

#### Just a word from Mr. Mac

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There are wonderful blessings from God to us in our lives. He has blessed in so many ways. Can you make a list of three of your top blessings in your life. It could be a person, a friend, a game, a teacher, or a place:

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Now, this is a bit more difficult to think about, but we also have things in our lives that make it hard, or make us cry, or make us afraid. It could be a sickness, or the dark, or a "hurt" in you. What are three things that make you hurt? (I'll go first: five weeks ago, my wife Miss Betsy fell and broke six ribs and hurt her lungs. It made me sad, and I am still sad about it).

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

So, God has given us many blessings, but He has also allowed many hard things in this life because of what we call a "fallen world," a world influenced by sin. And there are people in the world who do not love God, and they can be very mean to us.

#### BUT, GOD THE SON SENT GOD THE SPIRIT TO HELP US!!

God did not leave us alone. We are never alone when we are in the dark or when we fall off our bikes or when someone is sick. We are never alone.

Ask your mom or dad to read Psalm 121 to you. Maybe they could read it to you when you are going to bed at night.

Ask your mom or dad to share with you stories in their lives when things were hard, but they realized that they were never alone.

Learn this name of God: *Jehovah Shammah*. It means, "The God Who is There." His very name tells us Who He is, and He is a God who never leaves us. He sent His Holy Spirit to live in us and come alongside us and to remind us of God's great promises.

I love you and am thankful for you,

Mr. Mac

#### Do you have a: Prayer Request? Praise Report?

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know? Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

## Dear Mr. Mac,

#### A Guide to Family Worship July 25 - July 30

#### Suggested Questions for Mom and Dad to use this Week:

**1. Mom and/or dad,** read my letter to the children. Help them through it because it asks them to think of not only many blessings from God but also some of the harder things in their lives.

2. When you read the letter, you'll see three things to do with your children:

a) Read Psalm 121 to your children

b) Tell them stories of times in your own life when it was hard, but God was always with you.

c) Teach them the name of God: Jehovah Shammah. "The God/LORD Who is There."

#### 3. Share favorite Bible verses this week.

#### 4. Pray in unison the Lord's Prayer every day this week.

**5.** Sing! Sing together! In this day and age there is everything from hymnals to your playlists and YouTube. Find great hymns of the faith (hymns you might have grown up on) and hymns we sing on Sunday nights. Sing them. Learn them. Enjoy them. Memorize them. Cling to them.

## <u>Sermon</u> Art

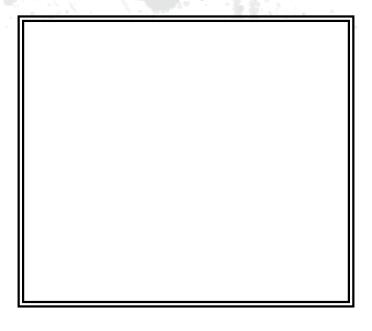
Use this page to **illustrate** something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

#### This week's lesson is on

John 15:16-25

#### Want to see your artwork on the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).



Name:



#### Steve and Sherri Letchford SIM Kijabe, Kenya

Steve and Sherri are gospel-focused healthcare professionals based at Kijabe Hospital, Kenya who have been a part of the African church's ministry for 24 years. They are passionate about young healthcare professionals knowing Christ and making Him known in vulnerable communities. Sherri is a physical therapist reaching rural families. Steve leads SIM's Banda Health project, using technology and gospel-shaped relationships to empower frontline healthcare providers in East Africa's slums and villages. They have four adult + two inlaw-kids and four adorable granddaughters.

### **Music and Hymns**

#### "Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace is probably the most recognizable hymn to most Christians. The simple words of this old favorite were written in 1779 by John Newton while living in England. Since his early life was filled with sin, this hymn is thought to have been his own testimony of his conversion and life as a Christian. The melody is an Early American tune of unknown origin. This hymn is of great comfort to the sinner saved by grace! If you believe in Jesus and make Him Lord of your life, He will also forgive you of your sins!

#### "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

This hymn is so encouraging! The Lord blesses us with so many things. He is our health and salvation, He shelters us, He grants our desires, He prospers our work, He defends us, He made us, He guides us, He gives us relief. Thank Him with praise and adoration!

" Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" Psalm 103:1–2



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