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Children—Jonathan Blake

Good morning, children. Excuse me, Great to see you all up here in the front row. But I love it if there's children to come up to the front. And there's still seats, there's still books, and I'm not real comfortable up here. So it's fine if you join me and not be comfortable either. All right? We are using the normal Sunday school books. And as it was mentioned last night. Phone for the adults. You can look up the songs on your phone, but I think there's enough books for the children and if anyone wants a book for their back, raise your hand and we can get it to you. All right, somebody have a song to start with this morning? Yeah. What number? 59, Thank you #59. Let's talk about dreams. Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, and everything change. The history of the mainstream glory and God's Word. Anderson taking such, my Lord, Wonderful, wonderful. Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful Jesus. I'm so busy smiling. God is feeling. Everything give me problems and shame. Wonderful is my dreamer. Christmas Day. It's all he is Lord. Reached out, we shall say wonderful. All these names, these titles of the Lord Jesus. Says bow down to him. Praise and adore Him. Albany, That's what we want to emphasize this morning. That's the most important thing, that you bow the knee. Receive him as your savior. Somebody have another song.

What number do you got? #82 Thank you. What was the other number here? I saw another hand, was it you? Great. We'll see #82 and then number 86. Story. Tell me the story. Slowly and lightning. I wonder for the night sun God's ground will be always in the. With a story. Of Lord thy Lord again so soon. The night of all morning, as I saw it, I could do. Blah blah blah and. Tell me the same old story. When you are close to me. And this world. Empty Lords of saving me. I'm sorry. I see. I see. No. Tell me. Your story. To help me with so sorry. I'll be almost. The old, old story, but it's the same story for 2000 years of Jesus and his love, isn't it? You know, if you're here for the duration of the conference, you'll hear the gospel three times.

There's also a lot of the rubber wise that build his house on the rock and the rain came over there. Now they stand down, making the fire stand up. Rain came down in, the floods came up, the rain came down and the fudge came up and the house on. Down stand down. Never the bus stand up. The rain came down and the bus came up the rain stayed down and the bus came. And the house on the Santa. If you now like Christmas around, so if you build on Christ, you miss the rock. So if you build upon Christ, who is the rock, you'll be saved when the judgment comes. You will be saved when the judgment comes, will be saved when the judgment comes. You will be saved by the judgment from if you build on Christ the Rock. Children here, my wonderful grace, my soul mate. Good morning. I. They both have 104. Why don't we sing the first and last verse of 104 and then we'll sing 88? As I say, here is about you. Can strengthen you. Swelling to the gym in every new fruit. To him that are coming. On here at the ground.

All right. And number 88? There once was a while ago. He he had to be tied to my dream and to yourself singing about him. He said no man, bring him to me. And when they have gone into Jesus. I pray we are Saturday God. When Jesus was riding upon him. It went just the way that he showed. A right submissive we can't be made so I love the Son of God. Thank you. I think what I want to talk about. Thank you for giving out the song, Ezra. What I want to talk about is these last lines of the song. And Jesus is able to make you whatever He wants you to be. He loves you and longs to forgive you and make you both happy and free. Before we get to that though, I'd like to hear some children say their verse. So you may have learned a verse from the Sunday school paper or any other verse would be fine. So any volunteers to say the verse? I knew whoever was not found in the Book of Life was cast into like a fire. Revelation, 2015. Whosoever, whosoever has. Whosoever was not found in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015 very good. Thank you. All righty. Whosoever was not found written in the book of Life, life was cast into a lake of fire. Revelation, 2015. Thank you. He said was not found in the Book of Life, was cast into the Lake fire. Revelation 2015. He's Whoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Relation, 2015. Thank you. Do you want to say it? So ever, when not written in the Book of Life, shall be cast in the Lake of Fire. Revelation 2015. Very good. His whoever was not founded in the Book of Life was cast into a lake of fire. Revelation, 2015. Thank you. His silver was not found. Written in the Book of Life. Was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. However, was not unwritten in the Bible. I was casted into like a fun relation 2015. Whoever was not found written in the Book of Life was kept into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. Whosoever was not found written in the book is was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. Life into the Lake of Fire.

Thank you. Whoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 2015. Thank you. Whosoever was. Not found. Written in the Book of Life. Was cast down. And into the lake of our. Revelation, 2015. Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. Do you have a verse, Gracie? Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. So every was thought out in the book of life shall be cast into the lake of fire. Revelation, Revelation. Thank you. Do we have some more over here? Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Thank you. Anybody else? Whosoever. Was not found written in the Book of Life. Was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 2015. Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. Yes, Sir, but we're not in the Book of Life was cast so like a fire. Revelation. Revelation, 2015. Whosoever was not written in the Book of Life shall be cast into the Lake of fire. Revelation 2015. Very good. Anybody else? Whosoever wasn't. Written. Written. In the book of life. Shall be cast into the lake of fire. Relations. 20/15/2015. Thank you. Got a couple more. Whosoever was not written in the Book of Life, shall we cast into the lake of fire? Revelation 2016. Thank you. Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was passed into the Lake of Fire. Revelation, 2015. Thank you. Somebody. That's all right. Now you all said the verse that was in the Sunday school paper, and that's OK. I was thinking maybe there would be a variety of verses, but you know this verse. Might be the most solemnizing verse, most serious verse in the Bible. To consider what it's saying. A fixed

destination for those that are not found. Written in the book of life. And their names are not found, and they are cast not by their choice. They have no choice in the matter. They've lived their lives for themselves. And the end is being cast into the lake of fire. That's very solemn. I brought some objects with me. Wanted to pull out. I'm sorry, I'm going to have to have my back turned to somebody, but anyway, I'm gonna put these out.

You know each one of us. Is made-up of. Three things. I think we had that in the gospel last night, Body. Soul and spirit. Can anyone see what these things have in common that I'm putting here on the table? What do you see? What's that Cups? Anything else you see? How about this? This is included. Yeah, what do you see? They're all made out of ceramic or glass. Yeah, other than the bucket. That's right. Let's read a verse. In Genesis chapter 2. Genesis chapter 2. Verse 7 The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. Other than the bucket, there these each. I believe are made out of the ground and they're formed and one thing that they have the ability to is to hold something. They have capacity. And that's what I was thinking of is you can call them a vessel. And that's what I was thinking of. Vessels, this is tiny. It won't hold much. But we are vessels, We are formed out of things of this ground. Adam was formed out of the ground, and then God put into him a soul and a spirit breathed into him the breath of life. In each of us have that natural life that has been given to us. You know, I met a little boy for the first time yesterday. Henry. I think he's less than three months old. He's like this little vessel. There might be a younger one here in the audience, but they're cute. This is cute. They're a little vessel, they have capacity. Not much can be filled. Come to the other end. This has lots of capacity. It's not cute anymore. It's useful, has a lid is starting to peel, the handle still in place, but it's loose. If I leave it out in the sun, it'll grow faded, it'll want to crack. But right now it's useful. Well, in the normal course of life, we're born as a baby, right? And we grow up. And we grow. Very quickly, quicker than our parents want us to grow, and pretty soon we go to school and we learn. We come, we get bigger physically, and then our minds continue to learn and we gain what's called capacity, able to retain things. We have a memory that takes things in and stores them. So we keep on growing as we go through school, and then pretty soon we reach an age where it's time to get a job. Maybe 18, maybe later. And we enter the workforce and no longer are we learning. In a school setting, but we're learning by experience. And that experience grows. Until the end, we learn by experience. So you want to have a favorite age? That they would like to be. When I was six or seven, I remember thinking 4 years old was pretty fun.

Could I be four years old still? Nope, I can't do that. I can't go back. I think if I went around and asked you what age you'd like to be, you'd say the next age older than what you are, right? No, you're at least my children. I know you joke. Well, I like to keep you foreign for another year and they say no, I want to be five. Well, we always seem to want to get older until we reach a certain age, then we'd like to stop. Let's read. I'm thinking of this in Psalms chapter 90. Psalms chapter 90 in the middle of verse 9 says we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are three score years and 10:00, and if by reason of strength they be 4 score years, yet as their strength, labor and sorrow for it as soon cut off and we fly away. That's what the natural life views itself as. You know, those that are 75 and 80, that's three score and five. That's let's see here. Yeah, 3 score years and 1070 year olds old or four score 80. You know men in this world, they talk about leaving a legacy. All they can leave behind. They hope they can leave behind a memory. Because the years fly by and before they know it, their time is up. But it tells us in verse. 12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply hearts unto wisdom. How important it is to take account of the days that we're given, and not just let them go by so quickly. To do. What's right in the sight of the Lord and not our own will? Let's see here. I have two vessels here. All of these are unique. Let me say that first. All of them are unique, but I have two that look similar. Anybody have a guess why they might be different? I'm going to show you. Is there a difference? There's a difference on what each one contains. You know these two vessels look the same, but what's in them is completely different. You know, it says man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart. One has dirt. I would have put filthy rags in them. But I think my wife would like to use them again. And I can clean the dirt out. The other one has what looks like treasure. They look alike from the outside. Again, man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. Inside they're completely different. So you know the 1st. We read about Adam. Being formed of the dust of the ground. And he was part of that creation. That was good, very good in fact. And in Jeremiah 18 we read about the Potter's wheel. But the Potter, the the vessel that was being formed was marred. It was marred by sin. And we had it last night. We were all born into this world as sinners. So death pass upon all men, for that all have sinned. That's like this vessel with dirt in it. There's sin on us. The sentence of death is on us.

This other vessel, you know, I was thinking though, of a story. The first time that the vessel Word is used in the word of God, the children of Jacob, the sons of Jacob. In chapter 43 of Genesis, it says the famine was sore in the land. They were there in the land of Israel, and the famine was sore. What happens when there's no when there's a famine, what is there a lack of? Food. Yes. Joseph was down in Egypt. You remember the story? What did he have? He had storehouses of food, you might say gyms this size full of food. You know what Jacob told his sons? He said. Middle of verse 11, take of the best fruits in the land, in your vessels and carry down the man. That's the man. Is Joseph a little present? He said take the best fruit that we have and carry it down to Joseph. What good was that? What good is what we can bring to God? By our natural abilities, by our good works, what can we bring to God? Nothing. God wants to pour us out. Grace beyond measure. Much like Joseph, He wanted their hearts. He didn't want their rotten food, their fruit. That was no good after traveling through the desert that came from a famine. He didn't have any use for that. He wanted their hearts. He wanted to bless them. Well, we can't bring anything to God but our sins, isn't it? Isn't that true? We can't bring anything to God but our sins? Well. Let's move on to the vessel with treasure. These are gold coins. They're just gold colored chocolate pieces, but they picture to me picture of treasure. To me, treasure in the vessel speaks of eternal life. You know, it says who can quote John 3:16 for me? Someone help me out with that, OK? God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Very good. Thank you. God provided the best that he had. Sent his Son into the world that we might have eternal life so. Speaks about he that takes the water that the Lord Jesus offered shall have a spring, the water of life springing up into everlasting life. He'll have eternal life. If any man be in Christ, He is a new creation. That's what He wants to give us. That's what He wants to put in our vessels. How important it is to make sure we have treasure in our vessels. I'm running a little short on time, but I'm going to tell you a little story. And it's not to scare you, but it's to make you think, you know, A few months ago at our house. Some of us were watching events outside our window. And a white truck came down the road. A white truck came and stopped in front of our house and backed into our driveway. And the man got out. He opens, there's a canopy on the back, opens a canopy and it's lit in the back of the truck because it was the middle of the night. That man. I kind of expected him to come. On the side of the truck was his official position, Grant County Coroner. Do you know what a coroner does? A coroner picks up. The dead bodies. After an accident after an unexpected death picks up the vessel. You know. It was a sad night. Our neighbor had tragically died. In a fire in his house. Fire. You know what I didn't tell you? The street was lined with emergency vehicles and there was an ambulance there.

Do they put dead people in an ambulance? They put live people in an ambulance, ones that still have life in their vessel. You know, if you're here sitting in the front row or in any row in this building. And you still have life, the natural life, but it's all you have. You don't have the treasure in your vessel. You're in need of an ambulance, in need of being put in an ambulance because you're in a serious condition. And so we would plead with you to make to come to the Lord Jesus and accept Him as your Savior. He died for you. He gave his only life. He gave his life for you. You know Mr. Dell as we knew him, they worked on him for some time. To try and see if there was a response and there wasn't and so. They had to call for the coroner, you know. I'm thankful to say though. That as his body went, his empty vessel went. I was confident that it was the happiest day he had experienced because his soul and spirit were present with the Lord, absent from the body, present with the Lord. To be with Christ, which is far better. What a difference to be cast into the lake of fire in a coming day. Those that are saved though, are going to be with Christ, and the moment they die, if the Lord hasn't come, it'll be the happiest day of their life. Well, let's move on with our example here. So this is a treasure that's concealed. You can't see it. We had a verse in our chapter, Matthew 5. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work. And glorify your Father, which is in heaven. He wants our light to shine out, doesn't He? He doesn't want to be hid. Can anyone not see what's in here? It's more treasure you know we had. The need to be broken vessels. I wasn't going to break a vessel here to let the treasure shine out, but here's a transparent vessel, one that can be seen through. That's what we want to be. Just to let our light shine. Treasure. In our vessel, you know, men, it was said yesterday that pride. Is as easy as breathing, I'm afraid. When our vessel grows, so does our pride. Grows right alongside of it, and it hinders. That treasure that's within us, you know, in the workplace, you realize that everyone wants to be identified or defined by something, and usually it's their hobby. Fishing, sports, politics. I have a I had a boss in the past that there were three things he liked to talk about. His hunting dogs, his fishing boat in Cougar football. Well, that's what defined him. You know what defines us? I hope it's a treasure. That defines you. That you. Are not caught up with yourself, but that the treasure is free to shine out. All right, I had one more thing and I need 3 volunteers. OK, looks like. We'll go here in purple. We got three girls. I'm going to feel bad about this, but come on up. What I want you to do? I'm going to give you each a bag of modeling clay. Come on up here. Go ahead. OK, I'm not much of an artist, so I'm not going to make you do much with the modeling clay, but I want you to take it. Roll out. Don't touch it yet. Roll out, you might say, a worm and form a circle. All right, so on your mark. It's that go.

That's good enough. OK, hold it up to see show how well you've done. Can you hold it up high? Shoulder around? All right, so one person was able to form a worm. The other two just have balls like how I gave them to them. What's the difference? Can I have yours? You can put it down and return to your seat. Well, they didn't know it. That's why I didn't let them touch it. This one was sealed up in good condition. It could be formed. This one I put in the freezer overnight. It's cold, you can't do it'll warm up. This one I left out all week. This is air dry clay. It can't be formed. Well, that was. I apologize for those that got tricked, but you know. Can we become cold in our hearts? Cold like a stone? Maybe from not reading our Bibles, not praying, we start thinking that our God is a hard taskmaster, that he requires too much our consciences. Are we have a bad conscience? That can happen, can't it? Well, this will warm up and be usable again. Thankfully this air dry reminds me you know it's we're told to keep. A to keep our vessels sealed, this one was left out to exposure. It's no good, but you know, we can be left out in the world to absorb all the things in the world and our vessels become hardened. There's a verse that says today, if you will hear his voice, harden, not your heart. We need to be soft. In the Potter's hand, be moldable, be formed into what he wants for us because he wants. Our spiritual capacity, not just our physical capacity. He wants to grow our spiritual capacity. And make it usable in his hands. You know, there's two things I was thinking of the steel in this room. There's two things that form steel, maybe more, but heat and pressure. Do we like pressure? Do we like the furnace in our lives? No, it's not enjoyable. But. We need to be moldable, easy to be impressed with Christ's image. All right, well, I used up my time, let me tell you. Well, I'll I'll pray and then I'll say a little bit more. Our gracious God and loving Father, thank Thee for these children. We know their souls are precious, and we pray that each one would come to Thee by faith and accept Thee as their Savior. Thank Thee for all Thou hast done for us and pray that we would have tender hearts, consciences that can be reached by Thy word. And by thy Spirit. So we just pray for help in this. Thy name we pray, Lord Jesus, Amen.

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