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“TURNING CHILDREN TO JESUS.”

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Theme: Turning the Page



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Friends, can you feel it? There's something in the air this May — a kind of holy restlessness, a sacred rustling, like the sound of a page being turned in a very great story. The school year is drawing its final breath. Summer is leaning against the door, ready to burst through. And the children we have loved, poured into, prayed over, and shown up for week after week... they are

stepping forward. Into new grades. New seasons. New chapters. And I want to tell you today — *that is not an ending. That is a pivot.*

Every great story has one. That breathtaking moment when everything shifts — when the hero takes a step they cannot take back, when the light changes, when the reader leans forward and cannot put the book down. May is that moment in children’s ministry. It is the turning of the page. And the question we must ask ourselves as leaders, teachers, volunteers, and parents is this: *What did we write on it?* Because the best authors in history were never in a hurry. They understood that what goes on each page matters. It lingers. It shapes. It echoes forward into every chapter that follows.

That is our calling. Not to rush. Not to fill a calendar or check a box. But to be *deliberate* — to choose our words and our moments with care, knowing that what a child hears in this season may be the very sentence that carries them through a hard chapter ten years from now. I think of Jeremiah 29:11 often when I look out at our kids. *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* Their story is not over. It is not even close to over. It is, in fact, gaining momentum. Every child in your class, every name you have learned, every prayer you have whispered over a small head — it is all part of a story God is still writing with breathtaking intention.

So as we step into this May together — as we close one chapter and prepare to open the next — I want you to hear this like a narrator’s voice settling over a wide and beautiful landscape, full of possibility and wonder and holy anticipation...

“And this... is where it gets good.”

“Every child is a chapter God is still writing.”

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Kid Challenge World-Wide Podcast — The Community Grows

April was a strong month for the KidMin community gathering around the **Kid Challenge World-Wide Podcast**. New episodes dropped with fresh curriculum ideas, global encouragement for children’s ministry leaders in every corner of the world, and creative ministry tools that our community is already putting to work. The engagement has been deeply encouraging — to know that what is being shared from Odessa, Texas is reaching hearts and classrooms across the globe is nothing short of humbling.

And here’s the headline that has the whole community buzzing: **the 5-Year Anniversary celebration is on the horizon**. Five years of championing children. Five years of showing up for KidMin leaders everywhere. The excitement is building, and we cannot wait to celebrate with every single one of you. Stay close — something special is coming.

★ This May: Small Questions, Big Impact ♥

In Kids Ministry, we aren't just "watching" children; we are planting seeds. This month, we're stepping out on purpose with a simple question that can change a child's experience at church: **May I?** It doesn't have to be a big production. It just has to be intentional.



 **31 Days. 31 "May I?" Moments. One "May I" each Sunday. One child at a time.**

 MAY I PRAY FOR YOU?  Ask about their week or a specific "big thing"	 MAY I HEAR YOUR STORY?  Listen to that long, rambling story.	 MAY I ENCOURAGE YOU?  Tell them specifically what you see Jesus doing in them.	 MAY I HELP YOU?  Assisting with a craft, a memory verse, or tying a shoe.	 MAY I SIT WITH YOU?  Get down on their level.	 MAY I SHARE A SCRIPTURE WITH YOU?  Read a verse that reminds you of them.
 MAY I CHECK ON YOU?  Ask how that school test or sports game went.	 MAY I SPEAK LIFE OVER YOU?  Tell them: "God has a massive plan for your life!"	 MAY I PLAY WITH YOU?  Jump into the game with full energy.	 MAY I WALK YOU TO YOUR PARENTS?  Use transition time for one last word of love.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> "It doesn't have to be big. It just has to be intentional." </div> <p>Why this matters: Children often feel "seen" but not "heard." By asking "May I?", you are giving them agency, showing them respect, and modeling the servant-heart of Jesus. You aren't just a teacher; you are a witness to God's love in their lives.</p> <p>Will you join us in making May a month that matters? ♥</p>	

♥ SECTION FOUR ♥

Mark Your Calendar — The Story Continues

Every great story has chapters you circle in your mind — moments you know, even before they arrive, are going to matter. Here are the ones headed our way:

Date	Event	What to Know
May 10, 2026	 Mother's Day Sunday	The handmade gifts are ready, and so are the children who made them. A special dedication moment will be held during service as our kids present their gifts to the moms, grandmoms, and mother-figures in their lives. Families — arrive early. You will not want to miss the look on your child's face when that moment comes.
Week of May 25, 2026	 End-of-School Celebration	Better Brighter is throwing a full classroom wrap-up party for our kids! Snacks, awards, and — most importantly — a moment of prayer over every child stepping into summer. We are sending them out <i>blessed</i> , not just dismissed. This is a chapter-close worth celebrating.

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Coming This Year	 Kid Challenge World-Wide 5-Year Anniversary	Five years of championing children around the world. Five years of showing up for KidMin leaders near and far. The celebration is coming — with special anniversary podcast episodes, global community shoutouts, and surprise resources. Stay connected. The best chapters are still ahead.



✿ SECTION FIVE ✿

The Narrator’s Last Word (For Now)

Every great story needs someone willing to keep turning the page. Even when it is hard. Even when the chapter is long. Even when the reader is tired and the words are blurring and the end does not seem as close as you hoped it would be by now. The turning of the page is an act of faith. It says: *I believe there is more. I believe the story is worth continuing. I believe the best is not behind me.*

And I want to speak directly to you today — whoever you are holding this newsletter in your hands. Whether you are a pastor who carries a congregation on your shoulders, or a Sunday school teacher who prepares every Thursday night at the kitchen table. Whether you are a bus driver who shows up before sunrise to get those kids to church — I drive that bus myself, and I can tell you, there is no more holy commute in the world. Whether you are a puppet handler, a greeter, a nursery worker, a parent who prays every night for a child who does not yet know how much God loves them — **you are a co-author of something eternal.** The pages you are turning will be read long after you are gone. That is not hyperbole. That is the truth of the Kingdom.

So I leave you with this — an anchor for the road ahead, a word that has steadied me on more mornings than I can count:

“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.”

— *Galatians 6:9 (ESV)*

Do not give up. The harvest is real. The children are worth it. The story is worth it. And the Author who started this whole thing is still writing — with more creativity, more grace, and more plot twists than any of us could dream up on our best day.

With so much love from Odessa, Texas —

Moises Alvarez

“So keep going. The best page hasn’t been written yet.”



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