**DEAR PARENTS:**

This month, we are going through the *Wildlife* lesson series in youth group, and your student is learning about how to follow God during the “wilderness” seasons of life (when experiencing doubt, difficulty, or not feeling "on fire" with their faith). Each lesson gives your student the opportunity to study Scripture and apply it to their own life. Below are the passages we are studying and the main takeaway from each lesson. Additionally, each lesson includes a memory verse, and we’d encourage you to learn these verses alongside your child.

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| **1. When in the Wilderness**  **1 Kings 17:1–24**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  All believers go through time in the "wilderness", but God is  still powerfully at work in those seasons. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”  Philippians 1:6 (ESV) |
| **2. Burning Bush**  **Acts 7:20–35**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  No matter how long our time in the wilderness is, we must  be ready and willing to respond to God's call. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am!  Send me.’”  Isaiah 6:8 (ESV) |
| **3. Locusts, Honey, and Camel Hair**  **Mark 1:1–11**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  No matter where we are or what we look like, God has given us a message for the world. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”  Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV) |
| **4. Wild Jesus**  **Luke 4:1–13**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  Jesus went through the wilderness too, and he did it for you. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” Hebrews 2:18 (ESV) |

**STUDENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

As a supplement to the lessons, we are also participating in a service activity together. This month, we are serving refugees who might be in a wilderness time of life. It should be an impactful time of practically living out what we’re learning.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK**

We realize that you, as parents, are the primary faith influencers in your child’s life. The best disciple making takes place when students’ parents take the lead. Here are some conversation starters to help you talk with your child about what they’re learning:

* What’s something that stood out to you or surprised you from this lesson series?
* What’s an application you’ve made and how is it going?
* What “wilderness” season are you currently facing, and how can I help you follow God through it?
* How can I be praying for you?