

# PARENT CORNER

TODAY: FEB. 28 - MAR. 1

## weekly

**Bible Story:** The Prodigal Son *Luke 15:11-24*

**Big Idea:** Jesus loves

**Focus:** Jesus never stops loving

**Memory Verse:** "Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Now remain in my love." *John 15:9*

### Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on **Luke 15:11-24, Psalm 136:1; Romans 8:38-39; John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9.**

Jesus told a parable about a father and his two sons. The younger son asked for his inheritance early, left home and wasted all his money. When he was hungry and poor, he decided to return to his father and ask for forgiveness. The father saw him from a distance, ran to him and welcomed him back with love and celebration.

#### He Question: Can there be an end to God's love?

God is love. His love is not based on anything we do or don't do. It never ends and never gives up.

#### We Question: Does God care about people who are far from Him?

God loves every single person. He wants people who are far from Him to turn away from sin, return to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

#### Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

### Drive Time



Ask your child if they can remember a time where they were in the car for a long time. Did it seem like forever until you got to your end destination? When you reached your destination, the car ride was over. The long ride stopped somewhere. Unlike the long drive, Jesus' love never ends. Explain to them that God's love never stops! His love is unending.

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## WEEK 1



# DAY 1

**READ** *John 15:9*

It's the beginning of a new month which means a new verse to memorize! With the help of a parent, write out the verse on a piece of paper. Read through it a few times. Then, cross out the first word with a black marker or crayon and see if you can say it. Continue crossing out each word until there are no words on the paper. Then say it one last time.

How did you do?  
Could you say the whole verse?

YES NO

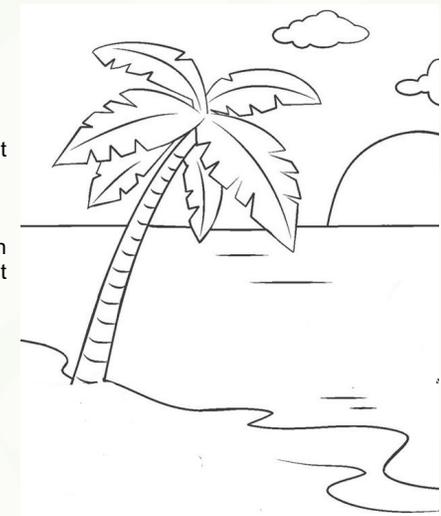
**PRACTICE** this memory verse as a reminder that Jesus loves.

# DAY 2

**READ** *Psalm 136:1*

Close your eyes and picture yourself at the beach with your feet in the sand and the ocean in front of you. Do you see any land or just lots and lots of water? The water in the ocean goes on and on with no end in sight. That is just like God's love for you. It is unending. He never stops loving you. His love continues forever and ever!

Color the ocean picture to help remind you His love is unending.



**KNOW** that Jesus never stops loving you.

# DAY 3

READ Luke 15:11-24

This story is a great example of God's love. Jesus is just like the father who welcomed home his son with love and a celebration. God's love is not based on anything you do or don't do. His love never ends or gives up! It is always there! You just have to accept it, ask Him to forgive you, and trust in Him. **With the help of a parent, complete the wordsearch that has some important words from the Bible story.**

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 H U R I N G U K X  
 N N J R P S L V N  
 V G N F L S O N J  
 N R Y P R K V Z T  
 L Y B R V T E S V

Find these :  
Son,  
Father,  
Love,  
Hungry,  
Ring

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

BE THANKFUL that Jesus never stops loving us

# DAY 4

READ Romans 8:38-39, 2 Peter 3:9

Nothing can separate you from God. He loves you so much that He sent his Son, Jesus to die on the cross for you. He is a patient God. He will wait for you, so it is up to you to reach out to Him. God is love. His love is not based on what we do or don't do. His love never ends. You just need to admit that you have sinned, ask Him to forgive you, and trust in Jesus as your Savior.

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for his never-ending love. Ask him to help you remember in hard times that He will never stop loving you. Ask Him to help you trust in Him.

PRAY and thank Jesus that He loves you.

## parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

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| March 7-8   | 2nd Grade    |
| March 14-15 | 1st Grade    |
| March 21-22 | Kindergarten |
| March 28-29 | 4th Grade    |
| April 11-12 | 3rd Grade    |

### Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Come to church ..... 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible ..... 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_