

## PARENT GUIDE - October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Elementary Bible Story: Father, Son, and Spirit (Genesis 1:1-2, 1:26-27, Luke 1:26-38, John 14:26)

Preschool Bible Story: The First People (Genesis 1:31, 2:7-8, 2:18-22)

Materials Needed: Flashlight or Pair of Socks, 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!

**SAY:** We've been given a mystery to solve! Our doggy has lost his bone and it's up to us to help him find it! Then, PLAY "Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone?" with the following:

- HAVE everyone close their eyes.
- HIDE the flashlight (or socks) somewhere in the room.
- HAVE everyone open their eyes.
- SELECT one person to be the "dog" who is looking for their "bone."
- ALLOW that person to search for the "bone" for 1 minute.
- CONTINUE playing, allowing everyone to hide the "bone" and be the "dog."

## 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 God make the entire world and everything in it? (*Yes*)
- Who were the first people that God made? (*Adam and Eve*)
- What is your favorite animal that God made?

### Elementary Discussion:

- Why do you think it's important to know that God is three in one? And why do you think all three parts are important?
- What does it mean that God is your Father?
- What does it mean that Jesus is your friend?
- What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is your helper?

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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!**

Then God said, "Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female.

**Genesis 1:26-27**

**SAY: God made everything in the entire world, including every man and woman. He loves us so much that He wanted to give us a beautiful world to live in. We can be grateful that God created the sky, the ocean, all the animals and especially each other!**

## 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 making everything I see, even me! Thank you for loving us 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.