

PARENT CORNER

TODAY: MAY 2-3

weekly

Bible Story: The Early Church *Acts 4:32–37; 5:1–11*

Big Idea: God is in Control

Focus: God is in control and His way is the best!

Memory Verse: “Lord, you are great and powerful. Glory, majesty and beauty belong to you. Everything in Heaven and on Earth belongs to you.” (*1 Chronicles 29:11, NIRV*)

Bible Story Summary:

Read *Acts 4:32–37; 5:1–11, Psalm 18:30; Isaiah 55:8–9; Philippians 2:3–4.*

The early church was generous, and the people shared their possessions with those in need. Barnabas sold a field and gave the money away. Ananias and Sapphira also owned a field, but when they sold it, they kept a portion of the money for themselves. They lied about the amount of the proceeds. When Ananias was confronted with the lie, he immediately died. His wife lied too, and she also fell down dead. The early church learned God’s way is best!

He Question: Why is God’s way best?

Because God is in control of all things, He has a perfect understanding of what is right for His purposes and His people.

We Question: How does God want His people to treat each other?

God’s way is for His people to treat each other with generosity, selflessness and honesty.

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.



This week we learned that God wants us to be generous. At bedtime, come up with a plan to help someone in need, involving your kid. Here are some ideas: Pay your child to do an extra chore so they can put money in the KidCity offering for our Compassion child, Akeelo. Clean out some toys to donate. Go to the store and purchase some food for the food pantry at Pathway.

Once you have your plan, pray, “God, thank You for Your generous and selfless love for us. Help us to treat each other with generosity, selflessness and kindness. Amen.”

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WEEK 1



DAY 1

READ *1 Chronicles 29:11*

All month we are learning God is in control! This verse reminds us that God is in control of everything. All of the heavens and Earth are His. That is great news for all of us because God always knows what is best for our world and for us, too.

To memorize this verse, make up motions. Beside each word or phrase write the motion you chose. (The first two are done as an example.)

Lord, (point up)
you are great (2 thumbs up)
and powerful _____.
Glory _____,
majesty _____
and beauty _____
belong to you _____.
Everything _____
in heaven _____
and on earth _____
belongs to you _____.

Repeat this verse with the motions 3 times.

PRACTICE this verse so you remember that God is in control.

DAY 2

READ *Acts 4:32–37; 5:1–11*

After reading these verses, answer the following questions:

What were the early believers doing with all their possessions? _____

Who sold his field and brought all the money to share? _____

Who lied about bringing all the money from a field they sold? _____

Ananias and Sapphira just wanted to look like they were being generous. They lied to Peter, John, and even worse, God. They weren’t living God’s way.

When we choose to do things our way instead of God’s way, that is sin. Sin always has consequences. Romans 6:23 teaches us that the ultimate consequence of sin is death—we deserve to die and be separated from God forever. But when Jesus died on the cross, He took our punishment. When we trust in Him, we can be forgiven.

KNOW that God’s way is always the best way.

DAY 3

READ Psalm 18:30

Fill in the blanks from this verse:

God's way is _____. The Lord's word doesn't have any _____. He is like a _____ to all who go to him for safety.

God shows us over and over again in the Bible that He is always in control and working for His purpose and our good. A great example is Joseph. He was sold into slavery by his brothers and spent years in jail for something he didn't do. But he said, "You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good." (Gen 50:20)

No matter what you are going through, you can know that God's way is the best way. He is always in control.

BE THANKFUL that you can trust God's way, no matter what.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

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.

DAY 4

READ Philipians 2:3-4

God's way is always best. In these verses we learned that being generous, kind and selfless to others is God's way for us to live. That is not always easy to do.

In the following situations, circle yes if it would be easy to do and no if it would not be easy.

You are saving your money to buy something you've been wanting. At church you hear of a family that is in need. You give the money you were saving to help the family. **Yes No**

Your friend forgot his snack at home. You share yours. **Yes No**

You are playing a video game, and your brother has a friend over. They want to use the game system. You let him and find something else to do. **Yes No**

Being generous to others can be hard, but when we remember that God is generous and kind to us, we can find joy in sharing with others.

PRAY that God would give you a generous heart.

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

- May 9-10 4th Grade
- May 16-17 3rd Grade
- May 30-31 4th Grade

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Bring a friend 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
- UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



Child's Name: _____