

PARENT GUIDE - October 17th

Elementary Bible Story: Cornelius and Peter (Acts 10)

Preschool Bible Story: King David's Song (Psalm 139:1-12)

Materials Needed: 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 "Detectives On The Case":

- CHOOSE a category. (Example: Animals, Movies, Places)
- HAVE someone think of something in that category, without telling anyone what it is.
- HAVE everyone else be detectives and ask yes or no questions to see if they can guess what the item is.
- GIVE five guesses to see if they can solve the mystery and figure out what it is.
- After five guesses, ALLOW the person to reveal what they were thinking.
- CONTINUE playing, allowing everyone to take turns thinking of something in the category.

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 always with us? (Yes)
- Why did David sing to God? (To thank God for always being with him)
- What can we do to thank God for always being with us? (sing, pray, dance)

Elementary Discussion:

- Why is it so important to spend time with God?
- What are some good things that come out of spending time with God?
- Why do you think God wants to speak to us?
- How can you start spending more time with God?

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LET'S READ

Together, look up these verses 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 read these verses together!

Psalm 139:1-5

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

SAY: God is always with us, no matter where we go or what we do! We can be thankful that God knows everything about us, because it means He loves us so much. When we spend time with God, we can praise Him and also hear from Him.

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 loving me so much. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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.