



COMING EVENTS

What's coming up in middle school @NCC:



- **Vertical Edge • Tuesday, October 29 • Costume Night.** Come dressed up for Halloween - there will be prizes for best dressed! West Court from 7:00-9:00pm.

october 26/27 lesson

- Series:** Buried Treasure
- Lesson:** Message in a Bottle: God's Word
- Scripture:** *Psalm 19:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-4*
- Key Concept:** Kingdom life begins with believing God's message.



Chew Time

Bible Reading Time (Chew Time): Luke 4:1-21



Stepping Up

Lesson Look Back

A quick look-back to our last lesson on Matthew 11:27-29

1. Three things Jesus revealed about His Father
 - Love through His death.
 - Character through His lifestyle
 - Power through His resurrection
2. What does Jesus promise us if we look for treasure in Him?
 - Humility and gentleness, abandoning heavy burdens

Getting into it:

- A) Listen to Chris Tomlin's "**Indescribable**":
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohmA9fPEpe4>

Lyrics:

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

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Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
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Think about the following questions:

1. God is all about order and organization. In the chorus of the song it says, “You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.” What do we learn about God by considering the number and placement of the stars? (*He had a plan all along. God doesn't “shoot from the hip” or “play it by ear.” He planned everything, from beginning to end, before He started to create. He is sovereign and knows where everything should be in order for it to carry out its purpose.*)
2. When you think about creation, what amazes you the most about God?

B) Read Psalm 19:1-11

✠ *¹ The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ² Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. ³ They speak without a sound or word: their voice is never heard. ⁴ Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. ⁵ It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. ⁶ The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. ⁷ The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. ⁹ Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. ¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. ¹¹ They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.*

Consider the following questions:

1. What reveals the character and power of God, according to the Psalm? (*The heavens and the skies. **Psalm 19:1-2***)
 2. What characteristics of God can you discover by what He has made in the sky? According to this Psalm, how does God communicate His message of salvation? (*Through His word.*)
 3. What specific benefits of knowing God's word does the psalmist list? (*It revives your soul and makes you wise. It gives you joy and enlightens your eyes.*)
 4. In this Psalm, what value does the psalmist put on God's communication? (*It is more precious than gold or silver and sweeter than honey.*)
 5. According to verse 11, what are the benefits of listening to God? (*We are warned of dangers and spiritual traps. Keeping God's word brings great rewards.*)
- C) Transition>:** When you need to give a message to a person, it is always better to give it to him directly. Otherwise, they may not receive the information you intended. Something might get lost in the transmission if you ask another person to carry your message.

We are going to look at how God communicated His most important message to mankind so that it came through loud and clear.

Read: **Hebrews 1:1-4** ¹ Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ² And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. ³ The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. ⁴ This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

Consider the following questions:

1. How can we know who God is and what He is like? (*We know who God is and what He is like by knowing His Son. Jesus "expresses the very character of God." **Hebrews 1:3***)
2. As followers of Christ, our mission is to know God better. Since Jesus reveals God to us, what should we do? (*Study Scripture to discover all we can about Jesus.*)
3. Jesus gave many messages in His day. What is the most important message He ever gave and why? (*His message of Salvation is vital to us!*)