

# OUTLINE DETAILS

## WELCOME

This is a wonderful opportunity for the pastor to introduce the children's ministry leaders in your church; public recognition and support are a positive acknowledgement of the dedication of your team. This is also a time to encourage the involvement children have within the service, and celebrate their leadership as valued members of the church.

## OPENING PRAYER

The service will begin with an opening prayer led by a child. There is a pre-written prayer, however we encourage families and children's leaders to assist children in coming up with their own unique prayer. The prayer will invite God to bless everyone in the congregation and thank God for a wonderful time of worship together.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Assign several children to practice the motions to the verse ahead of time. Practice with the group coming on to the stage together to demonstrate to the congregation. Remind your group to give the audience lots of smiles! Instruct the children perform it first, then invite have the audience to join on the second time.

## OPENING SKIT

The skit provided is appropriate for the sanctuary and introduces the theme of the program. There are two versions of the skit. One is directly related to the VBS character Constance the Camel and requires 2 actors. The other skit has the same message, but uses 4 actors instead. Read through both skits and choose the one most appropriate to your setting. Keep in mind that whatever you do, the important thing is to have children at the forefront of the entire Sabbath service.

## SKIT SUMMARY

The summary explains the message of the skit. It introduces the story of Jacob's Ladder, and hints at the forever promise that God has given us.

## SERMON & PRAYER ACTIVITY

The sermon is broken up into 5 parts, each presenting a segment of Jacob's story. Every portion of the sermon involves either a child presenter, or an element of active engagement with the congregation and their families. In between each part, there are songs taken from the Fiercely Faithful VBS curriculum.

Choose each of the presenters ahead of time and have the pastor, elders, and parents work with them as they practice. It is a fantastic opportunity to connect leaders with kids!

## CLOSING & CALL TO COMMITMENT

Pastors are encouraged to give the church opportunity to respond with either a general call to a commitment to be faithful to God's call or a more specific call to baptism as a greater sign of commitment. A short homily may also be presented by the pastor here. The Sermon outline provided recommends focusing on God's forever Covenant, and how it demonstrates how Faithful God in keeping his Promises.

## INVITATION TO LUNCH

Optional: Invitation to "Let's Eat" Children's Sabbath Potluck.

Assign several children to extend the invitation to join them for lunch.