

PARENT GUIDE - October 31st

Elementary Bible Story: God's Plan for Jesus (Genesis 3, Romans 5:18, 1 Peter 1:19-20, 1 John 1:9, John 14:6)

Preschool Bible Story: Daniel and the Lion's Den (Daniel 6:1-23)

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 "I Spy."

- SELECT an object in the room and SAY: I spy with my detective eye something that is _____.
- HAVE your first clue be the color of the spied object. Clues can get more specific as you give them.
- ALLOW everyone to take turns guessing the spied object.
- CONTINUE to play, allowing each person a chance to be the leader.

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:

- Did Daniel pray to God or to the king? (*God*)
- Can you think of a time when you felt mad or scared like Daniel? (*ALLOW responses*) God can do anything, and He can help you feel better when you are mad or scared.
- What is your favorite thing to do at home? (*ALLOW responses*) God can do anything, and He made you to love all of those favorite things!

Elementary Discussion:

- Is there any sin God can't forgive?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- What does it mean to be friends with God?
- How can you grow in your friendship with God?

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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 read this verse together!

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

SAY: God can do anything, like shut the mouths of lions. He can even save an entire world from separation from Him forever. God sent His Son Jesus to earth as our Savior, which means He was able to forgive every wrong thing that we will ever do. It's so great to know that God loved us so much that He made a way to save us from the punishment of our sins!

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:

Dear God, thank You for always loving me. I know you can do anything. Thank you for sending Jesus to save me from the punishment of my sins. 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.