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Thank you for purchasing *Jesus Is the Answer*. This year of chapel gatherings is designed to provide schools with meditations and weekly service folders for 35 weeks. These prewritten services make it easy for schools to provide a meaningful chapel gathering as they set a theme for the entire school year. So that you might become familiar with the many parts of this program, please read these pages carefully before you begin using the meditations. We pray that this project will help your children get to know that Jesus Is the Answer.

THEME

It is a goal of the Christian teacher to instill in the children the truth that no matter what questions might arise in the lives of God's children, Jesus has the answer. Based on Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know," these chapel programs are prewritten to provide group songs, readings, prayers, and meditations. Approximate time for each gathering is about 15 minutes.

Feel free to mix and choose any session at any time. You need NOT follow the order that they are included on this disk set.

AGE

We attempted to be very sensitive to children from preschool to eighth grade. For the most part, songs are well known and the messages are geared to about a 3rd- 4th grade level.

ITEMS INCLUDED

Worship Services

Each week a complete worship service is provided that includes songs, responsive readings, group questions, messages, Scripture readings, prayers and benedictions. These are formatted to be printed on one side of a sheet of paper (church bulletin-fold design). They are provided in a Word document so you can make adjustments to the service for your specific needs and wants.

Also included is the outside or bulletin cover in PDF. This includes a full b/w design on the front cover and the lyrics to the theme song *Jesus Is the Answer* on the back cover.

Meditations

Author Reynold R. Kremer has written 35 meditations that serve as the message for the day. They have been carefully researched and have been written for school age children. Meditation sheets are in PDF format and are intended to be read by the Leader. As with all Kremer products, the meditations have been edited by a WELS, ELS, or LCMS educator.

Meditation Booklet

This disk includes a special file folder that has all 35 meditations formatted for a handout booklet. It is suggested that at the end of the year, you can print and distribute these booklets to the children so they might have their own set of meditations.

Theme Song: *JESUS IS THE ANSWER* by Reynold R. Kremer

It is suggested that the theme song be sung at the close of every week's meditation. There is no instrumental accompaniment for this song, however; the sheet music is included on the kit disk.

Weekly Song Selections

Each week includes two songs for the children to sing in addition to the theme song. All songs chosen were taken from *The Kids Hymnal* by Hendrickson Publishers. You may notice a variance in wording of some songs, for instance *Beautiful Savior* is titled *Fairest Lord Jesus* in *the Kids Hymnal*. You can use the CD or DVD (whichever you chose when ordering the kit) for

each of the songs. If you are interested, *The Kids Hymnal* also has available a children's hardcover songbook with all 80 songs, and a piano score book. They are all available at Kremer Publications. (Although we did not use them, there are a few songs in the hymnal may cause some concern.)

Songs used in *Jesus Is the Answer* and their frequency of appearance:

All Creatures of Our God and King	I
Amazing Grace	III
At the Cross	III
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	I
Count Your Blessings	IIII
Fairest Lord Jesus	IIII
For the Beauty of the Earth	I
God Will Take Care of You	III
Have Thine Own Way, Lord	IIII
He Keeps Me Singing as I Go	III
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands	III
Holy Holy Holy	II
How Great Thou Art	II
I Will Sing of the Mercies of My Lord	III
I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy	III
Isn't He Wonderful	IIIII
Jesus Loves Me	II
Jesus Loves the Little Children	III
O, How I Love Jesus	III
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	III
Standing on the Promises	IIII
The Old Rugged Cross	I
This Little Light of Mine	IIII
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	II

PowerPoint Slides

One PowerPoint slide has been prepared for each session. Slides include a graphic, the session title and the Scripture reading. The PowerPoint file numbers correspond to the set numbers of the sessions. Feel free to add any additional slides for your particular needs.

T-Shirt Templates

Several chest, front, and back graphic designs are provided on this disk for themed T-shirts. Chest graphics can be printed 4-up on a sheet of special transfer paper, and chest/back designs can be printed 1-up or 2-up. You can purchase transfer paper at Kremer Publications (1-800-669-0887.)

ITEMS THAT CAN BE PURCHASED IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD KIT

T-Shirt Transfer Paper

You can purchase transfer paper for T-shirt iron-ons at Kremer Publications (1-800-669-0887.)

Hallway or Outdoor Banner

You can keep the year's theme at the forefront with indoor or outdoor banners (and stands) also provided by Kremer Publications. Prices and sizes can be found at kremerpublications.com > school products > theme for a year.

MEDITATION LIST (In order as they appear on the disk)

THE LORD ASKS: Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Job 38:35

THE LORD ASKS: Why do you worry about clothes? Matthew 6:28

THE LORD ASKS: Who is my mother and who are my brothers? Matthew 12:48

THE LORD ASKS: Where are the other nine? Luke 17:17

THE LORD ASKS: Who gave man his mouth? Exodus 4:11

THE LORD ASKS: Why are you so afraid? Matthew 8:26

THE LORD ASKS: Where are you? Genesis 3:9

THE LORD ASKS: What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his own soul? Mark 8:36

THE LORD ASKS: Why did you doubt? Matthew 14:31

THE LORD ASKS: Is anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:26

THE LORD ASKS: Who is it you are looking for? John 20:15

THE LORD ASKS: Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Matthew 7:16

THE LORD ASKS: Do I lack the strength to rescue you? Isaiah 50:2

THE LORD ASKS: Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? Matthew 7:3

THE LORD ASKS: What do you want me to do for you? Mark 10:51

THE LORD ASKS: Do you see a man who speaks in haste? Proverbs 29:20

THE LORD ASKS: What are you doing here, Elijah? 1 Kings 19:9

THE LORD ASKS: How long will you lie there, you sluggard? Proverbs 6:9

THE LORD ASKS: Why should I forgive you? Jeremiah 5:7

THE LORD ASKS: Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? Isaiah 6:8

THE LORD ASKS: Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Job 38:4

THE LORD ASKS: You do not want to leave too, do you? John 6:67

THE LORD ASKS: Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you count the months till they bear? Job 39:1,2

THE LORD ASKS: Which of your fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? Luke 11:11

THE LORD ASKS: Of what value is an idol? Habakkuk 2:18

THE LORD ASKS: Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Luke 12:25

THE LORD ASKS: Who do you say that I am? Mark 8:29

THE LORD ASKS: Do you know the laws of heaven? Job 38:33

THE LORD ASKS: Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Matthew 9:4

THE LORD ASKS: Why were you searching for me? Luke 2:49

THE LORD ASKS: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Matthew 27:46

THE LORD ASKS: Can a blind man lead a blind man? Luke 6:39

THE LORD ASKS: Does the clay say to the potter, "What are you making"? Isaiah 45:9

THE LORD ASKS: Are you still sleeping and resting? Mark 14:41

THE LORD ASKS: What is your name? Luke 8:30

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JESUS IS THE ANSWER

The Lord asks:

“Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?” Job 38:35

ARE YOU AFRAID OF STORMS?

It's no secret that children are often afraid of lightning and thunder, and no doubt if the truth were told, we would find a lot of adults who also become frightened during storms. The bright flashes of light followed by loud claps of thunder can sometimes make us want to hide under our blankets or move closer to mom and dad. Because there are so many people that fear lightning and thunder, someone gave it a name. It's called **astraphobia**. Maybe some of you suffer from astraphobia.

Over the years there have been some interesting explanations for electrical storms. Some jest that it's just the angels bowling in heaven or a herd of heavenly horses running from one side to the other. We know those are just silly ways to help us get our minds off of these storms. Science tells us that there is a very good reason for the sudden flash of light followed by that clap of thunder. It seems that lightning is really a huge spark caused by different electrical charges high up in the clouds. When that spark travels through the clouds it makes a hole that is heated up to a very high temperature. That causes the air to expand and contract quickly causing a loud noise. The reason you hear the thunder after you see the lightning is because sound takes longer to get to your ears than light takes to get to your eyes. Did you know that at this very moment there are about 2000 thunderstorms going on somewhere in the world?

We read in the Bible that many years ago God visited a man named Job. Job had many problems in his life and tried to figure out why God would allow such terrible things to happen to him. Finally God came to Job and spoke to him in a stern yet loving voice. He wanted Job to understand that it isn't our place to ask why God does what he does. Instead we should be confident that God has everything under control, including the weather. That's why he asked Job an interesting question about storms: "Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm? Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?" (Job 38:25,34).

We know there are many ways that weather can be dangerous. There are tornados and hurricanes, blizzards and wind storms, not to mention the thunder storm. But God wants us to know, just as he did Job, that he is in control of everything. God knows exactly where each thunderstorm is. He knows exactly how much rain falls in every storm. He knows the shape of every snowflake that falls, and he controls exactly how fast the wind is blowing.

So the next time stormy weather frightens you, just remember who cuts the channels for the torrents of rain, who knows the path of each thunderstorm, and who sends the lightning bolts on their way, for God is in complete control. He is with you and will never leave you. The same God who quieted the storm on the Sea of Galilee and who put the rainbow up in the sky is the same God who sends the rain to water his plants, and controls the wind that spreads his seeds. What a wonderful and great God we have!

SONGS: **How Great Thou Art**
 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

The Lord asks:
“Why do you worry about clothes?” Matthew 6:28

WHAT CONCERNS YOU?

Do you ever worry? Some people seem to worry about everything! Of course, there certainly are many things we could worry about. Adults could worry if they will have enough money to make the house or car payments. They may worry about their health, or if they will be able to keep their jobs. Children also might have things to worry about. They might worry if their teacher will call on them and they won't know the answer. They might worry about becoming sick and missing an important school event. Children also worry when they hear their parents argue, or when they see their parents sad.

Judith Viorst, a well known writer, once wrote a poem titled “*Fifteen, Maybe Sixteen Things to Worry About.*” In the poem she lists some very interesting things you might worry about, such as your pants falling down when you dive off the diving board, or your nose keeps growing and never quits. You could always be chosen to always be “it” when playing tag, or your mother might make you eat liver for supper. She also mentions that your dad might decide you need less TV, or the ceiling might come crashing down on your head. Ms. Viorst ends her poem by saying that perhaps it would be better to just spend her time worrying about her homework.

Jesus realizes that there are many things that cause children and adults to worry. He knows that people have difficult lives and perhaps some good reasons to be concerned. When Jesus lived here on the earth, he spent time teaching the people about the problem of worrying. For instance, he asked them why they worry about how fashionable their clothes were. He said, “Look at the beautiful flowers. Do you think they worry about how they look? Yet God loves you even more than the flowers.” He also asked the people why they were worrying about what they would eat or drink. “Look at the birds,” Jesus said. “Do you see them worrying about their food from day to day? They don't store up food for the future. They just trust that there will be enough food for their next meal.”

Sometimes we spend too much time worrying about things that God said he would take care of. In the Bible, God assures us that he will hear each one of our prayers. In fact, he tells us that he knows what we need even before we ask him. He tells us that he is always with us. He tells us that everything that happens to us happens for our good.

“So why do you worry about clothes? Why do you worry about where your next meal will come from? Or why do you worry about your health?” Jesus asks. He gives us the perfect answer: “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.”

Someone once wrote a lovely poem that says:

Do not worry for your life,	And why worry about clothing?
What you'll eat or drink or wear;	See the lilies' glad array;
Is not life much more important	Solomon in all his splendor
Than these things that cause you care?	Never dressed as fine as they.
See the birds—they sow and reap not,	This is how God clothes the grasses,
Nor in barns do store away.	Though their life is but a day.
Yet your heav'nly Father feeds them;	Will He not much more meet your needs?
Have you not more worth than they?	Let your faith not fade away.

SONGS: **Isn't He Wonderful**
 God Will Take Care of You

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The Lord asks:

“Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?”

Job 38:35

All Spoken: All Praise to Thee, who safe has kept
And has refreshed us while we slept
Grant, Lord, when we from death shall wake
We may of endless light partake. Amen

Song: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. . .

He's got the tiny little baby. . .

He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands. . .

Mission Offering

Responsive Psalm: (Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

C: *Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,*

Leader: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: *Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,*

Leader: Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

C: *Young men and maidens, old men and children.*

ALL: *Praise the Lord.*

Song: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.*

*Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
Chorus

Message: Are You Afraid of Storms?

Prayer: (Ask for prayer requests)

Heavenly Father, you are truly the Almighty God, ruler over the wind and weather, we thank you for keeping constant watch over us. Please help us to realize that you are always in control of everything and that nothing happens without your knowledge. Stay close beside us as we go through our day today. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the answer to all our questions. Amen.

Lord's Prayer and Benediction

To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Closing Song: Jesus Is the Answer

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“Why do you worry about clothes?”

Matthew 6:28

Leader: Let us begin our service with praise and thanksgiving to our Triune God.

Song: Isn't He Wonderful?

Isn't He Wonderful, Isn't He Wonderful
Isn't Jesus my Lord Wonderful!
Eyes have seen, ears have heard
It's recorded in God's Word
Isn't Jesus my Lord Wonderful!

Mission Offering

Responsive Psalm: (Psalm 37 selected verses)

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good;

C: Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Leader: Delight yourself in the LORD

C: And he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

C: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Leader: If the LORD delights in a man's way,

C: He makes his steps firm;

Leader: Though he stumble, he will not fall,

C: For the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Message: What Concerns You?

Song: God Will Take Care of You

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain:

*God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

Prayer: (Ask for prayer requests)

Heavenly Father, you have filled my cup with so many blessings that it is beginning to run over. You have given me a home and loving parents, plenty of food and shelter and clothing too. You have given me a wonderful school where I can freely learn about you and the great love you have for me. Thank you for my cup filled with blessings! Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless and keep us. May he hold us close to his heart. May he take us to heaven one day to spend eternity there.

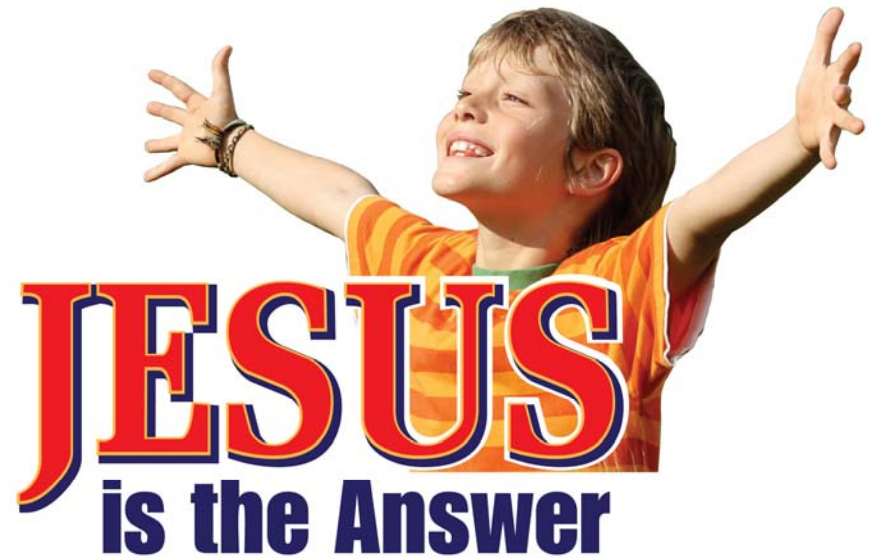
Closing Song: Jesus Is the Answer

JESUS IS THE ANSWER
(Tune: O Savior, Precious Savior)

**Are questions tough to handle? Do problems get you down?
You need not be discouraged or wear that great big frown,
'Cause Jesus is the answer to every hurt and care;
Just give him all your troubles; take them to him in prayer!**

**Are storm clouds in the forecast? Is sickness all around?
You know who stilled the water and gave the deaf their sound.
It's Jesus with the answers to questions big and small.
Just cast your cares upon Him, and he will solve them all.**

**So don't become discouraged if things go wrong today.
Send all your prayers to Jesus, and He will show the way.
No questions go unheeded, they reach His throne above;
The answers come from Jesus, the wondrous King of Love.**



Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and
unsearchable things you do not know.
Jeremiah 33:3

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Words by Reynold R. Kremer

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