YEAR OF THE WORD KIDS

FOR FAMILY CONVERSATIONS AND READINGS

A NOTE TO PARENTS

Parenting is joyful, exhausting, and holy work. And one of the greatest callings God has given you is helping your children know Him. The church plays an important role in supporting families, but God designed parents to be the primary disciplers of their children—teaching them who He is, what He has done, and how to follow Him day by day.

Family discipleship isn't about being perfect or having all the answers. It's about creating a consistent rhythm for kids to interact with God's Word, hear the gospel, and learn that following Jesus is part of everyday life.

WHAT IS YEAR OF THE WORD KIDS?

Each page is a short, kid-friendly companion to the daily readings in the Year of the Word (260-Day) reading plan. The goal is not to replace the plan but to help your kids engage with it.

Every page includes:

- A short Scripture passage (a focused portion from the day's reading)
- A Big Idea that captures the main truth
- A short Tell the Story summary
- Family questions in three age-appropriate levels
- A simple prayer prompt

HOW TO USE YOTW KIDS

Keep it simple. Consistency matters more than perfection.

1) Start with Scripture

- Read the short passage on the page. If your kids are older, invite them to read out loud. If your family reads the full plan already, use YOTW Kids as a quick review.

2) Share the Big Idea

- Say it together. This helps your kids learn to summarize what God is teaching.

3) Tell the Story

- Use the short summary to make the passage easier to understand, especially for younger kids.

HOW TO USE YOTW KIDS

4) Ask the Questions

- Choose the level that fits your child (or mix levels if you have multiple kids). The goal isn't to "get the right answer," but to help your kids:
  1. Notice what God is like
  2. Understand their need for rescue
  3. Connect the story to Jesus
  4. Apply God's Word to their lives

5) Pray Together

- Use the prayer prompt as a starting point. Keep prayers short. Let your kids participate, even if it's one sentence.

A FEW ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Aim for progress, not perfection. If you miss a day, just pick up where you left off.
- Keep it short. Most families can do this in 5–10 minutes.
- Let kids be kids. Wiggles, questions, and short attention spans are normal.
- Come back to the gospel often. The Bible is one story: God rescues sinners through Jesus. That's what we want our kids to see over time.

WHY THIS MATTERS

God is at work in your everyday moments—whether it's car rides, bedtime routines, breakfast, or simple conversations—shaping your children's hearts. You don't have to be a Bible expert; simply open God's Word and guide your kids toward Jesus.

Take it one day, one passage, one conversation at a time. Trust that God will use each moment.

We are praying for you and looking forward to all that God has in store for us this year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email your requests to info@fairparkwm.com.

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WEEK 1

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DAY 1

GOD MADE EVERYTHING

Read: Genesis 1:1,26–27; 2:1–3

Big Idea: God made everything good, and He made people to know Him.

TELL THE STORY

In the beginning, God created everything out of nothing. When God made people, He said they were made in His image, which means they reflect Him. God rested to show that His work was complete and good.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who made the world? Who made you?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does it mean that people are made in God's image?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How should being made in God's image change the way we treat God, others, and ourselves?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for making us on purpose and for Your good design."

DAY 2

SIN ENTERS GOD'S WORLD

Read: Genesis 3:1-7,15

Big Idea: Sin broke God's world, but God promised a Savior.

TELL THE STORY

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sin entered the world. Sin separates people from God and brings brokenness. But God promised that one day a Savior would come to defeat sin and Satan.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Adam and Eve obey God? What happened because of their decision?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What happened because of sin?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why is God's promise in Genesis 3:15 such good news for us today?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for coming to rescue us from sin."

DAY 3

GOD JUDGES SIN AND SAVES NOAH

Read: Genesis 6:5–9,22

Big Idea: God is serious about sin, but He saves those who trust Him.

TELL THE STORY

People chose evil, but Noah trusted God. God told Noah to build an ark, and Noah obeyed, even when it was hard. God rescued Noah and his family because of His grace.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who obeyed God?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Noah build the ark?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does Noah's rescue point us to Jesus as our Rescuer?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us to trust and obey You, even when it isn't easy."

DAY 4

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read: Genesis 9:8–13

Big Idea: God always keeps His promises.

TELL THE STORY

After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah. He promised never to destroy the earth with a flood again. God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of His faithfulness.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What sign did God put in the sky?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What promise did God make to Noah?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why can we trust God's promises, even when life feels scary?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for being faithful and keeping every promise."

DAY 5

TRUSTING GOD IN HARD TIMES

Read: Job 1:1,20–22

Big Idea: God is worthy of trust, even when life is hard.

TELL THE STORY

Job loved God, but he faced pain. Even when Job was hurting, he chose to worship God. Job trusted God even when he didn't understand why things happened.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Was Job's life easy or hard?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What can we do when something bad happens?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does Job's faith point us to trusting God even when life is hard?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us to trust You even when we don't understand."

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DAY 6

GOD IS BIGGER THAN WE ARE

Read: Job 38:1–7, 18

Big Idea: God is all-powerful and all-wise.

TELL THE STORY

God spoke to Job and reminded him that He created and controls everything. God showed Job that His wisdom is far greater than human understanding. Even when we don't understand, God does.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Is God big or small?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did God remind Job about Himself?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why is it good to trust God when we don't understand everything?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for being wise and powerful."

DAY 7

GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT

Read: Job 42:1–6, 10

Big Idea: God is trustworthy, even when we have questions.

TELL THE STORY

Job realized that God was right all along. He humbled himself and trusted God's wisdom. God restored Job and showed that He is good and faithful.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Job trust God in the end?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did Job learn about God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does humility help us trust God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You even when life is confusing."

DAY 8

GOD SCATTERS THE PROUD

Read: Genesis 11:1–9

Big Idea: God is in charge, not people.

TELL THE STORY

The people wanted to make a name for themselves instead of trusting God. God confused their language and scattered them. God showed that He alone deserves glory.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the people build?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God stop them?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can pride keep us from trusting God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You instead of ourselves."

DAY 9

FAITH MAKES US RIGHT WITH GOD

Read: Genesis 15:1-6

Big Idea: God makes us right with Him through faith.

TELL THE STORY

God promised Abram a family as numerous as the stars. Abram believed God, and God counted him as righteous. Abram could not earn God's promise by being perfect. He needed to trust the God who keeps His word.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did God show Abram in the sky?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What promise did Abram believe?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why do we need to trust God instead of trying to earn His love?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us believe Your promises and trust You."

DAY 10

GOD KEEPS HIS COVENANT

Read: Genesis 17:1-8

Big Idea: God's promises are bigger than what we can see.

TELL THE STORY

God gave Abram a new name: Abraham. He promised that Abraham would become the father of many nations. Abraham was old, but God's power was not small. God was building a family through whom He would bless the world.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What new name did God give Abram?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God's promise seem surprising?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can remembering God's faithfulness help you wait for Him?

Prayer Prompt
"God, teach us to trust You while we wait."

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DAY 11

GOD IS JUST AND MERCIFUL

Read: Genesis 18:20–26

Big Idea: God always does what is right.

TELL THE STORY

Abraham talked with God about His justice. God showed that He cares deeply about what is right and good. God's mercy flows from His perfect character.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Does God do what is right?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is God's justice good?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God's justice help us trust Him?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for always doing what is right."

DAY 12

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read: Genesis 21:1–3

Big Idea: God always keeps His promises.

TELL THE STORY

God did exactly what He promised and gave Abraham and Sarah a son. God showed that nothing is impossible for Him. God is faithful every time.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God keep His promise?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Sarah laugh before?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God's faithfulness build our trust?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for keeping Your promises."

DAY 13

GOD PROVIDES A SUBSTITUTE

Read: Genesis 22:1–2, 12–14

Big Idea: God provides what we need.

TELL THE STORY

God tested Abraham's faith. God stopped Abraham and provided a ram instead of Isaac. This points to Jesus, the substitute God provided for us.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What animal did God provide?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does substitute mean?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does this story point to Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for taking our place."

DAY 14

GOD GUIDES HIS PLAN

Read: Genesis 24:12–15, 26–27

Big Idea: God faithfully guides His people.

TELL THE STORY

Abraham's servant prayed for God's help, and God answered. God guided the search for Isaac's wife. God is always working behind the scenes.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God answer the prayer?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did the servant pray?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does prayer show trust in God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for guiding us."

DAY 15

GOD'S PLAN CONTINUES

Read: Genesis 25:23; 26:3–5

Big Idea: God keeps His promises through generations.

TELL THE STORY

God told Rebekah His plan before her sons were born. God reminded Isaac of the promises made to Abraham. God's plan moves forward through His faithfulness.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God have a plan?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Who did God promise to bless?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God's faithfulness help us trust Him today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for always keeping Your promises."

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DAY 16

GOD WORKS THROUGH IMPERFECT PEOPLE

Read: Genesis 28:12–15

Big Idea: God keeps His promises even when people fail.

TELL THE STORY

Jacob lied to get a blessing, but God still met him. God promised to be with Jacob and keep His covenant. God's grace is greater than our sin.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God talk to Jacob?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What promise did God make?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why is God's grace good news for us?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for loving us even when we mess up."

DAY 17

GOD GROWS FAMILIES

Read: Genesis 29:31; 30:22–24

Big Idea: God sees and cares for His people.

TELL THE STORY

God saw Leah and Rachel and cared for them. God gave children and showed His compassion. God knows each person's story.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God see Leah?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is it good that God sees us?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does knowing God sees you change how you live?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for seeing and caring for us."

DAY 18

GOD CHANGES HEARTS

Read: Genesis 32:24–28

Big Idea: God changes His people from the inside out.

TELL THE STORY

Jacob wrestled with God and realized he needed Him. God gave Jacob a new name, Israel. God showed that real change comes from trusting Him.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What new name did Jacob get?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Jacob want God's blessing?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God change our hearts today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You to change us."

DAY 19

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read: Genesis 35:9-12

Big Idea: God never forgets His promises.

TELL THE STORY

God reminded Jacob of His covenant promises. God promised land and blessings again. God is faithful even across many years.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Does God forget His promises?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God repeat His promise?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God's faithfulness give us confidence?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for always being faithful."

DAY 20

GOD IS WITH JOSEPH

Read: Genesis 37:23–28

Big Idea: God is working even when life feels unfair.

TELL THE STORY

Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. What looked like the end was actually the beginning of God's plan. God was still with Joseph.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Was Joseph treated fairly?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why do you think Joseph felt scared?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does this story help us trust God in hard moments?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You when life feels unfair."

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DAY 21

JOSEPH IS NOT ALONE

Read: Genesis 39:2–4, 21

Big Idea: God is with His people wherever they go.

TELL THE STORY

Joseph was far from home and treated unfairly, but God was with him. God gave Joseph favor even in prison. God never left Joseph.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Was God with Joseph?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God help Joseph?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does knowing God is always with us help us trust Him?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for never leaving us."

DAY 22

GOD GIVES WISDOM

Read: Genesis 41:15-16, 38-40

Big Idea: God gives wisdom to accomplish His plan.

TELL THE STORY

Joseph told Pharaoh that wisdom comes from God. God helped Joseph understand dreams and save many people. God's plan was moving forward.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gave Joseph wisdom?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Joseph give God credit?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can we use our gifts to point others to God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us use our gifts for You."

DAY 23

GOD PROVIDES IN HARD TIMES

Read: Genesis 42:1–2; 43:1–2

Big Idea: God provides for His people.

TELL THE STORY

A famine came, but God had already prepared a way to provide food. God used Joseph to care for many people. God knows our needs before we do.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God provide food?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did the family go to Egypt?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God provide for us today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for taking care of us."

DAY 24

GOD CHANGES HEARTS

Read: Genesis 44:33–34; 45:4–8

Big Idea: God uses repentance and forgiveness to restore relationships.

TELL THE STORY

Judah offered himself to save his brother. Joseph forgave his brothers and trusted God's plan. God was healing a broken family.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Joseph forgive his brothers?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did forgiveness matter?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God use forgiveness to heal relationships?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us forgive like You forgive us."

DAY 25

GOD BRINGS HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Read: Genesis 46:3–4; 47:11–12

Big Idea: God keeps His people safe and together.

TELL THE STORY

God brought Jacob's family to Egypt and took care of them. God promised to stay with them. God's plan was still unfolding.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God take care of the family?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God bring them to Egypt?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does this prepare us for God's rescue story in Exodus?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for always taking care of Your people."

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DAY 26

GOD'S PROMISES CONTINUE

Read: Genesis 48:15–16; 49:10

Big Idea: God's promises continue through generations.

TELL THE STORY

Jacob blessed his sons and reminded them of God's faithfulness. He promised that a King would come from their family line. This points forward to Jesus, the true King.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God keep His promises to the family?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Who is the promised King pointing to?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why is it important that God's promises last longer than one lifetime?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for keeping Your promises through every generation."

DAY 27

GOD TURNS EVIL INTO GOOD

Read: Genesis 50:20; Exodus 1:7

Big Idea: God can use hard things for His good plan.

TELL THE STORY

Joseph told his brothers that God used their evil choices for good. God's people grew and multiplied in Egypt. God's plan could not be stopped.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God have a good plan?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What good did God bring from Joseph's story?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does this help us trust God in hard seasons?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You when life feels confusing."

DAY 28

GOD HEARS HIS PEOPLE

Read: Exodus 2:23–25; 3:7–8

Big Idea: God hears His people and comes to rescue them.

TELL THE STORY

God's people cried out because of their suffering. God heard them and remembered His covenant promises. God was preparing to rescue them.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God hear His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is it good that God remembers His promises?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does knowing God hears us shape how we pray?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for hearing us and caring for us."

DAY 29

GOD HELPS MOSES SPEAK

Read: Exodus 4:10-12

Big Idea: God can help us do what He calls us to do.

TELL THE STORY

Moses worried that he could not speak well enough to lead God's people. God reminded him who made his mouth. Moses did not have to depend on his own strength. God promised to help him speak and teach him what to say.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What was Moses worried about?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God answer Moses' fear?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What is one hard thing you can ask God to help you do?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us obey even when we feel afraid."

DAY 30

GOD PROMISES RESCUE

Read: Exodus 6:6–8; 7:5

Big Idea: God rescues His people because He keeps His covenant.

TELL THE STORY

God promised to rescue His people from slavery. He reminded them that He is the Lord who keeps His promises. God's rescue plan points to Jesus.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did God promise to do?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does God rescue His people?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does the Exodus point us to Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for rescuing us from sin."

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DAY 31

GOD IS GREATER THAN EVERY FALSE GOD

Read: Exodus 8:19; 9:13-16

Big Idea: God shows that He alone is Lord over everything.

TELL THE STORY

God sent plagues on Egypt because Pharaoh refused to let His people go. Each plague showed that the gods of Egypt were powerless. God wanted everyone to know that He alone is the true and living God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Could Pharaoh's magicians stop God's power?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God send the plagues?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What "false gods" do people trust today instead of trusting the Lord?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You alone because You are Lord over everything."

DAY 32

GOD IS PATIENT BUT JUST

Read: Exodus 10:1–3; 11:4–7

Big Idea: God is patient, but He will judge sin.

TELL THE STORY

Pharaoh kept hardening his heart and refusing to obey God. God gave many warnings before the final plague. God is patient and merciful, but He is also just and will not ignore sin forever.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Pharaoh listen to God?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does it mean that Pharaoh's heart was hard?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can we guard our hearts from becoming hard toward God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us soft hearts that listen and obey You."

DAY 33

THE FIRST PASSOVER

Read: Exodus 12:5–7, 12–13

Big Idea: God saves His people through the blood of a lamb.

TELL THE STORY

God told each family to sacrifice a perfect lamb and put its blood on their doorposts. When judgment came, God passed over the homes covered by the blood. This points to Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, whose blood rescues us from sin.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What was put on the doorposts?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did the lamb's blood protect the people from?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does Passover help us understand what Jesus did on the cross?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for being our perfect Lamb who saves us."

DAY 34

GOD LEADS AND DELIVERS

Read: Exodus 13:21-22; 14:21-22

Big Idea: God goes before His people and makes a way.

TELL THE STORY

God led His people with a cloud by day and fire by night. Then the sea blocked their way, and Pharaoh's army followed them. God opened a path through the water. His people walked through safely because He rescued them.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How did God lead His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God rescue them at the sea?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What can this rescue teach you about trusting God's power?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You when we feel trapped or afraid."

DAY 35

GOD PROVIDES AND PROTECTS

Read: Exodus 16:4, 12; 17:5–7

Big Idea: God faithfully provides for His people every day.

TELL THE STORY

Even after being rescued, the Israelites complained about food and water. God provided manna from heaven and water from a rock. God was teaching His people to depend on Him daily for everything they needed.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What food did God send from heaven?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God give manna one day at a time?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What does it look like for us to depend on God daily instead of complaining?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for providing what we need each day. Help us trust You."

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DAY 36

GOD GIVES HIS GOOD LAW

Read: Exodus 20:1–3, 12

Big Idea: God's commands show us how to love Him and others.

TELL THE STORY

God brought His people to Mount Sinai and gave them the Ten Commandments. These commands showed how God wanted His people to live. God's law is good and helps us know how to love Him and treat others.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gave the
Ten Commandments?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God give His people these commands?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How do God's commands show us our need for Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for showing us how to live through Your Word."

DAY 37

GOD MAKES A COVENANT

Read: Exodus 24:3–8

Big Idea: God invites His people into a relationship with Him.

TELL THE STORY

God made a covenant with His people. The people promised to obey the Lord, and sacrifices were made to show the seriousness of that promise. God wanted His people to belong to Him and live differently from the world.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did the people promise to obey God?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What is a covenant?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why do we need Jesus to help us keep God's covenant?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for inviting us into a relationship with You."

DAY 38

A SPECIAL PLACE FOR GOD

Read: Exodus 26:30-34

Big Idea: God is holy and makes a way to meet His people.

TELL THE STORY

God told Moses how to build the tabernacle. A curtain separated the Most Holy Place from the rest of the tent. God wanted to live among His people, but their sin was serious. They needed the way to Him that He provided.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What separated the Most Holy Place?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does the curtain teach us about God's holiness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why do we need Jesus to bring us near to a holy God?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for making a way to God."

DAY 39

PRIESTS HELP THE PEOPLE WORSHIP

Read: Exodus 28:1-3

Big Idea: God provided leaders to help His people worship Him.

TELL THE STORY

God chose Aaron and his sons to serve as priests. Their job was to help the people worship God and offer sacrifices for sin. The priests reminded the people that God is holy and deserves worship.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who were the priests?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What was the priest's job?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How is Jesus our perfect High Priest today?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for bringing us to God."

DAY 40

GOD GIVES WISDOM TO BUILD

Read: Exodus 31:1–6

Big Idea: God gives people gifts to serve Him.

TELL THE STORY

God chose skilled workers and gave them wisdom to build the tabernacle. God equips His people with different gifts to accomplish His work. Everyone had a role in building what God commanded.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gave the workers their skills?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What were the workers building?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What gifts has God given you to serve Him and others?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us use the gifts You gave us to serve You."

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DAY 41

THE GOLDEN CALF

Read: Exodus 32:1–6

Big Idea: Idols cannot replace the true God.

TELL THE STORY

While Moses was on the mountain, the people grew impatient. They made a golden calf and worshiped it instead of the Lord. This showed how easily people turn away from God.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the people make?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was worshiping the golden calf wrong?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What things can become idols in our lives today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us worship You alone."

DAY 42

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS

Read: Exodus 34:6-7

Big Idea: God is patient, faithful, and serious about sin.

TELL THE STORY

God told Moses what He is like. He is full of mercy and faithful love. He forgives sin, yet He does not pretend wrong is harmless. God's people could depend on His character even after they had failed Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Is God patient with His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What do these verses tell us about God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why do we need God to be both forgiving and just?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for Your mercy and faithful love."

DAY 43

GOD FILLS THE TABERNACLE

Read: Exodus 40:34-38

Big Idea: God faithfully lives among and leads His people.

TELL THE STORY

The tabernacle was finished, and God's glory filled it. His cloud rested over the tent. When the cloud moved, the Israelites traveled; when it stayed, they stayed. God had not abandoned His people. He was with them on their journey.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What filled the tabernacle?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did the people know when to travel?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can remembering God's presence help you follow Him today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for staying with Your people."

DAY 44

WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE

Read: Leviticus 9:22–24

Big Idea: God deserves our worship.

TELL THE STORY

The priests offered sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord appeared to the people. When they saw God's glory, they worshiped and fell facedown. Worship reminds us that God is holy and worthy of honor.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the people do when they saw God's glory?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did the people offer sacrifices?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does Jesus become the final sacrifice for our sin?

Prayer Prompt
"God, You are holy and worthy of our worship."

DAY 45

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Read: Leviticus 16:29–30

Big Idea: God provides a way for sin to be forgiven.

TELL THE STORY

Once a year, the high priest offered sacrifices for the people's sins. This day was called the Day of Atonement. It reminded the people that sin separates them from God and that forgiveness requires sacrifice.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did the people need forgiveness?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why were sacrifices necessary?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does Jesus bring the final forgiveness we need?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for forgiving our sins."

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DAY 46

GOD GIVES SPECIAL DAYS

Read: Leviticus 23:1–3

Big Idea: God sets apart time for worship and rest.

TELL THE STORY

God gave His people special days and feasts to remember what He had done. These days helped them pause and worship Him. God knows we need regular rhythms to remember His goodness.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did God give His people to remember Him?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why are special days important?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can we remember God regularly in our lives?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us remember and worship You."

DAY 47

BLESSINGS AND CONSEQUENCES

Read: Leviticus 26:3–6, 13

Big Idea: God blesses obedience and calls His people to follow Him.

TELL THE STORY

God told His people that obedience would bring blessing. But turning away from Him would bring consequences. God wanted His people to trust Him and live in His ways.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Does God want His people to obey Him?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is obedience good for us?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does God help us obey Him today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us follow Your ways."

DAY 48

COMPLAINING IN THE WILDERNESS

Read: Numbers 11:1–4

Big Idea: Complaining shows a lack of trust in God.

TELL THE STORY

Even after seeing God's miracles, the Israelites complained about their situation. They forgot how God had rescued them and provided for them. Complaining revealed their struggle to trust God.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did the people complain?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was complaining a problem?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can we practice gratitude instead of complaining?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us be thankful for what You provide."

DAY 49

SPIES IN THE PROMISED LAND

Read: Numbers 13:27–31

Big Idea: Fear grows when we forget God's power.

TELL THE STORY

Twelve spies explored the Promised Land. Ten of them were afraid and focused on the giants in the land. They forgot that God had promised to give them the land.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Were the spies afraid?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did the spies see in the land?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why should God's promises give us courage instead of fear?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust Your promises instead of our fears."

DAY 50

AARON'S STAFF BLOOMS

Read: Numbers 17:5-10

Big Idea: God's people must listen to the leaders He appoints.

TELL THE STORY

People argued about whom God had chosen to serve as priest. God told them to place the leaders' staffs before Him. Aaron's staff grew buds, flowers, and almonds. God made His choice clear and warned the people to stop rebelling.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What grew on Aaron's staff?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God make the staff bloom?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you respect godly leaders while listening to God's Word?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us humble hearts that listen to You."

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DAY 51

MOSES DISOBEYS

Read: Numbers 20:7–12

Big Idea: God calls His leaders to trust and obey Him.

TELL THE STORY

God told Moses to speak to the rock so water would come out. Instead, Moses struck the rock in anger. Even leaders must trust and obey God completely.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Moses obey God exactly?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was Moses' disobedience serious?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What does this story teach us about trusting God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust and obey You."

DAY 52

GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE A HOME

Read: Numbers 34:1-2,13

Big Idea: God keeps His promise to provide for His people.

TELL THE STORY

God described the land He was giving Israel. After their long journey, the people would receive places to live. The land was God's gift, just as He had promised their ancestors. They could trust Him to finish what He began.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What gift was God giving Israel?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did the land show God's faithfulness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What good gifts can you thank God for today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for providing for Your people."

DAY 53

REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Read: Deuteronomy 1:30–31

Big Idea: God fights for His people.

TELL THE STORY

Moses reminded the Israelites how God had cared for them through the wilderness. Just like a father carries his child, God carried His people through every challenge.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God take care of His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How had God helped them in the wilderness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How has God taken care of you?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for always caring for us."

DAY 54

GOD IS NEAR

Read: Deuteronomy 4:7–8

Big Idea: Our God is near to those who call on Him.

TELL THE STORY

Moses reminded the people that their God was different from all other gods. The Lord was near to them and had given them good laws to guide them.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Is God near to His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is it special that God listens to us?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does knowing God is near change how we pray?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for hearing us when we call to You."

DAY 55

LOVE THE LORD

Read: Deuteronomy 6:4–7

Big Idea: Loving God should shape every part of life.

TELL THE STORY

Moses told the people that the Lord is the one true God. They were to love Him with all their heart, soul, and strength. Parents were also told to teach God's words to their children every day.

FAMILY QUESTION

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How many true gods are there?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does it mean to love God with all your heart?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why is it important for families to talk about God every day?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us love You with all our heart."

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DAY 56

DO NOT FORGET THE LORD

Read: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Big Idea: Every good gift should lead us to thank God.

TELL THE STORY

Moses warned Israel about forgetting God when life became comfortable. Good food and homes could make them think they had succeeded alone. God had carried them through the wilderness. They needed to remember that every blessing came from Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gave Israel good things?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why might people forget God when life is easy?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What habit could help your family remember God's gifts this week?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us thank You in good times and hard times."

DAY 57

GOD GOES WITH YOU

Read: Deuteronomy 31:6-8

Big Idea: We can be courageous because God is faithful.

TELL THE STORY

Moses was growing old, and Joshua would lead the people next. A new leader and a new land could feel frightening. Moses reminded them that the Lord would go ahead of them. They could be strong because He would not leave them.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who would lead after Moses?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why could Joshua be courageous?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What coming change can you face while remembering God's presence?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us follow You with courage."

DAY 58

GOD'S PROMISE CONTINUES

Read: Deuteronomy 34:1-9

Big Idea: God's work continues beyond one person's life.

TELL THE STORY

God let Moses see the Promised Land before he died. Israel grieved for their leader, and Joshua prepared to lead them. Moses' life ended, but God's promises did not. The Lord would continue caring for His people through the next generation.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who became Israel's new leader?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Did God's promises end when Moses died?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you help someone younger learn to follow God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help each generation know and follow You."

DAY 59

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Read: Joshua 1:6-9

Big Idea: God's presence and Word help us obey courageously.

TELL THE STORY

Joshua had a big task: lead Israel into the land God promised. God told him to be strong and keep thinking about His Word. Courage did not mean ignoring God or feeling fearless. Joshua could obey because the Lord was with him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who promised to be with Joshua?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Joshua need to keep learning God's Word?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What step of obedience feels hard, and how can Scripture help?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us courage to obey Your Word."

DAY 60

REMEMBER THE RIVER

Read: Joshua 4:1-7

Big Idea: Remembering God's rescue helps us trust Him.

TELL THE STORY

God stopped the Jordan River so Israel could cross on dry ground. He told them to gather twelve stones as a reminder. Later, children would ask what the stones meant. Families could tell the story of God's powerful rescue again.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the people gather?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God want a pile of stones?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What reminder could help your family talk about God's faithfulness?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us remember and tell what You have done."

WEEK 13

DAY 61

GOD BRINGS DOWN THE WALLS

Read: Joshua 6:1-5,15-16,20

Big Idea: God's power gives His people the victory.

TELL THE STORY

Jericho had strong walls, but Israel's strongest help was God. He gave Joshua unusual instructions: march, wait, and shout at His command. The people obeyed, and the walls fell. Their rescue came from God's power rather than their own clever plan.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What happened to Jericho's walls?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did the people follow God's instructions?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you trust God when obedience does not make sense yet?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust Your power and follow Your ways."

DAY 62

SIN CANNOT STAY HIDDEN

Read: Joshua 7:19-21

Big Idea: God calls us to admit our sin honestly.

TELL THE STORY

Achan took things God had forbidden and hid them in his tent. His secret disobedience hurt more people than he expected. God brought the truth to light. Hiding sin cannot make it harmless; we need to confess it and turn back to Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where did Achan hide the things he took?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can one person's sin hurt others?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What makes admitting a wrong hard, and who can help you tell the truth?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us confess our sin instead of hiding it."

DAY 63

CHOOSE WHOM YOU WILL SERVE

Read: Joshua 24:14-18

Big Idea: God's faithfulness calls us to worship Him alone.

TELL THE STORY

Joshua reminded Israel how God had rescued and cared for them. Then he called them to turn away from false gods. His own household would serve the Lord. God's people needed more than thankful words; their lives should show whom they worshiped.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did Joshua's family serve?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Joshua remind the people of God's rescue?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What choice this week can show that your family follows the Lord?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help our family worship and serve You alone."

DAY 64

GOD RESCUES AGAIN

Read: Judges 2:16-19

Big Idea: God shows mercy to people who keep needing rescue.

TELL THE STORY

Israel kept turning away from the Lord. Trouble followed their sin, and God raised up judges to rescue them. Yet the people often returned to disobedience. Their story shows our need for more than a temporary rescue. We need hearts changed by God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did God send to rescue Israel?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What happened when the people forgot God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Where do you need God's help to break a repeated sinful habit?

Prayer Prompt
"God, change our hearts and help us return to You."

DAY 65

DEBORAH TRUSTS GOD

Read: Judges 4:4-9,14-16

Big Idea: God can work through people who trust His word.

TELL THE STORY

Deborah served as a prophet and judge in Israel. She reminded Barak that God had commanded him to lead the army. The Lord went ahead of His people and defeated their enemies. Israel's help came from God, who used Deborah's faithful leadership.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who reminded Barak of God's command?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Who gave Israel the victory?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you encourage someone else to trust and obey God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us encourage others to follow You."

WEEK 14

DAY 66

GOD USES A SMALL ARMY

Read: Judges 7:2-7,19-22

Big Idea: God's strength matters more than our numbers.

TELL THE STORY

Gideon's army seemed too small to win. God made it smaller still, until only three hundred men remained. Then He rescued Israel in a surprising way. The people could not brag about their own strength. They needed to give God the credit.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How many men stayed with Gideon?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God make the army smaller?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
When you feel small, how can you depend on God's strength?

Prayer Prompt
"God, remind us that Your strength is enough."

DAY 67

A LIFE SET APART

Read: Judges 13:3-5,24-25

Big Idea: God gives gifts and calls us to live for Him.

TELL THE STORY

God promised that Samson would begin rescuing Israel. Before Samson was born, God set him apart for a special purpose. Samson grew, and the Lord blessed him. His strength was a gift to serve God, not a reason to do whatever he wanted.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What was Samson called to begin doing?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Who gave Samson his strength and purpose?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What ability has God given you, and how could you use it for Him?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us use Your gifts to serve You."

DAY 68

STRENGTH COMES FROM GOD

Read: Judges 16:20-22,28-30

Big Idea: We need God more than our own abilities.

TELL THE STORY

Samson treated his calling carelessly and lost his freedom. His great strength could not protect him when he turned from God. At the end, he asked God for help. His story reminds us that gifts never replace a heart that depends on the Lord.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did Samson ask for help?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was physical strength not enough for Samson?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What might you trust in more than God, and how can that change?

Prayer Prompt
"God, teach us to depend on You every day."

DAY 69

RUTH SHOWS FAITHFUL LOVE

Read: Ruth 1:16-18; 2:11-12

Big Idea: Faithful love stays close when life is hard.

TELL THE STORY

Naomi had lost her husband and sons. Ruth chose to stay with her and follow the Lord instead of returning home. In Bethlehem, Ruth worked to provide food. Her kindness showed faithful love, and God cared for these women through His people.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who stayed with Naomi?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Ruth show love through her actions?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who needs you to show patient, practical love this week?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us love faithfully when life is hard."

DAY 70

A REDEEMER FOR RUTH

Read: Ruth 4:9-17

Big Idea: God works through faithful love to carry out His plan.

TELL THE STORY

Boaz became the family redeemer and married Ruth. God gave them a son, bringing joy to Naomi. Their family would include King David, and later Jesus. God used the kindness of ordinary people in His great story of rescue.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who married Ruth?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God bring hope to Naomi's family?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does Ruth's place in Jesus' family show God's welcome to outsiders?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for including people in Your rescue story."

WEEK 15

DAY 71

HANNAH PRAYS

Read: 1 Samuel 1:9-11,20,26-28

Big Idea: We can bring our deepest sadness and hopes to God.

TELL THE STORY

Hannah was deeply sad and poured out her heart to God. He heard her prayer and gave her a son named Samuel. Hannah kept her promise to dedicate him to the Lord. Her story invites us to bring honest prayers to a caring God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What was Hannah's son's name?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did Hannah do with her sadness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What worry or hope can you bring honestly to God today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for listening when we pour out our hearts."

DAY 72

LISTEN TO THE LORD

Read: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Big Idea: God's people need hearts ready to listen.

TELL THE STORY

Samuel heard someone calling his name at night. He thought it was Eli, but the Lord was calling him. Eli helped Samuel understand and respond. Samuel was young, yet God had work for him to do. He needed to listen to God's word.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who was calling Samuel?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Eli help Samuel respond?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you listen carefully when your family reads Scripture?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us listen to Your Word and obey."

DAY 73

A KING FOR ISRAEL

Read: 1 Samuel 10:17-24

Big Idea: God is the true King His people need.

TELL THE STORY

Israel wanted a king like the other nations. God chose Saul, who stood taller than everyone else. The people celebrated, but a king's appearance could not guarantee a faithful heart. Israel still needed to trust the Lord as their real ruler.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who became Israel's king?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was being tall not enough to make Saul a good king?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What matters most when choosing whom to follow?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us follow You as our true King."

DAY 74

TRUST GOD'S WAY

Read: 1 Samuel 13:8-14

Big Idea: Trusting God means obeying even when waiting is hard.

TELL THE STORY

Saul became afraid when his army began to scatter. Instead of waiting as instructed, he offered a sacrifice himself. He tried to explain away his choice, but Samuel confronted him. God's commands still mattered when Saul felt pressure to take control.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Saul wait as he was told?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Saul feel pressure to disobey?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
When are you tempted to do wrong because you feel rushed or afraid?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us wait for You and obey Your Word."

DAY 75

GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART

Read: 1 Samuel 16:6-13

Big Idea: God cares about our hearts more than our appearance.

TELL THE STORY

Samuel thought David's older brother looked like the next king. God told him that people notice outward appearance, but He sees the heart. God chose David, the youngest brother tending sheep. David's future depended on God's choice, not on looking impressive.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Which brother did God choose?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does God see differently from people?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could caring about someone's heart change the way you treat them?

Prayer Prompt
"God, shape our hearts to love and follow You."

WEEK 16

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DAY 76

DAVID TRUSTS THE LORD

Read: 1 Samuel 17:32-37,45-47

Big Idea: God is greater than the enemies His people face.

TELL THE STORY

Goliath frightened Israel's army, but David remembered how God had helped him before. He faced the giant with a sling and confidence in the Lord. David wanted everyone to know that God saves. Israel's rescue belonged to Him, not to powerful weapons.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did David trust?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did David remember God's past help?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does this story point beyond David to our need for God's rescue?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust Your power when we are afraid."

DAY 77

A FAITHFUL FRIEND

Read: 1 Samuel 20:12-17,41-42

Big Idea: Faithful friends love even when it costs them.

TELL THE STORY

Saul wanted to hurt David, but Jonathan protected his friend. He promised to warn David about danger and asked for lasting kindness between their families. Jonathan put faithfulness ahead of his own advantage. Friendship should help us do what is right before God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who helped protect David?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What made Jonathan's friendship costly?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you be a faithful friend when others pressure you to be unkind?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us love our friends with courage and loyalty."

DAY 78

GOD PROVIDES HELP

Read: 1 Samuel 21:1-6

Big Idea: God sees His people's needs in frightening times.

TELL THE STORY

David fled from Saul and came to the priest hungry. The priest gave him the holy bread that had been removed from before the Lord. In a frightening moment, David received food. God knew his need and used another person to help him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the priest give David?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did this help David in a hard moment?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who might need practical help from your family this week?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us notice people who need food and care."

DAY 79

DAVID SHOWS MERCY

Read: 1 Samuel 24:4-12

Big Idea: We can refuse revenge and trust God's justice.

TELL THE STORY

David found Saul in a cave and had a chance to hurt him. Instead, he spared Saul's life. David would not seize the kingdom by taking revenge. He trusted God to judge rightly. Mercy meant choosing God's way when anger offered another path.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did David hurt Saul?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did David refuse to take revenge?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you respond wisely when someone treats you unfairly?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us show mercy and trust Your justice."

DAY 80

TURN TO THE LORD

Read: 1 Samuel 28:5-7

Big Idea: Fear should lead us to seek God rather than forbidden help.

TELL THE STORY

Saul was afraid of the enemy army. He had repeatedly refused God's word, yet he wanted guidance without repentance. He looked for help from someone who claimed to speak to the dead. Saul's tragic choices warn us to turn toward God in fear.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Was Saul afraid?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was Saul looking in the wrong place for help?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
When you are afraid, who can help you turn to Scripture and prayer?

Prayer Prompt
"God, lead us to seek You and listen to Your Word."

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DAY 81

LOVE DOES NOT CELEBRATE LOSS

Read: 2 Samuel 1:11-12,23-27

Big Idea: God teaches us to grieve with others.

TELL THE STORY

David heard that Saul and Jonathan had died. Although Saul had treated him cruelly, David did not celebrate his death. He mourned and honored what was good. His grief reminds us that other people's suffering should stir compassion rather than delight.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did David celebrate Saul's death?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is David's response surprising?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you show compassion when someone you dislike is hurting?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us tender hearts toward people who suffer."

DAY 82

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Read: Psalm 23:1-6

Big Idea: God cares for His people like a good shepherd.

TELL THE STORY

David described the Lord as his shepherd. A shepherd guides, feeds, and protects the sheep. David could trust God in peaceful places and frightening valleys. God's care did not mean every path was easy. It meant he did not walk alone.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who is the shepherd in this psalm?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does a shepherd care for sheep?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which part of this psalm helps you trust God in a hard place?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for guiding and caring for us."

DAY 83

GOD PROMISES A LASTING KING

Read: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

Big Idea: God's promise to David leads us to King Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

David wanted to build a house for God. Instead, God promised to establish David's family and kingdom. A king from his line would have a throne that lasts forever. This promise points to Jesus, whose rule will never end.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
To whom did God make this promise?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What was special about the promised kingdom?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why is Jesus a better hope than any earthly ruler?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for being our everlasting King."

DAY 84

KINDNESS AT THE KING'S TABLE

Read: 2 Samuel 9:3-8,13

Big Idea: Faithful love makes room for people others overlook.

TELL THE STORY

David remembered his promise to Jonathan and searched for someone in his family to help. He welcomed Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, who had a disability. David restored his land and gave him a place at the king's table. Kindness made room for him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did David welcome to his table?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did David keep his promise to Jonathan?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who might feel left out, and how could you welcome them?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us make room for people others overlook."

DAY 85

DAVID ADMITS HIS SIN

Read: 2 Samuel 12:1-9,13

Big Idea: God calls us to stop making excuses and confess.

TELL THE STORY

David used his power to take what was not his and arranged for Uriah to be killed. God sent Nathan to confront him. David finally admitted his sin. God forgave him, but painful consequences remained. Even a king needed repentance and mercy.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who helped David see his sin?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did forgiveness not make David's choices harmless?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What does honest repentance look like after you have hurt someone?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us admit our sin and seek Your mercy."

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DAY 86

CREATE A CLEAN HEART

Read: Psalm 51:1-12

Big Idea: We need God's mercy to forgive and change us.

TELL THE STORY

David did not ask God to pretend his sin was small. He confessed it and asked to be washed clean. He also asked God to renew his heart. Real repentance means more than regretting consequences; it means turning to God for forgiveness and change.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did David ask God to make clean?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did David need more than a fresh start on the outside?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What is the difference between hiding sin and asking God to change you?

Prayer Prompt
"God, forgive our sin and give us clean hearts."

DAY 87

THE EARTH BELONGS TO GOD

Read: Psalm 24:1-6

Big Idea: Everything belongs to the Lord, including us.

TELL THE STORY

The psalm celebrates God as the Maker and Owner of the world. Those who come before Him need clean hands and pure hearts. We cannot make ourselves clean by pretending. God's holiness shows why we need His forgiveness and help to live truthfully.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who owns the earth?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What do clean hands and a pure heart mean?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How should belonging to God shape what you do when no one is watching?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help our hearts and actions honor You."

DAY 88

PLANTED BY GOD'S WORD

Read: Psalm 1:1-3

Big Idea: God's Word helps His people grow strong.

TELL THE STORY

The psalm compares a person who delights in God's teaching to a tree beside water. The tree has what it needs to grow and bear fruit. Listening to God shapes our choices. A strong life grows through steady attention to His Word.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What is the person compared to?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is God's Word like water for a tree?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What small reading habit could help you grow this week?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us delight in Your Word and grow."

DAY 89

DO NOT FORGET HIS GOODNESS

Read: Psalm 103:1-14

Big Idea: God is compassionate and merciful to His people.

TELL THE STORY

David called himself to remember the Lord's goodness. God forgives, shows mercy, and cares like a compassionate father. He knows that we are weak. His love gives us reason to worship, and His forgiveness teaches us to return to Him with thankful hearts.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What good things does God do?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does this psalm describe God's care?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which part of God's goodness can you thank Him for today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for Your patient and compassionate love."

DAY 90

YOUR WORD IS MY LAMP

Read: Psalm 119:105-112

Big Idea: God's Word guides our next faithful steps.

TELL THE STORY

The writer of this psalm faced trouble but held tightly to God's teaching. He compared God's Word to a lamp lighting his path. A lamp may not show the whole journey, but it helps with the next step. Scripture teaches us how to follow God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What is God's Word compared to?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can a lamp help someone on a dark path?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What choice could you bring to God's Word for guidance today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, guide our steps through Your Word."

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DAY 91

GOD KNOWS ME

Read: Psalm 139:1-6,13-14

Big Idea: God made us and knows us completely.

TELL THE STORY

David praised God for knowing his thoughts, words, and movements. Before David was born, God was already forming him with care. No person is an accident or invisible to the Creator. Being known by God gives us reason for wonder and trust.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who made and knows you?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does God know that other people cannot see?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How should God's care for each person affect how we treat others?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for making and knowing us."

DAY 92

LET EVERYTHING PRAISE

Read: Psalm 150:1-6

Big Idea: The Lord deserves praise from everything He made.

TELL THE STORY

The final psalm calls people to praise God for His mighty acts and greatness. Trumpets, strings, cymbals, and voices join the celebration. Worship is a response to who God is. Everyone who breathes has a reason to honor the One who gives life.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom should we praise?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What are some ways this psalm describes praise?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can your family praise God beyond singing a song?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us praise You with thankful lives."

DAY 93

WALK IN GOD'S WAYS

Read: 1 Kings 2:1-4

Big Idea: God's people need faithfulness more than outward success.

TELL THE STORY

Before David died, he spoke to Solomon about being king. He urged his son to follow the Lord's commands. Leading a kingdom would require more than wealth or strength. Solomon needed a life shaped by God's Word and a heart ready to obey.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did David tell Solomon to follow?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why would a king need God's instructions?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who has helped you learn God's ways, and how can you listen?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us walk faithfully in Your ways."

DAY 94

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM

Read: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Big Idea: Wisdom helps us serve others and choose what is right.

TELL THE STORY

God invited Solomon to ask for a gift. Solomon asked for an understanding heart to lead God's people and tell right from wrong. God was pleased with his request. Wisdom mattered more than riches because Solomon's responsibility was to care for others.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Solomon ask God to give him?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was wisdom a good request?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What decision can you ask God to help you make wisely?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us wisdom to do right and serve others."

DAY 95

GOD HEARS HIS PEOPLE

Read: 1 Kings 8:27-30

Big Idea: The great God who rules heaven hears our prayers.

TELL THE STORY

Solomon dedicated the temple and prayed to the Lord. He knew that no building could contain the God of heaven. Still, he asked God to hear His people's prayers and forgive them. The temple pointed to a relationship with God, not a way to control Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Could a building hold all of God?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did Solomon ask God to do?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you pray with both confidence and reverence?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for hearing us and showing mercy."

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DAY 96

WISDOM BEGINS WITH GOD

Read: Proverbs 2:1-6

Big Idea: God teaches wisdom to people who seek Him.

TELL THE STORY

Proverbs invites us to search for wisdom like hidden treasure. Wisdom is more than knowing facts; it helps us live God's way. The Lord gives understanding through His words. We can ask for His help and pay careful attention to what He teaches.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gives wisdom?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is wisdom compared to treasure?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could you do to seek God's wisdom more carefully?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us wisdom and hearts that love Your teaching."

DAY 97

TRUST THE LORD

Read: Proverbs 3:5-8

Big Idea: God is wiser than we are and worthy of our trust.

TELL THE STORY

We do not always know the best path. Proverbs calls us to trust the Lord with all our hearts instead of acting as though we know everything. Honoring Him means listening, turning from evil, and letting His wisdom shape our choices.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom should we trust?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is our own understanding not enough?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What choice could you bring to God before deciding for yourself?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You more than our own ideas."

DAY 98

WORDS CAN HEAL

Read: Proverbs 16:24; 18:21

Big Idea: Our words can help or hurt the people around us.

TELL THE STORY

Proverbs describes gracious words as sweet and healing. It also warns that our tongues have great power. A small sentence can encourage a hurting friend or deeply wound someone. God's wisdom teaches us to choose words that are truthful, kind, and helpful.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Can words help someone feel encouraged?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can speech bring harm or healing?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What unhelpful words could you replace with encouraging words today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help our words bring kindness and truth."

DAY 99

KINDNESS THAT WORKS

Read: Proverbs 31:20,26-31

Big Idea: A life that honors God shows wisdom and generous care.

TELL THE STORY

Proverbs celebrates a woman whose actions bring good to her household and neighbors. She helps people in need and speaks with wisdom and kindness. Her deepest beauty is her reverence for the Lord. God values faithful character more than impressive appearances.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom does this woman help?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does God value more than outward beauty?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What quiet act of kindness could you practice at home?

Prayer Prompt
"God, grow wisdom, generosity, and kindness in us."

DAY 100

A DIVIDED HEART

Read: 1 Kings 11:1-6

Big Idea: Loving God means refusing to give our worship to idols.

TELL THE STORY

Solomon received wisdom from God, yet he later followed false gods. His heart no longer belonged fully to the Lord. His choices brought trouble for his family and kingdom. Being wise once did not remove his need to keep trusting and obeying God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Solomon keep worshiping only the Lord?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was Solomon's divided heart dangerous?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could begin taking God's place in your heart?

Prayer Prompt
"God, keep our hearts faithful to You alone."

WEEK 21

DAY 101

GOD PROVIDES FOR ELIJAH

Read: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Big Idea: God can provide in ways we do not expect.

TELL THE STORY

During a drought, God sent Elijah to a widow with very little food. She shared what she had, and God kept the flour and oil from running out. The Lord cared for His prophet and this family through a surprising daily provision.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What food did the widow have?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God provide for the household?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can your family share generously while trusting God's care?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for providing what we need."

DAY 102

THE LORD IS GOD

Read: 1 Kings 18:21,36-39

Big Idea: The living God alone deserves our worship.

TELL THE STORY

On Mount Carmel, Elijah challenged Israel to stop wavering between the Lord and Baal. Baal's prophets received no answer. Elijah prayed, and God sent fire on the offering. The people saw that the Lord was the true God. Only He deserved their worship.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who answered Elijah's prayer?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did the fire show the people?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What helps you remember that only the Lord deserves worship?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us worship You with undivided hearts."

DAY 103

GOD SEES INJUSTICE

Read: 1 Kings 21:1-4,15-20

Big Idea: God sees when powerful people hurt others.

TELL THE STORY

Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard, but Naboth would not sell his family's inheritance. Jezebel arranged lies that led to Naboth's death. Ahab took the land, but God sent Elijah to confront him. Power and secrecy could not hide their wrongdoing from the Lord.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Ahab want?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did God send Elijah to confront Ahab?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you stand for truth when someone is treated unfairly?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us refuse greed and care about justice."

DAY 104

GOD'S WORK CONTINUES

Read: 2 Kings 2:6-15

Big Idea: God continues His work through faithful servants.

TELL THE STORY

Elijah's time as a prophet was ending, and Elisha stayed beside him. God took Elijah away in a whirlwind. Then Elisha crossed the Jordan with the Lord's help. The same God who worked through Elijah would now work through Elisha.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who followed Elijah as a prophet?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God show that He would help Elisha?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who could you encourage as they begin serving God in a new way?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us serve You faithfully in our own time."

DAY 105

NAAMAN LEARNS TO TRUST

Read: 2 Kings 5:9-15

Big Idea: Humble trust listens to God's word.

TELL THE STORY

Naaman wanted healing but was upset by Elisha's simple instructions. His servants urged him to listen. When he washed in the Jordan as instructed, he was healed. Naaman learned that God's help could not be bought or controlled. He needed humble trust.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where was Naaman told to wash?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Naaman need to put aside his pride?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
When is a simple act of obedience hard because you want your own way?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us humble hearts that listen to You."

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DAY 106

GOD HEARS JONAH

Read: Jonah 1:1-3,17; 2:1-2,9-10

Big Idea: We can call to God even after running from Him.

TELL THE STORY

God sent Jonah to Nineveh, but Jonah ran the other way. A storm came, and Jonah was thrown into the sea. God provided a great fish to keep him alive. From inside the fish, Jonah prayed. The Lord had not stopped hearing him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where did Jonah pray?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God show mercy when Jonah ran away?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What should you do when you realize you have been avoiding God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us turn back to You when we disobey."

DAY 107

MERCY FOR NINEVEH

Read: Jonah 3:5-10; 4:10-11

Big Idea: God's compassion reaches people we might avoid.

TELL THE STORY

Jonah finally preached in Nineveh. The people turned from evil, and God showed mercy. Jonah was angry because he did not want his enemies forgiven. God taught him that the people of Nineveh mattered to Him. God's compassion was larger than Jonah's.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God show mercy to Nineveh?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was Jonah upset about God's kindness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Is there someone you find hard to love whom God calls you to care about?

Prayer Prompt
"God, make our compassion more like Yours."

DAY 108

GOD'S FAITHFUL LOVE

Read: Hosea 3:1-5

Big Idea: God faithfully loves people who have turned away.

TELL THE STORY

God used Hosea's difficult family story to show His love for Israel. His people had chased false gods, yet He called them back. Their unfaithfulness was serious, but His mercy was real. The Lord wanted His people to return and seek Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did God call back to Himself?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does Israel's wandering teach us about unfaithfulness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can remembering God's faithful love help you turn from sin?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for calling wandering people home."

DAY 109

GOD RESTORES HIS PEOPLE

Read: Amos 9:11-15

Big Idea: God's judgment is serious, and His restoring mercy is real.

TELL THE STORY

Amos warned Israel about sin and injustice. Yet God also promised a future restoration. He would rebuild what had fallen and care for His people again. These promises point toward God's lasting kingdom, where His rescue reaches beyond what people could rebuild themselves.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did God promise to rebuild?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is hope important after warnings about sin?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can God's promise of restoration encourage you to turn toward Him?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for hope beyond our failures."

DAY 110

RETURN WITH YOUR HEART

Read: Joel 2:12-13,28-32

Big Idea: God invites us to return to Him and call for rescue.

TELL THE STORY

Joel called God's people to return with their hearts, not merely outward signs of sadness. The Lord is gracious and merciful. He also promised to pour out His Spirit. People of every age would need His rescue, and those who called on Him would be saved.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What does God want us to return with?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is real repentance different from looking sorry?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What would turning toward God look like in one part of your life?

Prayer Prompt
"God, draw our hearts back to You."

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DAY 111

A CHILD WHO IS KING

Read: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Big Idea: God promised a King who brings lasting peace.

TELL THE STORY

Isaiah spoke of light shining on people in darkness. God would give a child whose kingdom would be marked by justice and peace. This promised King is Jesus. His rule is greater than any earthly kingdom, and His goodness will never end.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did God promise to give?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What makes this King's rule different?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Where do you need the hope that Jesus brings into darkness?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust Your good and lasting rule."

DAY 112

ONLY ONE TRUE GOD

Read: Isaiah 44:6-8; 45:22

Big Idea: The Lord alone can save and deserves our trust.

TELL THE STORY

God reminded His people that handmade idols could not rescue them. He alone is the living Lord who rules history and keeps His word. He called people everywhere to turn to Him for salvation. Our hope belongs in the Creator rather than anything we make.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Can a handmade idol save people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is the Lord different from an idol?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What do people sometimes trust to give them security instead of God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us put our hope in You alone."

DAY 113

THE SERVANT TAKES OUR PLACE

Read: Isaiah 53:4-6

Big Idea: Jesus suffered for our sins to bring us peace with God.

TELL THE STORY

Isaiah described a servant who would suffer for others. Like wandering sheep, all of us have turned from God's way. The servant would carry our guilt. Jesus fulfills this promise through His death for sinners. Our rescue comes through what He did for us.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom are wandering people compared to?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did the servant carry for others?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why do we need Jesus' sacrifice rather than trying to fix our sin ourselves?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for taking our place."

DAY 114

GOD MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

Read: Isaiah 65:17-19,25

Big Idea: God promises a future filled with joy and peace.

TELL THE STORY

God promised new heavens and a new earth. The sound of crying would give way to joy, and harm would not rule His holy mountain. This hope reaches beyond what human effort can repair. God's final renewal will make His people's home good and peaceful.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What new things did God promise?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What makes this promised future joyful?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can God's future peace help you bring kindness into today's troubles?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for the hope of Your renewed world."

DAY 115

A RULER FROM BETHLEHEM

Read: Micah 5:2-5

Big Idea: God promised a shepherd King who brings peace.

TELL THE STORY

Micah named little Bethlehem as the place from which Israel's ruler would come. This King would shepherd His people in the Lord's strength. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and fulfills this hope. God's greatest rescue did not begin in an impressive palace.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What town did Micah name?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is a good king like a shepherd?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What does God's use of a small town teach us about what He values?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for being our shepherd and King."

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DAY 116

TRUST IN A FRIGHTENING TIME

Read: 2 Kings 18:5-7,28-30

Big Idea: God is trustworthy when others challenge our faith.

TELL THE STORY

Hezekiah trusted the Lord and sought to follow His commands. Then an enemy army threatened Jerusalem and mocked that trust. The king and people faced a frightening choice. Loud threats did not change who God was. They needed to keep depending on Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Which king trusted the Lord?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What made trusting God difficult for the people?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What can you remember when someone mocks your faith?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You when others make us afraid."

DAY 117

BRING YOUR TROUBLE TO GOD

Read: 2 Kings 19:14-19

Big Idea: Prayer brings our fears before the living God.

TELL THE STORY

Hezekiah received a threatening letter from the enemy. He spread it before the Lord and prayed. He remembered that God made heaven and earth and asked Him to rescue Jerusalem. Rather than facing the threat alone, Hezekiah brought it to the true King.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Hezekiah do with the letter?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did his prayer remember about God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What troubling news or worry can you bring before God today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, hear our prayers and help us trust Your rule."

DAY 118

LISTENING TO GOD'S BOOK

Read: 2 Kings 22:8-13

Big Idea: God's Word calls us to turn back to Him.

TELL THE STORY

While workers repaired the temple, they found the Book of the Law. When King Josiah heard its words, he grieved over the people's sin. He wanted to know how to respond. Hearing Scripture should do more than inform us; it should move us toward God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What book was found in the temple?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was Josiah upset when he heard it?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What is one way you can respond when Scripture shows you something wrong?

Prayer Prompt
"God, make us ready to listen and turn toward You."

DAY 119

GOD HELPS THE YOUNG

Read: Jeremiah 1:4-9

Big Idea: Being young does not stop God from using us.

TELL THE STORY

God called Jeremiah to speak His words. Jeremiah felt too young and unsure of himself. The Lord told him not to be afraid and promised to be with him. Jeremiah's confidence needed to come from God's calling and help rather than his age or ability.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Why did Jeremiah feel unsure?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did God promise Jeremiah?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could God use you to speak truth or kindness at your age?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us obey You even when we feel too young."

DAY 120

FAITHFUL WHILE WE WAIT

Read: Jeremiah 29:4-7,10-13

Big Idea: God's people can seek Him and do good while waiting.

TELL THE STORY

God's people were living far from home in Babylon. He told them to build lives, pray for their city, and wait for His promised restoration. Their waiting would last many years. God's faithfulness gave them hope and a purpose in the place where they lived.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where were God's people living?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did God tell them to do while waiting?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you do good where God has placed you right now?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us seek You and serve others while we wait."

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DAY 121

GOD PROMISES A NEW COVENANT

Read: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Big Idea: God promises forgiveness and hearts shaped by His truth.

TELL THE STORY

God's people had broken His covenant again and again. Through Jeremiah, He promised a new covenant. He would write His law on their hearts and forgive their sin. Jesus brings this promised relationship with God. We need His forgiveness and change from the inside.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where did God promise to write His law?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did the people need a new covenant?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How is loving God's ways different from only following rules outwardly?

Prayer Prompt
"God, forgive us and teach our hearts to love Your ways."

DAY 122

GOD'S WARNINGS MATTER

Read: 2 Kings 25:8-12

Big Idea: Ignoring God's Word brings serious consequences.

TELL THE STORY

Babylon's army destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. Many people were taken far from home. God had warned His people through prophets, but they refused to listen. This painful chapter shows that sin is serious. Even here, the Lord's promises of future mercy still mattered.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What happened to Jerusalem?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should the people have listened to God's warnings?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who helps you hear God's correction before a wrong choice grows?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us hearts that listen when You correct us."

DAY 123

A NEW HEART

Read: Ezekiel 36:25-27

Big Idea: God can change us from the inside out.

TELL THE STORY

God promised to cleanse His people and give them new hearts. Their stubbornness was like hard stone, but He could make them responsive to Him. He also promised His Spirit to help them obey. Our deepest need is not better appearances but God's transforming work.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did God promise to give His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is a stubborn heart like stone?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Where do you need God to soften your heart and help you obey?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us hearts that love You and follow Your Spirit."

DAY 124

FAITHFUL FAR FROM HOME

Read: Daniel 1:8-17

Big Idea: We can honor God even when others live differently.

TELL THE STORY

Daniel and his friends were taken to Babylon. They faced pressure to adopt the king's ways, but Daniel chose not to defile himself with the royal food. He asked respectfully for another option. God helped these young men grow in knowledge and wisdom.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where were Daniel and his friends living?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Daniel show both courage and respect?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you honor God when friends want you to do something wrong?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us be faithful wherever we are."

DAY 125

GOD IS WITH HIS SERVANTS

Read: Daniel 3:16-18,24-28

Big Idea: We can trust God even when obedience is costly.

TELL THE STORY

Three friends refused to worship the king's statue. They knew God could rescue them, but they would obey even if He did not. The king threw them into a furnace. God protected them there, showing that the king's power was smaller than His own.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the friends refuse to worship?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Would they obey even if God did not rescue them?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How is trusting God different from demanding the outcome we want?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us be faithful whatever happens."

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DAY 126

DANIEL KEEPS PRAYING

Read: Daniel 6:10-11,19-23

Big Idea: Faithfulness to God matters more than fitting in.

TELL THE STORY

A new law forbade praying to anyone except the king. Daniel continued praying to God as he had before. He was thrown into a lions' den, but God shut the lions' mouths. Daniel's steady trust showed that the Lord deserved his loyalty above every ruler.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Daniel keep doing?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Daniel pray even when it was dangerous?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What regular habit could help you keep trusting God under pressure?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us stay faithful in prayer and obedience."

DAY 127

CONFESS AND SEEK MERCY

Read: Daniel 9:4-5,17-19

Big Idea: We ask for God's help because He is merciful.

TELL THE STORY

Daniel prayed about his people's sin and their ruined city. He did not claim that they deserved rescue. He appealed to God's great mercy. His prayer teaches us to admit wrong honestly and depend on the Lord's goodness rather than our own record.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Daniel admit in his prayer?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did he ask for mercy rather than a reward?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can Daniel's prayer help you speak honestly with God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, we need Your mercy more than our own goodness."

DAY 128

GOD OPENS A WAY HOME

Read: Ezra 1:1-5

Big Idea: God keeps His promises through surprising people.

TELL THE STORY

After years away from their land, God's people received unexpected news. The Persian king Cyrus allowed them to return and rebuild the temple. God stirred hearts to go and help. A powerful foreign ruler could still serve the Lord's faithful purposes.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Which king allowed the people to return?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did this show that God had not forgotten His people?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What helps you trust God when His promises seem slow?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for keeping Your word through the years."

DAY 129

JOY AND TEARS

Read: Ezra 3:10-13

Big Idea: We can bring both gratitude and sadness to God.

TELL THE STORY

The people laid the foundation for the rebuilt temple. Many shouted with joy and praised God's faithful love. Others remembered the old temple and wept. Their voices mixed together. A new beginning could hold both gladness and grief, and God heard them all.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Why were some people celebrating?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why might joy and sadness happen at the same time?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you care for someone whose feelings differ from yours?

Prayer Prompt
"God, meet us in our gladness and our sadness."

DAY 130

GOD HELPS HIS PEOPLE FINISH

Read: Ezra 6:14-18

Big Idea: God helps His people continue the work He gives.

TELL THE STORY

Rebuilding the temple faced opposition and delays. God sent prophets to encourage the people, and rulers allowed the work to continue. At last, the temple was finished. The people celebrated God's faithfulness. Their long effort was sustained by His help.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What building did the people finish?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God help when the work was difficult?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What good task do you need help to keep doing faithfully?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us persevere in the work You give us."

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DAY 131

RETURN TO ME

Read: Zechariah 1:1-6

Big Idea: God calls us to turn from sin and return to Him.

TELL THE STORY

God warned the returned people not to repeat their ancestors' stubbornness. Earlier generations had refused the prophets' words. Now the Lord invited His people to return to Him. They needed more than a rebuilt city; they needed renewed trust and obedience.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did God invite His people to do?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should they learn from their ancestors' mistakes?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What would returning to God look like in a choice you face?

Prayer Prompt
"God, turn our hearts toward You again."

DAY 132

LEARN AND LIVE GOD'S WORD

Read: Ezra 7:8-10

Big Idea: God's Word is for learning, obeying, and sharing.

TELL THE STORY

Ezra traveled to Jerusalem with a heart set on God's Law. He wanted to study it, practice it, and teach it to others. Knowing Scripture was not enough by itself. Its truth needed to shape his own life before he helped others learn.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What three things did Ezra want to do?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should learning Scripture lead to obedience?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What truth could you practice before sharing it with someone else?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us learn, live, and share Your Word."

DAY 133

TAKING SIN SERIOUSLY

Read: Ezra 9:5-9

Big Idea: God's mercy calls us to confess rather than excuse sin.

TELL THE STORY

Ezra learned that God's people had again disobeyed Him. He grieved and prayed honestly about their guilt. He also remembered that God had shown mercy after their exile. Receiving grace was a reason to turn from sin, not a reason to ignore it.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Ezra do when he learned about sin?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did remembering mercy make their disobedience serious?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How should God's kindness change the way we respond to correction?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us confess our sin and respond to Your grace."

DAY 134

GOD WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES

Read: Esther 2:15-17

Big Idea: God can be at work before we understand His purpose.

TELL THE STORY

Esther, a young Jewish woman living in Persia, became queen. She did not yet know the danger her people would face. Her place in the palace would later matter greatly. This part of her story prepares us to watch for God's care in unexpected places.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What position did Esther receive?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Could Esther already see everything that would happen?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you trust God when you cannot yet see His purpose?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust Your care in uncertain situations."

DAY 135

COURAGE FOR SUCH A TIME

Read: Esther 4:13-16

Big Idea: Doing what is right may require courage and help.

TELL THE STORY

Esther learned that her people faced destruction. Speaking to the king could put her life in danger. Mordecai urged her to use her position to help. Esther asked the Jewish people to fast with her and chose to act, even though the outcome was uncertain.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did Esther want to help?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did speaking to the king require courage?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Where could you use your voice to help someone at a cost to yourself?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us courage to help others when it is hard."

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DAY 136

ESTHER SPEAKS UP

Read: Esther 7:1-6

Big Idea: Courageous truth can protect people in danger.

TELL THE STORY

At the banquet, Esther told the king that she and her people faced destruction. She identified Haman's evil plan. Her words exposed what had been hidden. Esther used her opportunity to speak for others instead of seeking only her own comfort and safety.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Esther tell the king?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did telling the truth help her people?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
When should you ask a trusted adult to help you speak up for someone?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us tell the truth and protect people in danger."

DAY 137

REMEMBER THE RESCUE

Read: Esther 9:20-22

Big Idea: Remembering rescue leads to gratitude and generosity.

TELL THE STORY

The Jewish people were delivered from the danger that threatened them. They set aside days called Purim to remember the rescue. Their celebration included sharing food and giving to people in need. Remembering mercy should lead us to joy and practical care for others.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What special celebration did the people begin?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did their celebration include generosity?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could your family connect a celebration with helping someone in need?

Prayer Prompt
"God, make our gratitude overflow in generosity."

DAY 138

PRAY AND TAKE A STEP

Read: Nehemiah 1:3-4; 2:4-8

Big Idea: Prayer and faithful action belong together.

TELL THE STORY

Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem's walls were broken. He wept, fasted, and prayed. Later, when the king asked what he wanted, Nehemiah prayed again and made a request. God opened a way for him to help. Prayer prepared him to act with courage.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Nehemiah do when he heard the news?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did prayer lead toward action?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What need can you pray about and then take one step to help?

Prayer Prompt
"God, guide our prayers and our next faithful steps."

DAY 139

BUILDING SIDE BY SIDE

Read: Nehemiah 4:6-9

Big Idea: God's people can work together and depend on Him.

TELL THE STORY

The people rebuilt Jerusalem's wall while enemies mocked and threatened them. They prayed and posted guards. Families and workers shared the task rather than doing it alone. Their response joined dependence on God with wise action and a willingness to keep serving together.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What were the people rebuilding?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did they both pray and post guards?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can your family or church share a difficult job together?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us serve together with prayer and wisdom."

DAY 140

DOING GOOD WITHOUT PRAISE

Read: Nehemiah 5:14-19

Big Idea: Good leaders use their position to serve others.

TELL THE STORY

Some wealthy people were taking advantage of struggling neighbors. Nehemiah confronted the injustice and refused to make the people's burdens heavier. He shared generously from his own table. His leadership showed that caring for others mattered more than using power for personal comfort.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Nehemiah make the people's burdens heavier?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did he use his position to help?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What responsibility could you use to make life better for someone else?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us serve people instead of using them."

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DAY 141

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

Read: Nehemiah 8:1-8

Big Idea: God's Word should be heard and understood.

TELL THE STORY

The people gathered to hear Ezra read God's Law. Helpers explained its meaning so everyone could understand. Scripture was not meant to be mysterious words with no connection to life. God wanted His people to hear His truth and know how to respond.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who read God's Law to the people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did helpers explain what was read?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What can you do when you do not understand a Bible passage?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us understand and respond to Your Word."

DAY 142

REMEMBERING MERCY

Read: Nehemiah 9:16-21

Big Idea: God remains merciful even when His people fail.

TELL THE STORY

The people confessed their ancestors' stubbornness. They remembered how God had guided, fed, and forgiven them in the wilderness. Their long history showed both human sin and divine compassion. Remembering the truth about both helped them humble themselves before the Lord.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How had God cared for His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did their history show about God's patience?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can remembering past mercy help you admit a present wrong?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for Your patient mercy."

DAY 143

OBEDIENCE WITH OUR GIFTS

Read: Nehemiah 10:28-29,35-39

Big Idea: Following God shapes our commitments and generosity.

TELL THE STORY

God's people promised to follow His instructions. They planned to bring gifts and support the temple's work. Their worship needed to shape what they did with their harvests and possessions. Love for the Lord should influence ordinary decisions, not only words spoken in a gathering.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the people promise to follow?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did their gifts show commitment to God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could you share to support your church's work and care for others?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help our choices and gifts show love for You."

DAY 144

FAITHFUL IN AN ORDINARY PLACE

Read: Nehemiah 11:1-2

Big Idea: God's work includes people willing to serve quietly.

TELL THE STORY

Jerusalem needed people to live within its rebuilt walls. Some families volunteered to make the city their home. Their names may not be familiar to us, but their willingness mattered. God uses ordinary people who make faithful choices in the places they are needed.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where did some families volunteer to live?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did these ordinary choices matter?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What quiet act of service is needed in your home or church?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us serve faithfully where we are needed."

DAY 145

JOY THAT CAN BE HEARD

Read: Nehemiah 12:27,43

Big Idea: God's faithfulness gives His people reason to celebrate.

TELL THE STORY

The rebuilt wall was dedicated with thanksgiving, singing, and great joy. Men, women, and children joined the celebration. The people knew that God had helped them through difficulty. Their joy could be heard far away as they praised His goodness together.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who joined the celebration?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why were the people so joyful?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What has God done that your family can celebrate together?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for giving us reasons to rejoice."

WEEK 30

DAY 146

KEEP RETURNING TO GOD

Read: Nehemiah 13:10-14

Big Idea: Faithfulness needs continuing attention and correction.

TELL THE STORY

After earlier promises, God's people began neglecting their responsibilities again. Those who served at the temple were not receiving support. Nehemiah confronted the problem and helped restore what was needed. A good beginning did not remove the need for ongoing repentance and obedience.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What responsibility had the people neglected?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did they still need correction after earlier promises?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What good habit do you need help to begin again?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us keep returning to faithful obedience."

DAY 147

GIVE GOD YOUR BEST

Read: Malachi 1:6-8

Big Idea: God deserves sincere honor rather than careless leftovers.

TELL THE STORY

God's people were bringing damaged animals as offerings. Their gifts showed how little they valued His name. The Lord challenged their careless worship. He does not need our possessions, but our attitude toward Him matters. Worship should express love and reverence for who He is.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What kind of offerings were people bringing?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did their careless gifts show about their hearts?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you give God your attention instead of only leftover time?

Prayer Prompt
"God, teach us to honor You with sincere hearts."

DAY 148

BE FAITHFUL TO OTHERS

Read: Malachi 2:10

Big Idea: Belonging to God calls us to treat others faithfully.

TELL THE STORY

Malachi challenged God's people for dealing faithlessly with one another. They shared one Creator, yet their actions hurt their neighbors and dishonored God's covenant. Worship and relationships belong together. We cannot claim to honor the Lord while treating people as though they do not matter.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who is the Creator of everyone?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does dishonesty toward others dishonor God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What promise or relationship needs greater faithfulness from you?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us treat others with honesty and faithful love."

DAY 149

RETURN TO THE LORD

Read: Malachi 3:6-10

Big Idea: God's faithfulness calls us back to generous obedience.

TELL THE STORY

The Lord reminded His people that He does not change. They had turned away and become unfaithful in their giving. He called them to return and support the work He had commanded. Their response needed to show trust, rather than holding everything tightly for themselves.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Does God change His faithful character?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can generosity show trust in God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could you share freely as a response to God's care?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us return to You with generous hearts."

DAY 150

HOPE IS COMING

Read: Malachi 4:1-6

Big Idea: God promises to judge evil and bring healing.

TELL THE STORY

Malachi ended with a warning and a promise. God's coming day would expose evil, but those who honored Him could look for healing and joy. He also promised a messenger to prepare the way. The Old Testament closes with hope for what God would do next.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God promise hope for His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why are both justice and healing good news?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What do these promises help you look for as we begin reading about Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"God, prepare our hearts to receive Your promised rescue."

WEEK 31

DAY 151

NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR GOD

Read: Luke 1:26-38

Big Idea: God keeps His promises in surprising ways.

TELL THE STORY

An angel told Mary she would have a son named Jesus. He would be the promised King from David's family. Mary did not understand how this could happen, but she trusted God's word. The long-awaited rescue was beginning through a humble young woman.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What name would Mary's baby have?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Mary respond to the angel's message?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you trust God's word when you do not understand everything?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust You as Mary did."

DAY 152

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Read: Luke 2:8-20

Big Idea: Jesus' birth is good news worth sharing.

TELL THE STORY

Shepherds were watching their sheep when angels announced the Savior's birth. They hurried to Bethlehem and found Jesus lying in a manger. Then they told others what they had heard and seen. God's promised rescue had arrived in a baby, and their ordinary night became joyful.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who heard the angels' good news?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did the shepherds hurry to Bethlehem?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Whom could you tell about the good news of Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for coming to be our Savior."

DAY 153

GOD WITH US

Read: Matthew 1:18-25

Big Idea: Jesus came to save His people and bring us near to God.

TELL THE STORY

Joseph learned that Mary's baby was from the Holy Spirit. An angel told him to name the child Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. Matthew also called Him Immanuel, meaning God with us. God's rescue came through His own Son.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What does Immanuel mean?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was the baby to be named Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How is rescue from sin different from only getting help with problems?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for coming near to rescue us."

DAY 154

FOLLOW ME

Read: Mark 1:14-20

Big Idea: Jesus calls people to turn, believe, and follow Him.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus announced that God's kingdom was near. He called people to repent and believe the good news. Then He invited fishermen to follow Him and help gather others. Their lives would have a new direction. Following Jesus begins with trusting Him and responding to His call.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What work were Jesus' first followers doing?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did Jesus call people to believe and do?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What might change in an ordinary day if you follow Jesus' lead?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust Your good news and follow You."

DAY 155

THE WORD BECAME HUMAN

Read: John 1:1-5,14

Big Idea: Jesus is God's eternal Son who came to live among us.

TELL THE STORY

John calls Jesus the Word. He was with God in the beginning and is God. Through Him, everything was made. Then the Word became human and lived among us. In Jesus, God's glory, grace, and truth came near enough for people to see.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who is the Word in John's Gospel?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does this passage tell us about who Jesus is?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why does it matter that our Savior is both truly God and truly human?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us know Your grace and truth."

WEEK 32

DAY 156

JESUS TRUSTS GOD'S WORD

Read: Matthew 4:1-11

Big Idea: Jesus obeyed the Father when tempted to sin.

TELL THE STORY

The devil tempted Jesus to disobey God. Jesus answered each temptation with Scripture and remained faithful. He would not use His power selfishly or worship anyone but the Father. Where we fail, Jesus was perfectly obedient. We need His rescue and His help to resist sin.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Jesus use to answer temptation?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Jesus show trust in the Father?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What Bible truth could help you when you are tempted this week?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for Your obedience and help against temptation."

DAY 157

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Read: Matthew 5:14-16

Big Idea: Our good works should point people to our Father.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus called His followers the light of the world. A lamp is meant to give light rather than stay hidden. When God's people love and do good, others can see something of His goodness. The goal is God's honor rather than attention for ourselves.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where should a lamp be placed?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Who should receive the glory for our good works?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What helpful action could point someone toward God's goodness today?

Prayer Prompt
"Father, let our actions help others see Your goodness."

DAY 158

OUR FATHER KNOWS

Read: Matthew 6:25-34

Big Idea: We can bring our worries to the Father who cares.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus told His followers to look at birds and flowers. God cares for them, and people matter even more to Him. Worry cannot secure tomorrow. We can seek God's kingdom and trust our Father's care, bringing today's needs to Him one day at a time.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Jesus tell people to notice outside?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why do birds and flowers remind us of God's care?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What worry can you name in prayer and share with a trusted adult?

Prayer Prompt
"Father, help us trust Your care with today's needs."

DAY 159

BUILD ON THE ROCK

Read: Matthew 7:24-27

Big Idea: A wise life listens to Jesus and puts His words into practice.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus compared two builders. One built on rock, and one built on sand. Storms tested both houses, but the house on rock stood firm. Hearing Jesus' words without obeying them is like building on sand. His teaching is a foundation meant to shape life.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Which house stood during the storm?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What is the difference between hearing Jesus and obeying Him?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What teaching of Jesus can you put into practice this week?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us build our lives on Your words."

DAY 160

JESUS RULES THE STORM

Read: Matthew 8:23-27

Big Idea: Jesus has authority greater than the things that frighten us.

TELL THE STORY

A violent storm struck while Jesus and His disciples crossed the lake. The disciples cried out in fear. Jesus spoke, and the wind and waves became calm. His followers wondered who He could be. Even the sea obeyed Him, revealing His remarkable authority.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What obeyed Jesus?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why were the disciples amazed after the storm stopped?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can Jesus' authority help you trust Him when you feel afraid?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust Your power and care."

WEEK 33

DAY 161

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Read: Luke 9:18-24

Big Idea: Following Jesus means trusting Him more than our own way.

TELL THE STORY

Peter identified Jesus as God's Messiah. Jesus then explained that He would suffer, die, and rise again. His followers also needed to deny themselves and follow Him. Jesus did not promise an easy path. He called people to find true life by belonging to Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Jesus say would happen to Him?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does denying yourself mean in following Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What selfish choice could you surrender to obey Jesus today?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, teach us to follow You instead of only ourselves."

DAY 162

HELP MY UNBELIEF

Read: Mark 9:20-27

Big Idea: We can bring weak faith honestly to Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

A father brought his suffering son to Jesus. He believed Jesus could help, yet he also knew his faith was weak. He asked Jesus to help his unbelief. Jesus healed the boy. We do not need to hide our struggles from the Savior who hears us.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did the father ask for help?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was his honest prayer important?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What question or struggle could you talk about with Jesus and a trusted adult?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust You when our faith feels weak."

DAY 163

RICH TOWARD GOD

Read: Luke 12:15-21

Big Idea: Life is more than collecting things for ourselves.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus told about a man who built bigger barns for his crops. He planned years of comfort but ignored God and his neighbors. His life ended before he could enjoy his plans. Possessions could not save him. Jesus warned us against letting greed define our lives.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the rich man build?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What important things did his plans leave out?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you enjoy good things without letting possessions rule your heart?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us value You more than having more things."

DAY 164

GOOD NEWS WORTH SHARING

Read: John 4:28-30,39-42

Big Idea: Meeting Jesus gives us good news to share with others.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman others might have avoided. After their conversation, she invited her town to come and see Him. Many believed, first through her words and then through hearing Jesus. The Savior's good news crossed the barriers people had built.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did the woman invite to meet Jesus?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did her invitation help others hear Him?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who might be overlooked but needs an invitation to hear about Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us invite others to know You."

DAY 165

WELCOME PEOPLE LEFT OUT

Read: Luke 14:12-14

Big Idea: Jesus calls us to show generosity without expecting repayment.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus told a host to invite people who could not repay his kindness. A meal could become a way to show God's generous welcome. Following Jesus changes whom we notice and include. Love should reach beyond the people who can give something back.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did Jesus say to welcome?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should kindness go beyond expecting a return?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who could your family include who might otherwise be left out?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, teach us to welcome people with generous love."

WEEK 34

DAY 166

JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

Read: John 6:32-35,37-40

Big Idea: Jesus gives the lasting life we need most.

TELL THE STORY

People wanted more bread after Jesus fed a crowd. He explained that He Himself is the bread of life. Food satisfies hunger for a while, but only Jesus gives eternal life. He welcomes those who come to Him and trust the Father's promised rescue.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who called Himself the bread of life?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is eternal life different from having a full stomach?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What does coming to Jesus in trust mean beyond wanting His gifts?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for giving life that lasts."

DAY 167

MORE THAN OUR TREASURES

Read: Matthew 19:16-26

Big Idea: We cannot earn eternal life or love possessions more than Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

A wealthy young man asked Jesus about eternal life. Jesus exposed how tightly he held his riches. The man went away sad rather than follow Him. The disciples wondered who could be saved. Jesus explained that salvation depends on God's power, not human achievement.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What made the young man sad?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why could his possessions not give him eternal life?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What might you be tempted to hold more tightly than Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust You more than anything we own."

DAY 168

THE FATHER WELCOMES HOME

Read: Luke 15:17-24

Big Idea: God joyfully welcomes sinners who turn back to Him.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus told about a son who wasted his inheritance far from home. Hungry and ashamed, he decided to return. His father ran to welcome him and celebrated his homecoming. This picture of mercy shows the joy of receiving someone who was lost and has returned.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the father do when his son returned?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was the welcome more than the son expected?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does this story encourage you to confess sin and return to God?

Prayer Prompt
"Father, thank You for Your welcoming mercy."

DAY 169

TEN HEALED AND ONE THANKFUL

Read: Luke 17:11-19

Big Idea: Receiving God's mercy should lead us to thankful worship.

TELL THE STORY

Ten men with a serious skin disease asked Jesus for mercy. As they obeyed His instruction, they were healed. Only one returned to thank and praise Him. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus noticed his gratitude and pointed to the faith behind his response.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How many men returned to thank Jesus?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was returning to give thanks important?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What gift from God have you enjoyed without stopping to thank Him?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, give us thankful hearts that remember Your mercy."

DAY 170

JESUS WELCOMES CHILDREN

Read: Mark 10:13-16

Big Idea: Children matter to Jesus and can come to Him.

TELL THE STORY

People brought children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to stop them. Jesus welcomed the children, took them in His arms, and blessed them. God's kingdom is received with humble dependence. No child is too small or unimportant for the Savior's loving attention.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Jesus welcome the children?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why were the disciples wrong to send them away?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you help another child feel welcome among Jesus' people?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for welcoming children like us."

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DAY 171

JESUS BRINGS LIFE

Read: John 11:21-27,38-44

Big Idea: Jesus has power over death and gives lasting life.

TELL THE STORY

Martha grieved because her brother Lazarus had died. Jesus told her that He is the resurrection and the life. Then He called Lazarus from the tomb. This sign showed His power over death and pointed toward the eternal life He gives everyone who believes in Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did Jesus call out of the tomb?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did this miracle show about Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does Jesus' promise give hope when people grieve?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for being our resurrection and life."

DAY 172

LOVE THAT SERVES

Read: John 13:3-15

Big Idea: Jesus shows us love that humbly serves.

TELL THE STORY

At supper, Jesus washed His disciples' feet, a job usually done by a servant. Their Lord stooped to care for them. He told them to follow His example. Knowing His greatness did not make Jesus selfish; it showed itself through humble, practical love.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Jesus wash?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was this surprising work for their Lord to do?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What ordinary task could you do to serve someone without seeking praise?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us serve others with humble love."

DAY 173

STAY CLOSE TO JESUS

Read: John 15:1-8

Big Idea: We depend on Jesus to grow lives that please God.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus compared Himself to a vine and His followers to branches. A branch cannot produce fruit by itself. It needs to remain connected to the vine. In the same way, we need Jesus' life and help. Staying with His words shapes our love and obedience.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What is Jesus compared to?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does a branch need the vine?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What habit could help you depend on Jesus rather than your own strength?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us remain in You and bear good fruit."

DAY 174

PEACE IN TROUBLE

Read: John 16:29-33

Big Idea: Jesus gives hope because He has overcome the world.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus knew His disciples would soon be frightened and scattered. He warned them that following Him would include trouble. Yet He also promised peace in Himself. Their courage could rest on His victory rather than easy circumstances. Jesus would not lose His Father's saving mission.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Jesus promise a trouble-free life?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why could His followers have courage anyway?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can Jesus' promise help you face one difficulty this week?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, give us Your peace when life is hard."

DAY 175

DO NOT BE LED ASTRAY

Read: Matthew 24:4-14

Big Idea: Jesus calls His people to remain faithful through confusion.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus warned His followers about false claims, frightening events, and opposition. They should not believe everyone who claimed special authority. Instead, they needed endurance and faithfulness as the good news spread. Trouble would not mean that Jesus had forgotten His people or lost His purpose.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Jesus warn His followers about?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should we test claims instead of believing everything we hear?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who can help you compare confusing teaching with Scripture?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, keep us faithful to Your truth."

WEEK 36

DAY 176

READY FOR THE KING

Read: Matthew 24:36,42-47

Big Idea: We prepare for Jesus' return through faithful daily living.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus said His followers would not know the day of His return. He compared readiness to a servant faithfully caring for a household. Being ready did not mean guessing dates. It meant living under the Master's direction and carrying out the responsibilities He had given.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Do we know the day Jesus will return?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What made the servant ready for his master?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What ordinary responsibility can you carry out faithfully today?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us be ready through faithful love and obedience."

DAY 177

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS PEOPLE

Read: John 17:20-23

Big Idea: Jesus wants His people to be united in God's love.

TELL THE STORY

Before His arrest, Jesus prayed for His disciples and for those who would later believe their message. He asked that His followers would be one. Their shared life should help the world see the Father's love and recognize that He sent the Son.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
For whom did Jesus pray beyond His first disciples?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can unity help others see God's love?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could you do to seek peace with another believer?

Prayer Prompt
"Father, unite Your people in truth and love."

DAY 178

JESUS CHOOSES OBEDIENCE

Read: Matthew 26:36-46

Big Idea: Jesus obeyed His Father through deep sorrow.

TELL THE STORY

In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed as His arrest and death drew near. He was deeply sorrowful and asked the Father about the suffering ahead. Yet He submitted to the Father's will. Jesus willingly walked the path that would bring our rescue, even though it was terribly hard.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where did Jesus pray before His arrest?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Jesus show obedience in His prayer?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you bring honest feelings to God while still wanting His will?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for obeying the Father to rescue us."

DAY 179

THE KING DIES FOR SINNERS

Read: Luke 23:32-43

Big Idea: Jesus offers saving mercy to those who trust Him.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus was crucified between two criminals. People mocked Him, but one criminal admitted his guilt and asked Jesus to remember him. Jesus promised him a place with Him in paradise. The dying King showed that His saving mercy reaches people who cannot earn it.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did the criminal ask Jesus to do?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does Jesus' answer show about His mercy?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why must we trust Jesus rather than claim that we deserve rescue?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for mercy we could never earn."

DAY 180

IT IS FINISHED

Read: John 19:28-30,38-42

Big Idea: Jesus truly died to complete His saving work.

TELL THE STORY

On the cross, Jesus announced that His work was finished. He gave up His spirit and died. Joseph and Nicodemus placed His body in a tomb. His death was real, and His saving obedience was complete. The story was painful, but God's rescue was not over.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Where was Jesus' body placed?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does Jesus' finished work mean for our need for rescue?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can remembering the cross deepen your gratitude to Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for giving Your life for us."

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DAY 181

HE HAS RISEN

Read: Mark 16:1-7

Big Idea: Jesus rose from the dead just as He promised.

TELL THE STORY

Women came to Jesus' tomb expecting to care for His body. Instead, the stone had been moved, and a messenger announced that Jesus was alive. The place where His body had lain was empty. They were sent to tell His disciples the astonishing news.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Was Jesus still in the tomb?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did the women come expecting something different?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does the empty tomb change what we believe about Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for rising from the dead."

DAY 182

GOD'S STORY POINTS TO JESUS

Read: Luke 24:25-32

Big Idea: Jesus' death and resurrection fulfill God's rescue story.

TELL THE STORY

Two disciples walked to Emmaus feeling confused and sad. Jesus joined them and explained how Scripture pointed toward His suffering and glory. Later, they recognized Him. The cross had not ruined God's plan. It was part of the rescue He had promised all along.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who joined the disciples on the road?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Jesus help them understand Scripture?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can looking for God's rescue story help you read the Bible?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us understand how Scripture points to You."

DAY 183

JESUS RESTORES PETER

Read: John 21:15-19

Big Idea: Jesus calls forgiven people to love and serve Him.

TELL THE STORY

Peter had denied knowing Jesus. After the resurrection, Jesus asked him about his love and gave him responsibility to care for His people. Peter's failure was serious, but it did not end Jesus' call. The risen Savior restored him to faithful service.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Jesus ask Peter about?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Jesus show both forgiveness and a new responsibility?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can forgiveness help you begin obeying again after failure?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help forgiven people like us love and serve You."

DAY 184

MAKE DISCIPLES

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

Big Idea: Jesus sends His people to help others follow Him.

TELL THE STORY

The risen Jesus told His disciples that all authority belonged to Him. He sent them to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey His commands. They would not go alone. Jesus promised His presence as His mission continued through His people.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
To which nations did Jesus send His followers?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does helping someone become a disciple include?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Whom could your family help learn about and follow Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us join Your mission with courage and love."

DAY 185

POWER TO BE WITNESSES

Read: Acts 1:6-11

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit helps Jesus' people tell His good news.

TELL THE STORY

Before returning to heaven, Jesus promised His followers the Holy Spirit's power. They would be His witnesses in Jerusalem and far beyond. Then He was taken up before their eyes. They had a mission while they waited for His return: tell the world about Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who would give the disciples power?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How far was Jesus' message meant to spread?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could being Jesus' witness look like where you live?

Prayer Prompt
"Holy Spirit, help us tell others about Jesus."

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DAY 186

THE SPIRIT COMES

Read: Acts 2:1-8,37-41

Big Idea: God's Spirit empowers His people to share the gospel.

TELL THE STORY

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' followers. People from many places heard the good news in their own languages. Peter explained Jesus' death and resurrection and called the crowd to repent. About three thousand received the message and were baptized that day.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What helped people understand the message?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did Peter call the crowd to do?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why is it good that God's news reaches people of many languages?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help people everywhere hear and believe the gospel."

DAY 187

COURAGE TO SPEAK

Read: Acts 4:18-20,29-31

Big Idea: God helps His people speak about Jesus with courage.

TELL THE STORY

Leaders ordered Peter and John to stop teaching about Jesus. They answered that they could not stop telling what they had seen and heard. The church prayed for boldness rather than an easy life. God filled them with His Spirit, and they continued sharing His word.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What were Peter and John told to stop doing?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did the church ask God to give them?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
When could you ask God for courage to speak kindly about Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us courage to share Your Word."

DAY 188

CARING FOR EVERYONE

Read: Acts 6:1-7

Big Idea: God's people should notice needs and serve fairly.

TELL THE STORY

As the church grew, some widows were overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The apostles took the problem seriously. The church chose trustworthy servants to help, while the apostles continued prayer and teaching. Caring well for people helped the church carry out its mission.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who was being overlooked?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did the church respond to the unfairness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who might be missed in your group, and how could you help include them?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help our church care for people fairly and wisely."

DAY 189

STEPHEN TRUSTS JESUS

Read: Acts 7:54-60

Big Idea: Jesus is worthy of trust even when following Him is costly.

TELL THE STORY

Stephen spoke truth about God and was met with violent anger. As he was killed, he called on the Lord Jesus and asked forgiveness for his attackers. His death was deeply wrong, yet his hope was secure in the risen Savior who would receive him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did Stephen call on?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What do Stephen's prayers show about his trust in Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can we pray for Christians who suffer for following Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, strengthen Your people who face persecution."

DAY 190

JESUS CHANGES SAUL

Read: Acts 9:1-9,17-20

Big Idea: Jesus can turn an enemy into a witness.

TELL THE STORY

Saul was traveling to arrest Jesus' followers when the risen Lord confronted him. Saul lost his sight and had to receive help. Jesus sent Ananias to him. Soon Saul was proclaiming that Jesus is the Son of God. The persecutor had become a follower.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did Saul meet on the road?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Saul's purpose change after meeting Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Why should we keep praying for people who seem opposed to Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, change hearts and make Your good news known."

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DAY 191

GOOD NEWS FOR EVERY NATION

Read: Acts 10:34-43

Big Idea: Everyone who believes in Jesus can receive forgiveness.

TELL THE STORY

Peter entered the home of Cornelius, a Gentile. He explained that God does not favor one nation over another. Jesus' death and resurrection were good news for them too. The gospel was crossing a major boundary: forgiveness through Jesus was offered to every people.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Was the good news only for one nation?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did Peter say people receive through believing in Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What prejudice could keep someone from sharing God's welcome?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us share Your good news without favoritism."

DAY 192

THE CHURCH PRAYS FOR PETER

Read: Acts 12:5-11

Big Idea: God hears His people's prayers in dangerous times.

TELL THE STORY

Peter was imprisoned, and the church prayed earnestly for him. During the night, an angel led him past the guards and out to freedom. God gave a remarkable rescue. Earlier, James had been killed, so the church knew that faithful prayer did not always mean the same outcome.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What was the church doing for Peter?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should we pray without demanding one particular outcome?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who needs your prayers for courage, help, or protection today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, hear our prayers and help us trust Your wisdom."

DAY 193

SENT TO SHARE JESUS

Read: Acts 13:1-5

Big Idea: God sends His people to carry the gospel to others.

TELL THE STORY

As the church in Antioch worshiped and fasted, the Holy Spirit set apart Barnabas and Saul for a new work. The church prayed and sent them. They traveled to share God's word. Mission grew from a church listening to God and supporting those He called.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom did the church send?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did the church support their mission?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could your family pray for and encourage a missionary?

Prayer Prompt
"God, send and strengthen people who share the gospel."

DAY 194

HEAR AND DO

Read: James 1:19-27

Big Idea: God's Word should change how we live.

TELL THE STORY

James told believers to listen carefully, control their anger, and put God's Word into practice. Hearing without obeying is like looking in a mirror and forgetting what we saw. True faith should shape our speech and our care for vulnerable people.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What should follow hearing God's Word?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did James use a mirror as an example?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What is one truth you have heard that you can practice today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us put Your Word into action."

DAY 195

WISDOM MAKES PEACE

Read: James 3:13-18

Big Idea: God's wisdom produces humility, mercy, and peace.

TELL THE STORY

James described the difference between selfish ambition and wisdom from above. God's wisdom is gentle, honest, and full of mercy. It does not need to win every argument. People who follow it become peacemakers whose actions help goodness grow in their relationships.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Is God's wisdom selfish or peaceable?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does jealousy hurt relationships?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could a wise and peaceful response look like in your next disagreement?

Prayer Prompt
"God, make us humble and wise peacemakers."

WEEK 40

DAY 196

GOOD NEWS IN A PRISON

Read: Acts 16:25-34

Big Idea: Jesus brings saving hope into unexpected places.

TELL THE STORY

Paul and Silas prayed and sang in prison. After an earthquake opened the doors, they stayed and protected the jailer from harm. He asked how to be saved. They told him to believe in the Lord Jesus and shared God's word with his household.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What were Paul and Silas doing in prison?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did their response help the jailer hear the gospel?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could your attitude in a hard situation help someone see Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us share Your hope wherever we are."

DAY 197

SAVED BY FAITH

Read: Galatians 2:15-21

Big Idea: We are made right with God through faith in Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

Some people were adding requirements to the good news. Paul explained that keeping the Law cannot make sinners right with God. Our hope rests in Jesus, who loved us and gave Himself for us. We receive God's grace through faith rather than earning it by rule keeping.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who loved us and gave Himself for us?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why can keeping rules not remove our sin?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does receiving grace change your reason for obeying God?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for saving us by Your grace."

DAY 198

THE SPIRIT GROWS GOOD FRUIT

Read: Galatians 5:16,22-25

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit helps Jesus' followers grow in godly character.

TELL THE STORY

Paul described the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities grow as we walk with God's Spirit. They are not trophies for showing off. They help us love God and treat people more like Jesus does.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Name one part of the Spirit's fruit.

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is this fruit different from trying to impress others?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which quality do you especially need the Spirit to grow this week?

Prayer Prompt
"Holy Spirit, grow Your good fruit in us."

DAY 199

THE GOD WHO GIVES LIFE

Read: Acts 17:24-31

Big Idea: The Creator calls all people to turn toward Him.

TELL THE STORY

In Athens, Paul spoke to people surrounded by idols. He explained that the true God made everything and gives life to everyone. God does not live in temples people build for Him. He calls people to repent and has shown His appointed Judge by raising Jesus.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gives everyone life and breath?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why can handmade idols not show us all that God is?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could you explain the Creator's goodness to someone who does not know Him?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us point others toward You."

DAY 200

FAITH THAT SPREADS

Read: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Big Idea: Changed lives can help the good news reach others.

TELL THE STORY

Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and hope. They had turned from idols to serve the living God. Their changed lives became an example to other believers. News of their faith spread, showing that receiving the gospel can affect far more than one person.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What had the Thessalonians turned away from?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did their lives help the message spread?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could people learn about Jesus from the way you live?

Prayer Prompt
"God, make our faith, love, and hope visible."

WEEK 41

DAY 201

HOPE BEYOND DEATH

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Big Idea: Jesus' resurrection gives His people hope when they grieve.

TELL THE STORY

The believers wondered about Christians who had died. Paul reminded them that Jesus died and rose again. When He returns, His people will be together with Him. Christians still grieve, but they do not grieve without hope. Jesus' future gives comfort in present sadness.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What gives Christians hope when someone dies?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Does having hope mean we never feel sad?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you gently encourage someone who is grieving?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, comfort grieving people with the hope of Your return."

DAY 202

KEEP DOING GOOD

Read: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Big Idea: Waiting for Jesus should lead to faithful everyday work.

TELL THE STORY

Some believers were refusing to work and interfering with others. Paul reminded them of his own example of responsible service. Hope in Jesus' return was no excuse for laziness. God's people should keep doing what is good and contribute faithfully to the needs around them.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What problem did Paul address?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is waiting for Jesus not an excuse for laziness?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What daily responsibility can you do willingly as service to the Lord?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us keep doing good with willing hearts."

DAY 203

LEARNING MORE ABOUT JESUS

Read: Acts 18:24-28

Big Idea: Humble learners can become helpful teachers.

TELL THE STORY

Apollos knew Scripture and spoke boldly, but his understanding needed to grow. Priscilla and Aquila took time to explain God's way more accurately. Apollos received help and later encouraged other believers. Even gifted people need humble hearts that keep learning the truth about Jesus.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who helped Apollos understand more accurately?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should a good teacher also be willing to learn?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you respond thankfully when someone corrects your understanding of Scripture?

Prayer Prompt
"God, make us humble learners of Your truth."

DAY 204

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Big Idea: God saves through Jesus' cross rather than human pride.

TELL THE STORY

Some people thought the message of a crucified Savior sounded foolish or weak. Paul explained that the cross reveals God's saving power and wisdom. Human cleverness cannot rescue sinners. Our confidence belongs in what God has done through Jesus, even when others mock the message.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What message did some people call foolish?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does the cross reveal God's power and wisdom?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What can help you trust the gospel when others dismiss it?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust the saving power of Your cross."

DAY 205

GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Big Idea: God's servants work together while He brings growth.

TELL THE STORY

Some Corinthians argued about their favorite leaders. Paul compared their work to farming: one planted, another watered, but God made things grow. The workers had different tasks within one purpose. God's people should serve together and give Him the credit rather than forming competing teams.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who makes the planted seed grow?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should believers not argue over favorite leaders?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you appreciate different servants without comparing them proudly?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us serve together and give You the glory."

WEEK 42

DAY 206

YOU BELONG TO GOD

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Big Idea: Jesus' followers should honor God with their bodies.

TELL THE STORY

Paul reminded believers that their bodies were not unimportant. The Holy Spirit lives in God's people, and Jesus paid the price to redeem them. Belonging to Him changes what we do with ourselves. Our bodies are gifts to use in ways that honor the Lord.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
To whom do Jesus' followers belong?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does God care about how we use our bodies?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What healthy or obedient choice could help you honor God with your body?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us honor You with our whole lives."

DAY 207

LOVE BUILDS OTHERS UP

Read: 1 Corinthians 8:1-3,9-13

Big Idea: Knowing truth should make us loving rather than proud.

TELL THE STORY

Some believers thought that having knowledge gave them freedom to ignore others. Paul warned that knowledge can make people proud, while love builds people up. Followers of Jesus should care about another person's conscience. Being technically right never gives us permission to act without love.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What builds people up?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can knowing something make a person proud?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
When could choosing kindness matter more than insisting on your own freedom?

Prayer Prompt
"God, let Your truth make us humble and loving."

DAY 208

A WAY THROUGH TEMPTATION

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

Big Idea: God is faithful and helps us resist temptation.

TELL THE STORY

Paul reminded believers that Israel's failures were warnings for them. No one should become proud and assume they cannot fall. Temptation is real, but God remains faithful. He provides a way to endure and obey. We can ask for help instead of facing temptation alone.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who is faithful when we are tempted?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why should we not assume we are too strong to fall?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What practical step could help you leave a tempting situation?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us notice and take the way of obedience."

DAY 209

ONE BODY WITH MANY PARTS

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20,25-27

Big Idea: Every member of Jesus' church matters.

TELL THE STORY

Paul compared the church to a body with many parts. An eye, hand, and foot do different jobs, but all belong. No believer should feel useless or act as though others are unnecessary. God gives different gifts so His people can care for one another.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What is the church compared to?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does a body need different parts?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could you help someone in your church know that they belong?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help every part of Your church care for the others."

DAY 210

THE WAY OF LOVE

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7,13

Big Idea: Godly love gives meaning to our words and gifts.

TELL THE STORY

Paul explained that impressive abilities are empty without love. Love is patient and kind. It refuses pride and selfishness and rejoices in the truth. God's people should not measure maturity by how important they seem. The way they love others reveals what matters most.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Name one thing love does.

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why are impressive gifts not enough without love?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which description of love would most change how you treat your family?

Prayer Prompt
"God, teach us patient and unselfish love."

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DAY 211

JESUS REALLY ROSE

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8,20-22

Big Idea: Our hope rests on Jesus' real death and resurrection.

TELL THE STORY

Paul reminded the church of the gospel: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. Many witnesses saw Him alive. His resurrection was not a hopeful idea. It was the beginning of victory over death for everyone who belongs to Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What happened after Jesus was buried?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Paul mention people who saw Jesus alive?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How would our hope change if Jesus had not risen?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for the sure hope of Your resurrection."

DAY 212

COMFORT TO SHARE

Read: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Big Idea: God comforts us so we can care for others.

TELL THE STORY

Paul praised God as the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. Trouble had not disappeared from his life. Yet God's care met him in suffering. That comfort could then be shared with other hurting people. Receiving mercy prepares us to show mercy.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who is the source of comfort?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can being comforted help us care for someone else?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who could you encourage with the care God has shown you?

Prayer Prompt
"God, comfort hurting people and help us share Your care."

DAY 213

TREASURE IN CLAY JARS

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:5-9

Big Idea: God's power shines through weak people who belong to Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

Paul compared believers to ordinary clay jars holding a precious treasure. The treasure was the good news of Jesus. Their weakness did not make the message worthless. It helped show that the power came from God. His servants could face trouble without being abandoned by Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What kind of jars did Paul describe?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why can weakness help show God's power?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can God use you even when you feel ordinary or weak?

Prayer Prompt
"God, show Your strength through our ordinary lives."

DAY 214

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Big Idea: Jesus makes us new and sends us to share reconciliation.

TELL THE STORY

Because of Jesus, people can be brought back into a right relationship with God. Those who belong to Christ are a new creation. God gives them a message to share: sinners can be reconciled to Him through Jesus. Forgiven people become messengers of His grace.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What does Paul call someone who is in Christ?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does reconciliation mean?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could you explain God's invitation to a friend in simple words?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us share the grace that has made us new."

DAY 215

GENEROSITY BEGINS WITH GRACE

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Big Idea: Jesus' generosity teaches us to give with love.

TELL THE STORY

Churches in Macedonia gave gladly even while facing poverty and trouble. They wanted to help other believers. Paul pointed to Jesus, who gave Himself for our sake. Christian generosity grows from grace rather than showing off wealth. We share because He has been generous to us.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Were these generous churches rich or poor?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does Jesus show us true generosity?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could you share gladly even if it seems small?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, make us generous because of Your grace."

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DAY 216

A CHEERFUL GIVER

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Big Idea: God delights in willing generosity.

TELL THE STORY

Paul encouraged the church to give thoughtfully rather than from pressure or resentment. God loves a cheerful giver. He supplies what His people need so that they can continue doing good. Generosity is an opportunity to express trust and thankfulness, not a contest to prove importance.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What kind of giver does God love?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does our attitude matter when we share?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could you turn one reluctant act of sharing into a willing gift?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us joyful and generous hearts."

DAY 217

GRACE IN WEAKNESS

Read: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Big Idea: God's grace is enough when our strength is not.

TELL THE STORY

Paul repeatedly asked God to remove a painful difficulty. God answered that His grace was sufficient and His power was made complete in weakness. Paul's trouble did not mean the Lord had left him. He could rely on Christ's strength when his own strength failed.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did God remove Paul's difficulty when he asked?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What did God promise instead?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you ask for help while also trusting God in weakness?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us rely on Your sufficient grace."

DAY 218

GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Read: Romans 1:16-17

Big Idea: The gospel is God's saving power for everyone who believes.

TELL THE STORY

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel. He knew its message was God's power to save people who believed, whether Jewish or Gentile. A right relationship with God comes through faith. The good news does not depend on social importance, background, or human strength.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
For whom is the gospel good news?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was Paul willing to share the message openly?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who needs to hear that God's saving invitation reaches them too?

Prayer Prompt
"God, give us confidence in Your saving good news."

DAY 219

A GIFT WE CANNOT EARN

Read: Romans 3:21-26

Big Idea: God makes sinners right with Him through Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. We cannot make ourselves right by earning a perfect record. God gives justification by grace through Jesus' redemption. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, God is just and also makes those who trust Him right with Himself.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who is our sinless Savior?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why must forgiveness come as a gift?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How does grace keep us from either boasting or giving up hope?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for making sinners right through Jesus."

DAY 220

LOVED WHILE WE WERE SINNERS

Read: Romans 5:6-11

Big Idea: God showed His love by giving Jesus for undeserving people.

TELL THE STORY

God did not wait until we had become good enough to love us. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. His death brings peace with God to those who trust Him. Our assurance rests in God's remarkable love rather than our ability to impress Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
When did Christ die for us?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is loving undeserving people such amazing love?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can God's love help you welcome someone who has disappointed you?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for loving us before we could earn anything."

WEEK 45

DAY 221

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US

Read: Romans 8:31-39

Big Idea: Nothing can defeat God's love for His people in Christ.

TELL THE STORY

Paul listed frightening things: trouble, danger, death, and more. None could separate believers from God's love in Jesus. That did not mean they would never suffer. It meant their Savior's hold was stronger than every threat. God's faithful love gave them lasting confidence.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Can trouble end God's love for His people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is being loved by God different from having an easy life?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which fear can you bring to God while remembering His love?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us rest in Your faithful love through Jesus."

DAY 222

HOW WILL THEY HEAR

Read: Romans 10:9-15

Big Idea: People need to hear the good news of Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

Paul explained that everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved. Then he asked how people could believe without hearing about Him. The gospel needs messengers. God uses ordinary voices to tell others about Jesus' resurrection and His saving invitation.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What do people need to hear to believe?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why are those who bring good news welcome messengers?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who could you pray for and lovingly tell about Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"Lord, help us bring Your good news to others."

DAY 223

A LIFE GIVEN TO GOD

Read: Romans 12:1-8

Big Idea: God's mercy leads us to offer Him our whole lives.

TELL THE STORY

Because of God's mercy, Paul urged believers to offer themselves as living sacrifices. Worship includes ordinary choices shaped by a renewed mind. God's people have different gifts, and each should serve humbly. A life given to Him becomes useful in loving and helping others.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What can we offer God besides things we own?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can everyday choices become worship?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What ability could you use humbly to help someone this week?

Prayer Prompt
"God, let our whole lives respond to Your mercy."

DAY 224

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

Read: Romans 14:1-6,13-19

Big Idea: We should pursue peace rather than fight over every difference.

TELL THE STORY

Believers disagreed about food and special days. Paul told them not to look down on or condemn one another over these matters. Each belonged to the Lord. Their freedom needed to be shaped by love, seeking peace and helping others grow rather than insisting on winning.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Should believers look down on each other over every difference?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can love guide us when a choice is not clearly forbidden?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What disagreement could you handle with more patience and respect?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us welcome others and pursue peace."

DAY 225

HOPE THAT OVERFLOWS

Read: Romans 15:4-7,13

Big Idea: God's promises give us hope and help us welcome others.

TELL THE STORY

Scripture's stories were written to encourage God's people and teach endurance. Paul prayed that believers would overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit's power. That shared hope should shape their relationships. Just as Christ welcomed them, they should welcome one another for God's glory.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gives believers overflowing hope?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can Scripture encourage us to keep going?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could you share encouragement from the Bible with someone who feels discouraged?

Prayer Prompt
"God, fill us with hope and generous welcome."

WEEK 46

DAY 226

FINISH THE MISSION FAITHFULLY

Read: Acts 20:17-24

Big Idea: Serving Jesus is worth a life of faithful obedience.

TELL THE STORY

Paul told the Ephesian elders that difficulty awaited him. He did not know every detail, but he wanted to finish the work Jesus had given him: testify to the good news of God's grace. His greatest aim was faithfulness to the Lord rather than personal comfort.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What message did Paul want to keep sharing?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did faithfulness matter more to him than comfort?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What small act of faithfulness can you choose even when it is inconvenient?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us finish the work You give us faithfully."

DAY 227

JESUS STANDS NEAR PAUL

Read: Acts 23:6-11

Big Idea: Jesus does not abandon His servants in frightening places.

TELL THE STORY

Paul faced angry opposition in Jerusalem. After a dangerous hearing, he was taken back into custody. That night the Lord stood near him and told him to take courage. Paul would also testify in Rome. Imprisonment had not ended Jesus' purpose for his life.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who encouraged Paul during the night?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did Jesus' promise give Paul a purpose in prison?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can remembering Jesus' presence help you obey in a hard situation?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us take courage because You are near."

DAY 228

TRUTH UNDER PRESSURE

Read: Acts 24:10-16

Big Idea: Following Jesus calls us to honesty and a clear conscience.

TELL THE STORY

Paul was accused before the governor Felix. He answered respectfully and explained his faith in God and the resurrection. His goal was to keep a clear conscience before God and people. Even when defending himself, Paul could honor the Lord through truthful words.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
To whom did Paul explain his faith?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Paul care about a clear conscience?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you answer an unfair accusation without lying or lashing out?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us speak truthfully and respectfully under pressure."

DAY 229

HOPE IN THE STORM

Read: Acts 27:20-25

Big Idea: God's promises can give courage in frightening uncertainty.

TELL THE STORY

A fierce storm battered Paul's ship until the travelers lost hope. God sent a messenger assuring Paul that he would stand before Caesar and the people aboard would survive. Paul encouraged the others to take heart. He trusted God's word even before the storm ended.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What made the travelers lose hope?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why could Paul encourage them before the sea became calm?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What promise about God's character can steady you in uncertainty?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust Your word in life's storms."

DAY 230

THE GOOD NEWS CONTINUES

Read: Acts 28:23-31

Big Idea: Hard circumstances cannot stop God's kingdom message.

TELL THE STORY

Paul arrived in Rome as a prisoner. People still came to hear him explain God's kingdom and teach about Jesus. Some believed, and others did not. Acts ends with Paul welcoming visitors and speaking boldly. The gospel's journey continued even while its messenger faced limits.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Could Paul still teach about Jesus in Rome?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does Acts' ending show about the spread of the gospel?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could God use an unexpected limitation as an opportunity to help someone?

Prayer Prompt
"God, keep Your good news moving through Your people."

WEEK 47

DAY 231

JESUS HOLDS ALL THINGS

Read: Colossians 1:15-20

Big Idea: Jesus is supreme over creation and the church.

TELL THE STORY

Paul described the greatness of God's Son. All things were created through Him and for Him, and He holds everything together. He is the head of His church. Through His cross, God brings reconciliation. Jesus is not merely one helpful teacher; He is the Lord we need.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who holds all things together?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does it mean that creation was made for Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How should Jesus' greatness affect the place He has in your day?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us honor You as Lord over everything."

DAY 232

PUT ON LOVE

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

Big Idea: Jesus' people should wear compassion, forgiveness, and love.

TELL THE STORY

Paul described kindness, humility, patience, and compassion as clothes for believers to put on. They should forgive as the Lord forgave them. Love holds these qualities together. Jesus changes how His family treats one another, especially when relationships are difficult.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Name one quality Paul says to put on.

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does Jesus' forgiveness teach us to forgive?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which quality could change your response to someone who annoys you?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, clothe our lives with Your love and patience."

DAY 233

SAVED BY GRACE FOR GOOD

Read: Ephesians 2:1-10

Big Idea: God saves us by grace and prepares us to do good.

TELL THE STORY

Sin left us helpless to rescue ourselves. Because of His great love, God makes believers alive with Christ. Salvation is His gift, received through faith rather than earned by works. Then He shapes our lives for good works. Obedience is a response to grace, not its price.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Is salvation earned or given by God?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How do good works fit after receiving God's grace?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can gratitude for salvation change the way you serve someone?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You for grace that saves and changes us."

DAY 234

SPEAK TRUTH WITH LOVE

Read: Ephesians 4:25-32

Big Idea: God's grace should change our words and relationships.

TELL THE STORY

Paul told believers to put away lies, harmful speech, and bitterness. Their words should help others, and their hearts should become kind and forgiving. God's forgiveness in Christ is the pattern. Jesus' people are learning a new way to live together because they belong to Him.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What kind of words should believers use?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does God's forgiveness shape our treatment of others?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What sentence could you change to make your speech more helpful today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, make our words truthful, kind, and helpful."

DAY 235

STAND IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Read: Ephesians 6:10-18

Big Idea: God equips His people to stand against evil.

TELL THE STORY

Paul pictured truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and God's Word as armor. Believers cannot defeat evil through their own strength. They need the Lord's help and constant prayer. The armor teaches us to stand firmly in what God provides rather than trust ourselves to be strong enough.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who gives believers strength to stand?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why did Paul compare God's gifts to armor?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which part of this armor helps you face a particular temptation?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us stand in Your strength and truth."

WEEK 48

DAY 236

THE HUMILITY OF JESUS

Read: Philippians 2:3-11

Big Idea: Jesus teaches us to love others with humble service.

TELL THE STORY

Paul told believers to put aside selfish ambition and value others. Jesus is the great example. Though truly God, He humbled Himself, became human, and obeyed even to death on a cross. The Father honored Him as Lord. His greatness shines through self-giving love.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How did Jesus show humility?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is valuing others different from trying to seem important?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What could you do today to put someone else's good ahead of your pride?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, give us the humility that follows Your example."

DAY 237

PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING

Read: Philippians 4:4-9

Big Idea: We can bring our worries to God with thankful hearts.

TELL THE STORY

Paul encouraged believers to rejoice in the Lord and bring their concerns to Him in prayer. God's peace would guard their hearts and minds in Christ. They should also fill their thoughts with what is true and good. Prayer makes room to trust God with real needs.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What can we bring to God in prayer?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can thanksgiving help us remember God's care?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What worry can you name along with one reason to thank God?

Prayer Prompt
"God, guard our hearts with Your peace as we pray."

DAY 238

JESUS UNDERSTANDS OUR WEAKNESS

Read: Hebrews 2:14-18

Big Idea: Jesus became human to rescue us and help us.

TELL THE STORY

God's Son shared our humanity. Through His death, He defeated the devil's power and freed those held by fear of death. Because Jesus suffered and was tempted, He can help people who face temptation. Our Savior is truly strong and truly understands human weakness.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Jesus truly become human?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does His experience of suffering matter for us?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What struggle can you bring to a Savior who understands weakness?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust You with our struggles."

DAY 239

COME TO GOD FOR HELP

Read: Hebrews 4:14-16

Big Idea: Jesus opens the way to receive mercy and help.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus is our great High Priest. He understands our weaknesses because He was tempted, yet He never sinned. Because of Him, we can approach God's throne with confidence. We do not come claiming perfection. We come needing the mercy and grace our Savior makes available.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did Jesus ever sin?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why can weak people approach God with confidence?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What help do you need to ask God for today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, thank You that Jesus brings us near for mercy."

DAY 240

GROW IN GOD'S TRUTH

Read: Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1

Big Idea: God wants His people to grow in understanding and obedience.

TELL THE STORY

The writer compared immature understanding to living only on milk. Growing believers need to keep learning and practice distinguishing good from evil. Spiritual growth takes attention and response. We should not remain content with only the beginning of faith but keep maturing in God's truth.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What two kinds of food illustrate growth?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How does practicing obedience help understanding grow?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What question about God's Word could you work to understand more deeply?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us keep growing in truth and obedience."

WEEK 49

DAY 241

JESUS ALWAYS INTERCEDES

Read: Hebrews 7:23-28

Big Idea: Jesus is the lasting High Priest who brings us to God.

TELL THE STORY

Israel's priests grew old and died. Jesus lives forever, so His priesthood never ends. He saves those who draw near to God through Him and continues to intercede for them. His perfect sacrifice does not need repeating. Our hope rests in a Savior who remains faithful.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Why does Jesus' priesthood never end?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is Jesus different from the earlier priests?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can Jesus' continuing care encourage you when you feel weak?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for bringing us to God and caring for us."

DAY 242

A BETTER SACRIFICE

Read: Hebrews 9:11-14

Big Idea: Jesus' sacrifice cleanses us in a way repeated offerings could not.

TELL THE STORY

Old covenant worship included sacrifices offered again and again. Jesus came as the perfect High Priest and gave His own life. His sacrifice brings lasting redemption and cleanses our consciences so we can serve the living God. Our forgiveness rests on His completed saving work.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whose life did Jesus give for our rescue?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is His sacrifice better than repeated animal offerings?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can being forgiven help you serve God freely rather than hide in shame?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, thank You for the perfect sacrifice of Your life."

DAY 243

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Read: Hebrews 10:19-25

Big Idea: Jesus brings us near to God and joins us to His people.

TELL THE STORY

Because of Jesus, believers can approach God with sincere hearts and hold firmly to hope. They should also keep meeting together. God's people need encouragement to love and do good. Faith is lived personally, but it is also strengthened in the care of a believing community.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What should believers encourage each other to do?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does meeting together matter for following Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could you encourage one person at church this week?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us strengthen one another in love and hope."

DAY 244

FAITH TRUSTS GOD'S PROMISES

Read: Hebrews 11:1-6,13-16

Big Idea: Faith trusts God even before all His promises are seen.

TELL THE STORY

Hebrews remembers people who followed God without seeing every promise fulfilled. Their hope reached beyond what they could hold in their hands. Faith meant trusting the Lord's character and acting on His word. God's promised future gave direction to the lives they lived now.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Did these people see every promise fulfilled during their lives?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How is faith more than wishing for something?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What promise of God can help guide a choice you make today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us trust Your promises and live by faith."

DAY 245

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Read: Hebrews 12:1-3

Big Idea: Jesus helps us run the race of faith with endurance.

TELL THE STORY

The writer pictured following God as a long race. Believers should put aside sin and keep looking to Jesus. He endured the cross and now reigns beside the Father. Remembering His faithful endurance helps weary people keep going. Our race is not run by looking only at ourselves.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom should we keep looking to?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What can make the race of faith harder to run?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What distraction or sin do you need help to put aside?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us keep following You with endurance."

WEEK 50

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DAY 246

PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE

Read: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Big Idea: God calls His people to pray widely and share His saving truth.

TELL THE STORY

Paul urged the church to pray for everyone, including rulers. God desires people to be saved and come to know the truth. There is one mediator between God and humanity: Jesus Christ. His saving work gives us reason to pray and carry good news beyond our usual circle.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
For whom did Paul say to pray?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Who is the mediator who brings people to God?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Who outside your usual circle could you begin praying for?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help people everywhere come to know Your truth."

DAY 247

FOLLOW JESUS WHILE YOUNG

Read: 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Big Idea: Young believers can show faithful love and obedience.

TELL THE STORY

Timothy was young, but Paul urged him to set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. He needed to keep learning and watch both his life and teaching. Age did not excuse carelessness. A faithful young person could help others see how to follow Jesus.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Can young people follow Jesus?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
In what areas could he set an example?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
Which part of your everyday life could help someone younger follow Jesus?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us be faithful examples at every age."

DAY 248

PASS THE FAITH ALONG

Read: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Big Idea: God strengthens His people to teach others faithfully.

TELL THE STORY

Paul told Timothy to be strong in Christ's grace and entrust the truth to reliable people who could teach others. The message should keep moving from person to person. Like a soldier, athlete, or farmer, Timothy needed steady commitment to the work God had given.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Whom should Timothy teach?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How can teaching one person help many more people learn?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What truth about Jesus could you share with someone younger?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us pass Your truth to the next generation."

DAY 249

SCRIPTURE EQUIPS US

Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Big Idea: God's Word teaches us the truth and prepares us to do good.

TELL THE STORY

Timothy had known the Scriptures since childhood. They pointed him toward salvation through faith in Jesus. Paul explained that Scripture comes from God and is useful for teaching, correction, and training. The Bible helps God's people grow ready for the good work He calls them to do.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Since when had Timothy known Scripture?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What are some ways God's Word helps us?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you respond well when Scripture corrects something in your life?

Prayer Prompt
"God, teach and equip us through Your Word."

DAY 250

A LIVING HOPE

Read: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Big Idea: Jesus' resurrection gives us hope that suffering cannot destroy.

TELL THE STORY

Peter praised God for giving believers new birth into a living hope through Jesus' resurrection. They faced trials, but God's promised inheritance was secure. Their faith was precious even under testing. Hope did not erase their sadness; it gave them joy grounded in the risen Savior.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What gives believers a living hope?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why can faith remain precious during trials?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you encourage someone whose trust in Jesus is being tested?

Prayer Prompt
"God, strengthen us with the living hope of Jesus."

WEEK 51

DAY 251

ANSWER WITH GENTLENESS

Read: 1 Peter 3:13-16

Big Idea: We can explain our hope with gentleness and respect.

TELL THE STORY

Peter told believers to honor Christ as Lord and be ready to explain their hope. Their answer should not be harsh or proud. Gentleness, respect, and a clear conscience matter because the way we speak should match the Savior we proclaim.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How should believers explain their hope?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does our manner matter when we speak about Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How would you answer a friend's sincere question with kindness and honesty?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us share our hope with gentleness and respect."

DAY 252

CAST YOUR CARES ON GOD

Read: 1 Peter 5:5-11

Big Idea: We can humble ourselves and trust God's loving care.

TELL THE STORY

Peter called believers to humility and watchfulness. They could give their anxieties to God because He cared for them. Trouble and temptation were real, but they were not alone. The God of grace would strengthen His people as they stood firm in faith.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Why can we give our worries to God?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How do humility and asking for help fit together?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What concern can you name to God and share with a trusted person?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us rest in Your care and stand firm."

DAY 253

GOD IS PATIENT

Read: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Big Idea: God's patience gives people time to repent.

TELL THE STORY

Some people mocked the promise of Jesus' return. Peter explained that God is not slow or forgetful. He is patient, giving people time to turn from sin. His coming day will still arrive. That hope should move believers toward holy lives and eager expectation.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Is God patient with people?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What opportunity does His patience give people?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can expecting Jesus' return affect the way you live today?

Prayer Prompt
"God, help us use this time to turn toward You."

DAY 254

LOVE TAKES ACTION

Read: 1 John 3:16-18

Big Idea: Jesus' love teaches us to care through deeds.

TELL THE STORY

Jesus showed love by laying down His life for us. John explained that His followers should also give of themselves for others. If we see a real need and refuse compassion, our words ring empty. Love is more than saying something kind; it acts with generosity.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
How did Jesus show His love?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why are loving words not enough when someone needs help?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What real need could your family respond to this week?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, make our love active and generous."

DAY 255

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE LOVED

Read: 1 John 4:7-12,19

Big Idea: God's love for us is the source of our love for others.

TELL THE STORY

John explained that God showed His love by sending His Son so we might live through Him. Jesus dealt with our sin through His sacrifice. Love begins with God's initiative, not our goodness. Because He loved us, we are called to love one another.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who loved us first?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
How did God show His love through Jesus?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How could remembering God's love help you love someone difficult?

Prayer Prompt
"God, let Your love shape the way we love others."

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DAY 256

JESUS IS THE LIVING LORD

Read: Revelation 1:9-18

Big Idea: The risen Jesus rules and tells His people not to fear.

TELL THE STORY

John was on Patmos when he saw a vision of the glorious Jesus. Overwhelmed, he fell at His feet. Jesus told him not to fear. He had died and was alive forever. The One who holds authority over death was caring for His churches.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What did Jesus tell John when he was afraid?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why does Jesus' victory over death give courage?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What fear can you bring to the living Lord who cares for His people?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us trust You as the living Lord."

DAY 257

RETURN TO YOUR FIRST LOVE

Read: Revelation 2:1-7

Big Idea: Faithful service must stay rooted in love for Jesus.

TELL THE STORY

The church in Ephesus worked hard and rejected false teaching. Yet Jesus saw that they had abandoned the love they had at first. He called them to remember, repent, and return. Busy religious activity could not replace love for the Lord who walked among His people.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What had the Ephesian church left behind?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why was hard work not enough without love?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
What practice could help you give Jesus loving attention again?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, renew our love for You."

DAY 258

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Read: Revelation 5:6-14

Big Idea: Jesus deserves worship because He gave His life to redeem people.

TELL THE STORY

John saw heaven worshiping the Lamb who had been slain. Jesus was worthy because He had purchased people for God through His blood. His rescued family came from every tribe, language, people, and nation. Heaven's praise centered on the Savior whose sacrifice brings people to God.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
Who is the Lamb in this vision?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
What does the many-nation family show about Jesus' rescue?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can you celebrate God's work among people different from you?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, You are worthy of worship from every nation."

DAY 259

JOY AT THE LAMB'S FEAST

Read: Revelation 19:6-9

Big Idea: God's people look forward to joyful life with their King.

TELL THE STORY

John heard heaven celebrating because the Lord reigns. A wedding feast pictured the joyful union of the Lamb and His people. After suffering and struggle, God's family had a future of celebration. Jesus' faithful love would bring His people into the joy He had promised.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What celebration did John hear announced?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is a feast a picture of joyful belonging?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
How can this future joy help you remain faithful in a hard season?

Prayer Prompt
"Jesus, help us look forward to celebrating with You."

DAY 260

WITH GOD FOREVER

Read: Revelation 21:1-5; 22:20-21

Big Idea: God will make all things new and live with His people forever.

TELL THE STORY

John saw a new heaven and a new earth. God would live with His people, wipe away tears, and bring an end to death and pain. The Bible's rescue story leads to life with Him through Jesus. Until Jesus returns, we keep trusting, loving, and sharing His hope.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

Level 1 (Little Kids)
What sad things will God bring to an end?

Level 2 (Younger Elementary)
Why is being with God the best part of this promise?

Level 3 (Older Elementary)
After this year of reading, what truth about Jesus will you keep living and sharing?

Prayer Prompt
"Come, Lord Jesus. Help us live in Your hope until You return."

CONGRATULATIONS

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DAYS IN GOD'S WORD

You finished the reading plan.
From Genesis to Revelation,
you followed God's great
rescue story through the Bible.

KEEP GROWING

Keep opening your Bible.
Keep asking questions.
Keep talking with God.
Keep sharing His love.

Your reading plan is finished.
Your journey with Jesus continues.

MY PLAN TO KEEP GROWING

God's Word is for every season.
Make a simple plan to keep reading.

I want to keep reading...

A time I can meet with God...

Someone who can read with me...

Ask a parent or trusted adult to help you choose your next reading plan.

GROW TOGETHER AS A FAMILY!

ONE DAY. ONE PASSAGE.
ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME.

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