

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

**Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:**

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

**This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.**

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email [permissions@group.com](mailto:permissions@group.com).

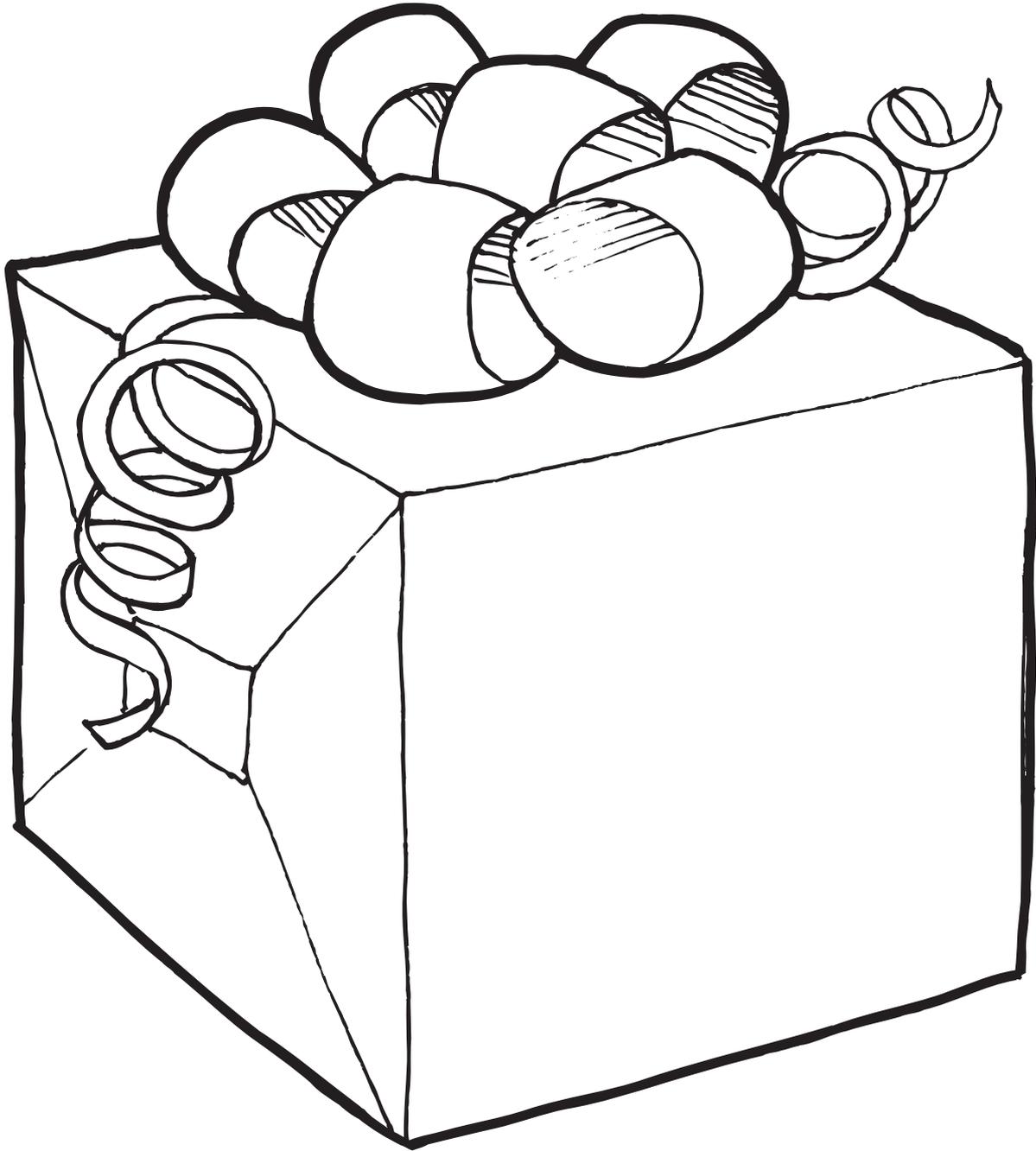
We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing



Gift





# Growing With Jesus

Your child learned that we believe in Jesus (from 1 Peter 1:3-9). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Gift "Rap"

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Read this action rhyme to your baby, and gently assist him or her with the motions:

**Jesus is a gift** (*cup your baby's hands together*)

**Sent from God above.** (*raise baby's hands*)

**When we believe in Jesus,** (*place your baby's hands on your heart*)

**We feel God's special love.** (*give your baby a big hug*)

## TODDLER

### Best Gift Ever

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Conceal a large, sparkly trinket in your palm where your child can't see it. Hold out your hand.

Say: **I have a wonderful surprise in my hand.** Encourage your child to tap your hand. When he or she does, open it to reveal the trinket.

Say: **What a wonderful surprise! See the pretty trinket?** Let your child touch the trinket.

Say: **We like pretty things. But Jesus is better than pretty things. He's the best gift of all. We believe in Jesus.**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Pour Out His Love

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Fill a large plastic container with water, and set out plastic cups and pitchers of varying sizes.

Say: **The Bible says when we believe in Jesus, God pours his love out on us.** Pour water from a pitcher into a cup. **God fills us up with his good gifts.** Let your child play with the cups and pitchers in the water.



### Mine, All Mine!

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*Mine.* This is one of the earliest words a child utters. "Mine" establishes control, turf, and a healthy sense of security in a child's growing mind on a very basic level. Losing a bottle or a favorite toy to a sibling causes the offended to mobilize his or her resources to get it back. Screaming, hitting, and tantrums erupt from the little cherub you were just cooing over moments ago. This is a normal phase of a child's development. You can use this natural development as a tool to help children understand that Jesus is "theirs" too and they can believe in him.



### Help your child become a FaithWeaver with these ideas:

Fill a small gift bag with several small prizes, such as treats or small trinkets. Every day this week, have your child reach in the bag and choose a gift. Remind him or her that the Bible says we can believe in Jesus. Knowing Jesus is a wonderful gift.

Peter told his friends that believing in Jesus was wonderful. Tell your child why you think it's wonderful to believe in Jesus.