

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: MAY 2-3

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...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.

Drive Time



While you are driving, have your child look at the clouds. Do any of them resemble or look like anything? Ask them if they can touch the clouds? God’s ideas and plans are higher than the clouds. They are bigger and better than any idea we could have. God is in control and his ways are the best. When you follow and obey Him, He will guide and direct you to make wise choices.

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WEEK 1

God TIME

DAY 1

READ *1 Chronicles 29:11*

This month you are learning that God is always in control. Grab a ball and a parent or sibling and head outside! Start close to each other and say the first word of the verse while tossing the ball to your parent or sibling. If they catch it, take a step back. Then, they should say the next word and toss it back to you. If you catch it, they should take a step back. Repeat until you get through the whole verse! If you drop it at any point, you have to start all over!

How many times did you have to start over?

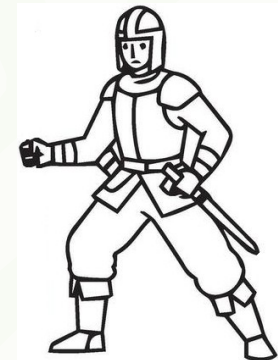
PRACTICE this verse so you remember that God is in control.

DAY 2

READ *Psalm 18:30*

When a soldier is in battle, they sometimes carry a shield. What does a shield do? It stops the arrows and keeps you safe. When you listen to God and stay close to Him, it is like being behind a giant shield. He is always in control and has a perfect understanding of what is right for His purpose. God knows what you are going through. He protects your heart and helps you feel brave even when things are hard and scary.

Draw a shield on the soldier to remind you God is your shield.



KNOW that God is in control and His way is the best

DAY 3

READ Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-11

This week you learned about Barnabas, Ananias, and Sapphira. Barnabas sold his field and gave ALL the money to help people in need. Ananias and Sapphira on the other hand, lied about sharing their money. They were not living God's way. They didn't have a heart for God and just wanted to look good. God's way is always best! He guides you to make wise choices when you follow and obey Him.

With the help of a parent, unscramble some of the important words from these verses.

SHARE
GOD
WAY
LIE

ILE
GDO
RHESA
YWA

BE THANKFUL that God is in control and His way is the best

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

Have you ever wanted the biggest piece of cake? Or to be the first person on the swing at recess? Everyone has thought "me first" but God wants you to be kind and generous towards others. That is living God's way. Just like the early church lived this out, God wants you to show His love to others by being generous with what He has given you. What is one way you could do today? Maybe it's letting someone go before you on the playground or going to the store to buy some food for the food pantry, or maybe doing an extra chore to give that money to our Compassion child, John. Think of one thing and try to do that today.

Take a moment and pray. Thank God that His way is the best. Ask Him to help you remember to live God's way and be generous and kind towards 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

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



Child's Name: _____