelites that they would be His sons and daughters - and He would be their Father. (Ex 4:22-23, Hosea 11:1, Isaiah 63:16, 64:8)

To think about

As we saw in KOMERAKids 0005, to reconcile human beings to Himself, God sent us Jesus.

One of the reasons why Jesus was on earth, was to show us who God is. Jesus used several parables to help us understand God, how He sees us and how He sees the world.

It was God who created the world, human beings, animals, the entire universe! He knows far better than we do how everything works, because He made it all!

A parable is a story whose goal is to teach us a certain lesson. These days we often use a tutorial or video for that.

- ✓ With this parable Jesus wants to show us God's love towards His children. Jesus teaches us what kind of a Father, God is to those who believe in Him!
- ✓ God never forces us to stay with Him. He loves us so much that He gave us freedom to choose. Yet, He knows what is good for us! If we choose badly, God doesn't stop hoping that we will actually realize the privileges we have when we are with Him, and realizing that will let us return to Him.

God is ready to accept and welcome those who realize His love for them and return home, for those who accept Jesus, His wonderful solution! How about you, are you far from God? Would you like to return to Him?

- ✓ God is very happy when even one person realizes who they really are and when they return to God, when they return to the father's house. Jesus said: "All heaven rejoices when even one sinner repents".

Goal: « let's create a nice atmosphere in the house! »

In order to create a nice atmosphere at home, there is one very important thing you have to learn: accepting that others are different from you and that that's not a problem! It is good for you and will enrich you!

Having different opinions about something can often create tensions or arguments within a family. A reason for this is because, as everyone is unique, sometimes you want something the others don't want! Of course, the whole family cannot be like you or think and behave like you! Imagine a home where everyone would be the same! God created us all to be different and it's very good that way!

If you look carefully, you will notice that your brothers/sisters are different physically. More than that, your preferences and tastes are different. You want to dance, she wants to draw. You wish to go for a bike ride, he prefers to read a book,... It's therefore, difficult to agree on playing the same game together, and that might create conflicts, arguments,... To be able to play together, you can, for example, take turns. One day you play one game, the next day you play another one!

So how can we get along, even with all these differences? Well, first we need to try and accept that the other one is different from you. Then, respect the differences! Are you willing to try this?

Be careful, the fact that you are different can never be an excuse to be naughty and play up, and then say « I'm different! » Remember that! I count on you!

It's team work !

If you have homework to do...

Did you know that to memorize your lessons, you use at least three "channels": sight, hearing and movement. Everyone uses all the channels but usually, there is one that is stronger or works better for you than the other ones. If you concentrate on the one which is the strongest for you, you will memorise the lesson better!

To be continued...

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK...

Write on a piece of paper the differences you notice between you and your brothers/sisters. Then, thank God for these differences.

Ask God to help you accept your brothers/sisters just the way God created them!

Enjoy the adventure!

IN GOOD SHAPE !

Take care of your body!

Do you know which element forms the largest part of your body? Is it bones, muscles, skin? Not at all! The most important element in your body is water!!! More than 60 % of your body is water!

To stay in good shape and grow well, you need to drink at least one litre of water a day. I'm counting on you!

What's the weather like today...

Maybe at times you don't feel well on the inside because you compare yourself with someone else. You find that the other has something you don't have and you start to look down on yourself and say « I'm nothing. » For example, you might notice that your friend/brother/sister is taller than you, or that she has blue eyes and you don't, or that he can play a game better than you, etc. Remember, we saw that we are all different! If you look carefully, you will notice that you, too, have certain things the other person doesn't. Perhaps you are a better swimmer than your friend! It may be that you are a faster reader than your class mate. You are perhaps kinder than your brother/sister. It's also possible that your friend with blue eyes thinks your eyes are prettier than hers!!

You have qualities, talents, physical features that another doesn't have, and they have some you don't have! What is important, is to learn not to compare yourself to others. This will help you feel good.

In fact, you will always find someone who is better in certain things than you, and others who aren't as good in something as you. So you are not "nothing", you are just different! Learn to celebrate what the other has and thank God for what you have! To be continued...

Did you know...

In Jewish culture of Jesus' time, it was unthinkable to ask for your inheritance while your father was still alive. It was shameful!

Two acts helped the youngest son to return to his father's home:

First, he reflected on his life! He realised what a miserable life he had lived in that foreign land and that in his father's home, he had everything!

Secondly, he decided to humble himself and return to his father to ask him for forgiveness.

In fact, the father never stopped loving his son and had been waiting for him patiently.

In that culture, it is indecent for an older man to run. But that didn't stop the father! He didn't hesitate to run to meet his son on his way back. He did this to show him that he still loved him! What love!

Jesus told us this story to show us how God the Father loves us. He is always ready to welcome home anyone who is ready to come home!

*Do you remember that in KOMERAKids 0005 we said that there is life in the presence of God? This son realized that to be in the presence of his father meant life! The father confirmed this through these words « this son of mine was dead but is alive again»
Luke 15:31*

Can you imagine what would have happened to him if he hadn't returned to his father?

Now, over to KOMERAKids!



This is Nathanael. He took on the challenge that was in Komerakids0003, which was to create a story. He sent us a video of the story Dutch(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHl9rWORCak&feature=youtu.be>) and French(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1USe_9RnhJQ&feature=youtu.be), so we translated it English for you. Enjoy!!

Hello everyone, my name is Nathanael. I am 10 years old. I made a story and it's called: "Wally's adventure with God". Are you ready? Let's start!

One morning, Wally woke up in his room. He went outside to play soccer. While he was playing, all of a sudden he saw a light. He went to that light and heard a voice that said "I am God; and I don't like how your family acts towards me, since I only want good for them" and the light left. Wally thought to himself "Was that God? The God in whom some people believe?" He went into the library in his house to get a Bible, because he had found an old Bible there. He took the bible and read in it for a short time; and in the Bible text that he read, it said "I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd takes good care of his sheep." He was so surprised by these words that he thought "maybe they are right, those people who believe in God. He decided to go to the tree more often and he started to believe in God more and more.

One day his dad came in his room and said "Wally, why do you always go to that tree? What is so special about that tree?" Wally said "I wanted to believe in God, because He speaks to me". Wally was so happy to tell his father, but his father became very angry and said nothing. He just left. Wally wondered "why is he angry at me? There is nothing bad about believing in God?"

In the next story you will discover what will happen between Wally and his dad. Bye everyone!!

If you also want to share with a story that you created, a joke, a picture of a piece of artwork, ... then send us an email (don't forget to first ask your parents for permission!)