

Grace Kids Summer Challenge

Kids 8th grade and under can get creative, learn, and stay active with the Grace Kids Summer Challenge! Children will complete a variety of challenges earning points for each challenge completed. At the end of the summer, during the Grace Kids Back to School event on August 2nd, top earners in each age group will be awarded prizes.

The Summer Challenge begins June 14th and ends July 26th.

Children in all age groups can choose to complete any of the challenges below from June 14th to July 26th. Some challenges can be completed only once while others can be completed multiple times.

Keep track of your completed challenges and points on the activity tracker which can be downloaded at our website: <http://gracebchope.org/events/>

Movement Challenges		
Points	Activity	How many times this activity can be completed for points
50	Exercise in Godliness Grab a friend, parent, or sibling who will be your “exercise buddy” for the week. Then recite your memory verses to them and have them check your recitation (you can take turns doing this with each other). Every time you miss a word, or skip a section, have your “exercise buddy” call out an exercise that you must do before starting the passage over again (i.e. do a pushup, run a lap around the room, do 5 squats, 10 jumping jacks, or plank for 30 seconds). Every time you have to do an exercise, you need to start over with your verse recitation until you have recited it all the way through.	Once each week
25	Go on a Treasure Hunt Hike Recruit some family members or friends and go on an explorative hike (this could be right in your backyard or a local trail/park), completing the attached scavenger hunt list HERE as you go! This will require you to keep your eyes wide open as you search for each “something” on the list.	1
15	Prayer Walk Walk around your neighborhood or around your property. Every time you get to a corner (end of a block or edge of your property) stop and pray for someone. As you walk to the next corner notice what’s around you like the birds, grass, or trees and thank God for his creation.	Once per day

Quiet Time Challenges		
Points	Activity	How many times this activity can be completed for points
25	Read a chapter of the Bible (we recommend reading along with our church's Grace Readings plan which are posted on Facebook each day)	Unlimited
10	Spend time talking to God (pray)	Once per day
10	Write or draw 3 things you are thankful for today	Once per day
10	Listen to some reflective or calming music about Jesus	Once per day
20	Listen to or read a daily devotional (this should be in addition to other readings. We recommend Keys for Kids radio devotion: https://www.keysforkids.org/Programming/Keys-for-Kids-Daily-Devotional/Read-Listen)	

Church Challenges		
Points	Activity	How many times this activity can be completed for points
300	Attend church once each week for 4 weeks in a row (does not have to be Grace Baptist or a particular service during the week)	1
150	Visit Grace Baptist Church (this is not a challenge for those who already regularly attend)	1
200	Bring a friend to Grace Baptist Church who has <i>never</i> visited before. (any age friend counts!)	Unlimited
100	Bring a friend to grace Baptist Church who does not regularly attend. (any age friend counts!)	Unlimited

Reading Challenges		
Points	Activity	How many times this activity can be completed for points
25	<p>Read or listen to one of the Bible Stories directly from the Bible listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adam and Eve – Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-25 2. Noah Build the Ark – Genesis 6:1-22 3. The Worldwide Flood – Genesis 7:1-24 4. A New Beginning – Genesis 8:1-22 5. The Rainbow Covenant – Genesis 9:1-19 6. The Tower of Babel – Genesis 11:1-9 7. Moses in the Bulrushes – Exodus 2:1-25 8. Moses and the Burning Bush – Exodus 3:1-14 9. God Calls Moses – Exodus 3:15-4:19 10. Moses' Contest with Pharoah – Exodus 5:1-23 11. The First Plague – Exodus 7:1-25 12. Frogs, Lice and Flies – Exodus 8:1-32 13. Murrain, Boils and Hail – Exodus 9:1-35 14. Locust and darkness – Exodus 10:1-29 15. The Passover Established – Exodus 12:1-30 16. Bound for the Promise Land – Exodus 12:31-13:22 17. Moses Crosses the Red Sea – Exodus 14:1-31 18. Quail and Manna – Exodus 16:1-26 19. Water from God – Exodus – 15:22-27, 17:1-7 20. Ten Commandments Give – Exodus 20:1-26 21. A Scapegoat for Sin – Leviticus 16:1-34 22. Immanuel Promised – Isaiah 7:1-25 23. Prepare for the Messiah – Malachi 3:1-6 24. The Messiah is Born – Luke 2:1-7 25. Adoration of the Shepherds – Luke 2:8-20 26. Simeon and Anna Honor Jesus – Luke 2:21-40 27. Jesus and the Teachers – Luke 2:40-52; John 7:15 28. Nicodemus Comes to Jesus – John 3:1-21 29. Jesus Heals the Sick – Mark 1:29-45 30. Jesus Feeds 5,000 – Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 6:20-33; Luke 9:10-17 31. Preparing for Passover – Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13 32. The Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:17-20 	Each story on the list can be read once for 25 points each.

	<p>33. Christ's Trial and peter's Denial – Matthew 26:57-75; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54-71</p> <p>34. The Crucifixion – Matthew 27:32-56; Mark 15:21-41; Luke 23:26-49</p> <p>35. The Burial of Jesus – Matthew 27:57-66</p> <p>36. The Resurrection – Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-8</p> <p>37. Jesus on the Emmaus Road – Luke 24:13-35</p> <p>38. The Ascension – Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16: 15-20; Luke 24: 50-53</p> <p>39. Christ Coming in Glory – Revelation 19:1-21</p> <p>40. New Paradise – Revelation 22:1-21</p>	
20	Read or listen to a Bible story picture book	Unlimited
50	<p>Read or listen to a nonfiction, chapter book about the Bible, Biblical History, Christian Living, Missions or Creation Science.</p> <p>Some suggestions available for free and online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Basics • Fearfully & Wonderfully Made • Sensational Sea Creatures • Aquarium Guide • Marvels of Creation: Magnificent Mammals • Nate Saint: God's Jungle Pilot • Ida Scudder: Healing for India • Christian Heroes: Then & Now series (available through Bartholomew County Library) 	Unlimited
15	Read this article about how long ago the Bible was written https://kidsanswers.org/how-long-ago-was-bible-written/	1
25	Read this article about the history of the Bible: https://kidsanswers.org/hunting-down-history/	1

Creative Challenges		
Points	Activity	How many times this activity can be completed for points
25	Create a poster of the 6 days of creation. Find what God created each day in Genesis chapter 1 .	1
25	<p>Create a Bible Treasure Map.</p> <p>Grab a sheet of printer paper and place it on a tray. Steep 2 tea bags (a dark tea, like black tea) in 1/2 cup of hot water and let cool. Then, dab the tea bags on the paper to make it look aged. Let it dry in a warm, sunny place.</p> <p>With a marker draw a “map” of pictures as clues for a Bible verse. For example, “For God so loved the world...” could be a series of pictures like a cross, heart and globe. This will be your “map” to help you memorize God’s word and hide it away in your heart!</p> <p>Optional step: Crumble the map and then flatten it out again to make it look even more “ancient.”</p>	1
25	<p>Makeup a Sea Shanty (song) about God’s Attributes</p> <p>Create a song just like sailors used to sing – they called them sea shanties. These songs were made up and sung while they worked to cheerfully pass the time. Make up a song about God’s attributes (what God is like). Add instruments or rhythm for extra fun!</p>	1
25	<p>Create an Attribute Acrostic</p> <p>Make an acrostic out of the word CREATOR with verses that describe God. An acrostic is a composition that takes each letter of the word and uses that letter to make a new sentence or verse. For example, an acrostic on GOD could be:</p> <p>Great: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. Psalm 145:3-4</p> <p>Omnipotent: Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Revelation 19:6</p> <p>Deliverer: The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer. Psalm 18:2</p>	3
25	<p>Create a Card</p> <p>Create a card letting someone know how much God and you love them.</p>	3

50	Make something by hand that could teach others about God. Show it to someone and describe what it means (for example a cartoon strip of the gospel, a sculpture of creation, embroidered scripture, a puppet that tells a bible story, etc.)	1

Practical Challenges		
Points	Activity	How many times this activity can be completed for points
15	God wants us to be good stewards (or caretakers) of the things he has given us. Find a place in your house or yard that needs some tidying or maintenance and take care of it.	Unlimited
75	<p>Interview an older Christian in your life: this could be a grandparent, your pastor, a trusted member of your church, or a close family friend.</p> <p>First schedule your meeting by giving them a call, and set up a date, time, and place to meet. This could be a meeting over lunch, teatime in the living room, or sitting in the garden outside. Before you do your interview, make a short list of questions (3-6) that you want to ask them. Here are some questions you could ask:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is one of the most important lessons you have learned from God? 2. What is your favorite Bible passage and why? 3. What is your best advice for someone my age? 4. What books have you read that changed your life? 5. What is God teaching you right now? 	2
25	Help a person who cannot do things that you can do. Help them with completing a project or doing some work that they cannot do without help. (For example: help your little sibling organize their closet, help an elderly person weed their garden, read a book to someone who cannot see well, etc.)	Unlimited

50	<p>Treasured Prayers</p> <p>“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” 1st Timothy 2:1-2</p> <p>Make a list of the leaders in your life – the people who have authority over you at home, in sports, in the government and so on. Take time to pray for them each day for 1 week.</p> <p>Helpful hint: set an alarm for a certain time each day to pray for the people on your list so that you never forget to do it.</p>	1 (50 points for completing 7 days of prayers in a row)
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Science Challenges		
Points	Activity	How many times this activity can be completed for points
15	Learn about the compass that sailors used to navigate the high seas by reading this article: https://kidsanswers.org/which-way/	1
15	Read or listen to this article on Weather and Animal Adaptations https://kidsanswers.org/weather-animal-adaptations/	1
15	Read or listen to this article about the science of sleep! Why do you have a bedtime? https://kidsanswers.org/why-do-i-have-a-bedtime/	1
50	Research and write an article (at least 3 paragraphs) about a scientific topic (for example: what causes tornadoes, how electricity works, crop rotation, what a solar system is, the difference between alligators and crocodiles, etc.) Submit your article with your activity tracker sheet.	5
25	Complete this experiment to learn about your muscles! https://kidsanswers.org/can-your-muscles-make-it/	1

25	<p>Sink or Float? Fresh or Salty?</p> <p>Supplies: large bowl or bucket, 1 cup of salt, small objects. Experiment with salt and fresh water to learn about density. Fill a large bowl or container with water. Gather a variety of small objects like a paper clip, a coin, a rock, a potato chip, an orange, a pen or any small items that won't get damaged by water.</p> <p>Decide which items you think will float in the water. Then, drop the items one at a time in the container and see if they float. Note what happened with each.</p> <p>Next, add a lot of salt (1/2-1 cup) to your container. Mix it up really well. Now guess which objects you think will sink. Drop each object into the water and note what happens. Do they sink or float?</p> <p>Did you guess correctly? Since saltwater is denser than freshwater, some items are light enough to float in saltwater but still too dense to float in freshwater.</p> <p>Finding out if something will sink or float is easy. But sometimes understanding why other things happen is hard. The Bible tells us that we can trust God when we are confused and go to him with questions. He knows everything and he loves us. So next time you go swimming in a lake, pond, or ocean, remember that the God who is powerful enough to create the water is also loving and kind to you. You can trust him.</p>	1
25	<p>Biome in Jar</p> <p>Using a simple jar or other container create a landscape of a biome. Biomes are large areas of the earth characterized by the special animals, soil, temperature and plants that are there. Use items you find in nature or other items you have around your house. (You can make an ocean with sand, water and toy fishes or a forest with dirt, pine needles, and cut-out drawings of forest animals. This experiment is a wonderful reminder of God's design of our planet. Our creator is very creative and knows exactly what each species of animal needs. Isn't God's handiwork amazing!</p>	1