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- We take our coffee seriously. And we're guessing that you probably do too. That's why we have ethically sourced and fairly traded coffee available throughout the morning. Help yourself to it at any time. Our treat.
- We take a 10-minute break during the gathering to fill up on coffee, talk with one another, and dismiss children to their classes. We call it Coffee & Connection Time. It's a good time. We hope you aren't scared off by it.
- Nursery care is available for babies who are 24 months and younger. The nursery is located on the 4th floor past the Sunday Cinema classrooms. You can take your child there at anytime and our trained teachers will put your mind at ease.
- Sunday Cinema is the name of our summer program for children who are age 2-grade 3. Kids will watch a short movie and participate in a number of fun activities. Since most kids this age can't be trusted in large concrete buildings, we ask that you escort your child to the Sunday Cinema room on the 4th floor during Coffee & Connection Time. A check-in table will be located in the room which makes it easier to pick up the same kid that you dropped off.
- Student who are going into grade 4 and older are invited to remain with their parents in the main gathering for our "PG-4+" teaching time. Our speakers will be intentional about using visual and interactive strategies during their teaching, which should be engaging for people of all ages. Plus, students can complete written activities that correspond to the sermon in our summer Momentum Journal (available at the Welcome Centre).
- Want a Bible? We have free copies at the Welcome Centre for you to take home. No strings attached. Just take it and read it.
- Want someone to pray with you? We have people who can pray with you at the end of our gathering. You can tell them as much or as little as you'd like. They won't be nosy and they'll keep it to themselves.

We'd love for you to fill out a Welcome Card at the Welcome Centre. This will give us an idea of who you are and help us respond to any questions that you might have. Don't worry, we won't bother you with annoying phone calls or spam mail. Promise.

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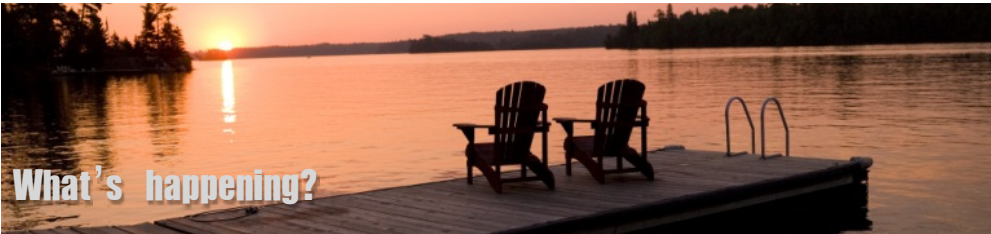
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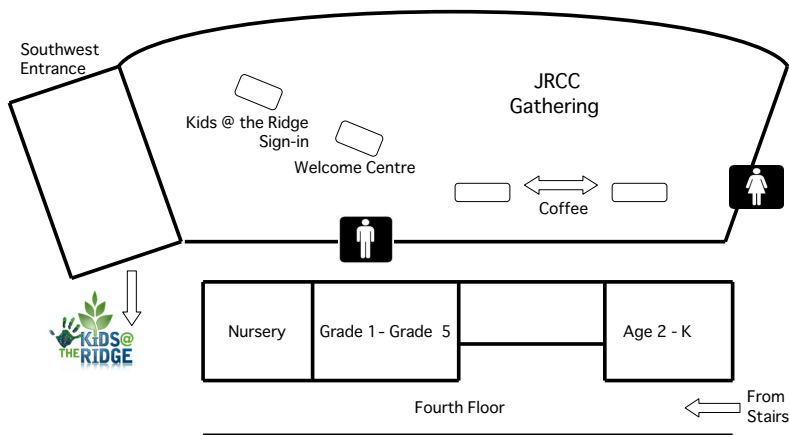
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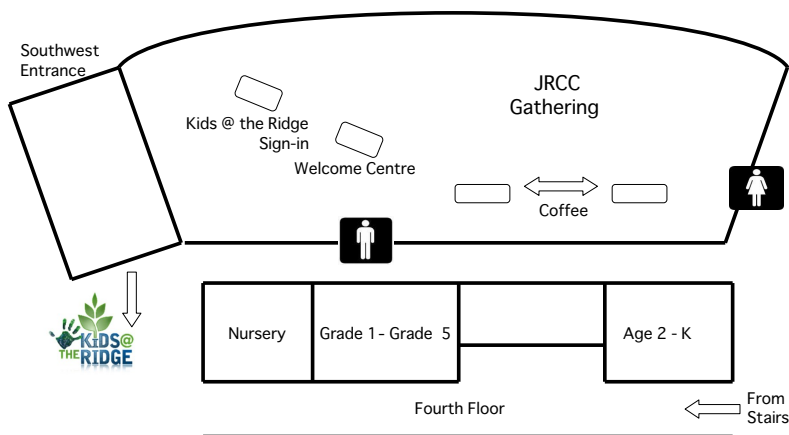
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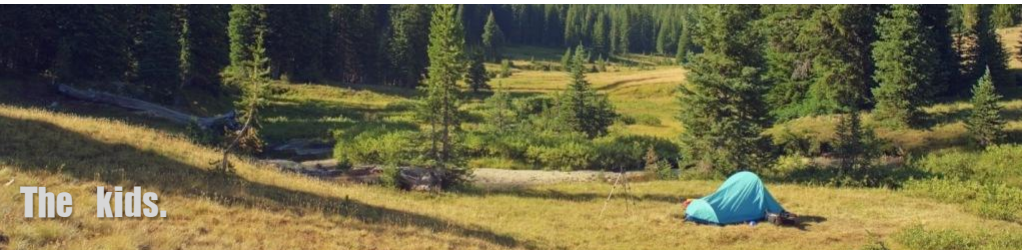
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Last Week of Sunday Cinema

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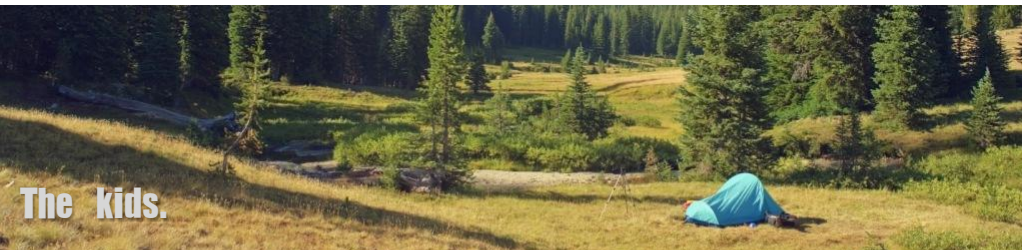
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