

PARENT GUIDE - October 10th

Elementary Bible Story: The Bible is God's Word (2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Preschool Bible Story: God was with the Israelites (Exodus 3:7-9, 16:11-15, 16:35, 17:5-6, Joshua 4:9-17, 5:1)

Materials Needed: Dice, Bible or Bible App



LET'S PLAY

Use this time to gather together those in the family that want to participate and get everyone relaxed and talking. THE GOAL is to simply connect and have fun as a family!

PLAY "Clue Collectors" using the dice.

- CHOOSE a category. (Example: Games, Foods, Colors)
- ALLOW everyone to take turns rolling the dice (or choosing a number 1-6) and naming that number of things from the category.
- CONTINUE playing until everyone has had a turn.
- COUNT how many clues everyone collected in a category. Try to beat your score together in the next round!

LET'S WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on our website or on our YouTube channel. Then, print the Coloring Pages and download the Activities to complete as you discuss the message as a family.

PARENT TIP: As you discuss the message, keep your kids engaged by coloring, passing a basketball, etc. as you have a conversation. Moving their body while talking might help them focus.

Preschool Discussion:

- Is God with us everywhere that we go? (Yes!)
- What is one of your favorite places to go?
- What did God give the Israelites? (Food, water, everything they needed)

Elementary Discussion:

- Why is it so important to read God's Word?
- What are some things you know about God's Word?
- Do you think knowing God's Word makes a difference in your everyday life? Why?
- Would you like to start reading God's Word at home together?

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LET'S READ

Together, look up this verse in a Bible or on a Bible App.

PARENT TIP: Take this time to teach your child how to look up a book, chapter and verse in the Bible. Show them the Table of Contents to help learn the order of the books in the Bible.

SAY: Let's look up and learn this verse together!

Preschool: Hebrews 11:6

"...believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him."

Elementary: Hebrews 11:6

"But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him."

Take turns repeating the Bible verse, using a fun voice or silly movement as you say it.

SAY: As we search through the Bible, we can solve mysteries that help us know God is real! Our reward is that we get to know more about God and who He is.

LET'S PRAY

As a family, take time to share what you would like prayer for. Talk about what or who you are each thankful for and thank God for them. THE GOAL is for your family to freely share in struggles and thankfulness. Then, together, you can humbly take it all to God in prayer.

PARENT TIP: Keep it short and sweet for your Preschoolers. If your child is not ready to share or pray, take this time to model prayer to them.

Preschool Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for being with me wherever I go. Thank you for giving me what I need. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Elementary Prayer:

At this age, encourage your child to tell God whatever is on their heart. Encourage them to speak to God in all circumstances and know that God will always love and listen to them.