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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. And you will even tell other people about me from one end of the earth to the other.”

~Acts 1:8

I think I may have missed my calling as a rock star. I can put on quite the performance when I am alone in my car and no one can hear me. I admittedly have terrible taste in music, and it's usually a fight in the car when I'm with my kids. Billy Joel is my absolute favorite, and sometimes the boys and I can compromise with Billy. But when Counting Crows or Matchbox 20 or (and please don't judge me too harshly here) Air Supply come on, their airpods make an appearance and I am free to resume my awesome one-woman show. I really hate it when the artist gets the words wrong, but it doesn't stop me from belting out the tune, drumming on the steering wheel and air guitaring at the red lights.

I have also been known to get my worship on! Hands raised, tears streaming down my face as I rock out to my Jesus Jams (no joke, that is actually the name of my spotify playlist!). Completely unabashed and unfettered by my shyness and terrible singing voice, I can let go and let God...with my windows securely raised and absolutely no eye contact at any red lights. Not because I am embarrassed by my music, but because my singing voice sounds eerily like a braying donkey.

Worship is wonderful and how amazing that we *get* to worship! Worship should be genuine, and done in spirit and truth (John 4:23). And worship should be fun “*Clap your hands, all people! Shout to GOD with loud songs of joy!*” *Psalms 47:1* And nowhere else do I get to experience the fullness of joy in worship than on Sunday mornings with your children! The kids get up and start dancing and twirling and singing loudly and they don't care who is watching them, who is listening to them, or if they sing like a braying donkey, which they do not! They just get to worship with their whole hearts and have

fun! And that is what worship should be like. I am constantly reminded of this, but this past Sunday, it really occurred to me. I get self-conscious and shy. I feel silly and foolish singing so loudly with my terrible voice. I am not the type of person to raise my hands in praise during a church service in front of other people because I feel awkward. I make it all about me, and not about worshipping our amazing GOD!

I love that there are times I get to learn a valuable lesson from these kids. And watching them having so much fun as they worship is beautiful. After all, Jesus did tell us that we need to “turn and become like children to enter the kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 18:3). I have so much to learn from your kids, and it is such a blessing to me that I get to!

As always, there is so much happening in Kingdom Kids! We have a very long memory verse this month, so that being said, Chocolate Sunday won't be until May 24. We have just started clarifying and examining what Acts 1:8 is all about, as we start a new series Power of the Spirit. For the next 6 weeks we will be learning about the Holy Spirit, how it helped the disciples after Jesus ascended, and how it helps us now. We will learn that we have a role as Christ followers to tell people about Jesus and spread his message. The children will also realize that they are not too young to evangelize and that Jesus can and will use them!

Kingdom Kids Wednesdays have been busy too! We just finished our series on Bedtime Stories, where the kids illustrated a bedtime storybook with wild stories from the Bible. We did stories like Noah's Ark, Balaam and the talking donkey, Jonah, Jesus walks on water and Revelation with the New Heaven and New Earth. Look for our storybook soon! And we will begin a new series on Creation before we take our summer break.

I am so excited about this! We have a serve opportunity coming up too! On May 9, Kingdom Kids is partnering with Team Salty for a Family Serve Day. This particular event is only for kids in second grade and up, just for safety reasons, as we will be cleaning up roads and doing some town cleanup. We will definitely have more opportunities at a later date for families to serve together. I love the idea of families serving together and making a difference within our own community. And it's good for kids to see that they can make a difference and that there are needs that they can meet even at their young age.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity of partnering with you to help disciple your children. In the last few weeks, I have had some amazing and beautiful conversations with kids about salvation, forgiveness, serving and loving others as Jesus loves. I am always so impressed by their questions, and their answers. Your children are insightful and thought-provoking, as well as silly and talkative. Truly the best combination! I like

the challenge of answering their questions, as well as challenging them to answer some of mine. I truly have the best job, I get to play and teach kids about Jesus. And I have said it before, but I learn a lot from your children too. And I thank you for having such great kids!

If you are interested in learning, then I encourage you to consider joining our team! I am always looking for people to hold babies, cuddle toddlers, play with preschoolers, color with kindergarteners and learn from the great philosophers that are our elementary-aged kiddos! Bible degrees aren't necessary, just a patient and gentle demeanor and a love of Jesus! I am biased, but Children's Ministry is the most fun! Where else in life do you get to play with play-doh or twirl like a ballerina? All while worshipping with carefree abandon like a child? It is a precious place to be.