

THE
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HOME CURRICULUM

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS TO PROVIDE
BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION AT HOME



Structure

Worship Music: 5-10 minutes

- Play 1-3 worship music videos to get the wiggles out and prepare their hearts for the lesson. Worship music links can be found on the next page.

Lesson: 20-30 minutes

- Find a new lesson each week for this series to guide little ones through a sermon-based lesson and activity. Begin by reading the main takeaway, scripture, and then prayer out loud. You may then choose at least one of the activity, craft, or service projects to complete as a family, though all 3 are recommended.

Discussion Questions (Elementary)

- Continue the lesson through the week with the guided discussion questions. These can be discussed during dinner, on family walks, or during other activities such as folding laundry.

Worship Music Videos



(Pre-K and up)

Every Move I Make;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

One Way: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ2zXc_9Q00

Jesus Loves Me Remix: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xV7XH2OgOTk>

Peace Like a River: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6085sLXCMs>

Looking at My Heart: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AS0Dgv-iJPo>

King of the Jungle: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pCirKZr8QY

This is Amazing Grace: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_N4tcQkwens

Love the Lord: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdIY-c>

(Toddlers and under)

B-I-B-L-E: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gO7ml-vkBY>

Father Abraham: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3DjT6kS4-4>

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEkXzi19Crk>

Week 1

Main Takeaway: Faith is greater than Doubt. Luke 24:38 says, “He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?””. During such an uncertain time, do not doubt that God cares for us and that His plan is greater than any we can make for ourselves.

Verses: Mark 9:14-29; Luke 24:38; Rom. 14:23; James 1:6

Family Prayer: Lord, you are our protector and we place our faith in you. We confess that we sometimes have doubts, yet your love and word are constants in a time of uncertainty. Thank you for your everlasting love for us. Please help us to rely on you and not let the fears in the world take over our hearts.

Activity: Go on a nature walk in your backyard or neighborhood. Collect beautiful items like rocks, pinecones, or flowers and talk about how God protects us in times of doubt.

Craft: Glue collected nature items on a piece of paper and write one of the verses on the page.

Service Project: Bring collected flowers to a neighbor and leave a note on their doorstep offering assistance in time of need. You may want to leave your number and offer to bring groceries, toiletries, etc.

Discussion Questions

Later this week, read Matthew 6:25-34. What stood out to you in this passage? What doubts are currently obstructing your view of God’s goodness?

Week 2

Main Takeaway: Hope is greater than despair. Psalm 62 says, “For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.”

Verses: Acts 16:22-34; Rom 8:24; Psa 62; 71; 130; 131

Family Prayer: Lord, you are our source of hope. We confess that we sometimes place our hope in other things besides you. Thank you for your steadfast love for us. Please help us to focus our hope on you alone.

Activity: Visit your local school baseball field or church field. Bring jars to collect ladybugs. Talk about how we learned last week that God cares for even the smallest creatures and how much more he loves and cares for us. Remind kids that our hope is in Jesus.

Craft: Make a ladybug house out of boxes, glue, tape, or other craft supplies. Leave the box outside as a reminder that God cares for us and we place our hope in Him.

Service Project: Bring a jar of ladybugs to a neighbor to put in their garden. Ladybugs are everywhere in fields this time of year and you can even find them in your backyard.

Discussion Questions

Later this week, reread Psalm 62. Have you chosen to place your hope in Jesus this week? What things can you work on in your life to best place hope in Jesus? Pray together as a family and focus on placing your hope in Jesus.

Week 3

Main Takeaway: Love is greater than indifference. Read the story of the good samaritan and take a moment to reflect on how we can live this same way in today's world.

Verses: Luke 10:25-37

Family Prayer: Lord, you are the example of true love. We confess that at times we are selfish or indifferent when we should show love like you do to others. Thank you Jesus for your ultimate example of showing love to others. Please help us to choose love over indifference.

Activity: Bake bread to leave on a neighbors doorstep to show love in a time of need. This recipe is easy to do and kids can easily help.

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=tightropetb&p=8+minute+bread+recipe#id=1&vid=cafc4cf5ed04865bee841b2a7bd0114b&action=click>

Craft: Cut our hearts and glue them on a string to hang in a room in your house. Let this be a reminder to choose love daily.

Service Project: Leave an item of need on a neighbors doorstep. Let your kids choose the item (homemade bread, toilet paper, etc) and bless a neighbor in need.

Discussion Questions

Later this week, read John 13: Jesus washes the disciples' feet. What does this story teach us? What acts of service can you provide to strangers, neighbors, friends, and family during this time of need?

Maundy Thursday

Main Takeaway: Humility is greater than pride. Psalm 20 says, “Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.” Let go of all your earthly pride and hold fast to Jesus.

Verses: Luke 18:9-14; Psalm 20:7; Proverbs 11:2

Family Prayer: Jesus, you are the ultimate example of humility. We confess that we are prideful beings, often choosing our own selfishness over loving others. Thank you for loving us in spite of our pride. Please help us to be humble.

Activity: Make a game of charades with different words to act out: pride, humility, joy, sadness, kindness, greed, contentment, anger, etc. Talk about which of these words are opposites.

Craft: Draw a picture of a horse and chariot and write the verse above from Psalm 20. Talk about ways in which you can show humility.

Service Project: Care for someone when it is difficult. Maybe this is a neighbor who has wronged you or a family member that is difficult. Brainstorm ways in which you can put pride aside and show love to this person.

Discussion Questions

Later this week, read Philippians 2:3. In what ways do you show pride or selfish ambition? How can you give these things over to Jesus? How would life look differently?

Good Friday

Main Takeaway: Mercy is greater than judgement. James 2:13 says, “For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.” Show mercy to each other just like Jesus shows to us, even when we do not deserve it.

Verses: James 2:13

Family Prayer: Lord, you are full of mercy for your children. We confess that we are quick to judge and do not always show mercy to each other. Thank you for your steadfast love for us. Please help us to show mercy to each other.

Activity: Take care of a sibling, pet, or other family member. Have kids practice serving by doing a chore for someone else. Maybe this is filling the pet water bowl, helping dad/mom fold laundry, helping little sister drink a bottle. Remind kids that we show mercy, or kindness, to others.

Craft: Paint a picture of you doing something kind for a neighbor and deliver it. Write the verse reference on the page.

Service Project: Show mercy, or kindness, to someone in the community. Brainstorm as a family how you can be a blessing to a homeless shelter, neighbor, or friend. Write a letter, deliver a needed item, or even pull weeds for a neighbor.

Discussion Questions

Later this week, read Hebrews 4:16. What can we learn from this verse? What can you do today to help someone in time of need?

Week 4 - April 10th - Resurrection Sunday!

Main Takeaway: Christ is greater than death! Jesus went to be crucified on the cross, yet rose after 3 days. Today is a day of celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Have a dance party in your living room to celebrate our Lord and Savior! Happy Resurrection Sunday!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkvWD7mgTXI>

Watch the crucifixion story as a family:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Verses: 1 Cor 15:50-58; Isa 25:7-9

Family Prayer: Jesus, you gave your life for us. We confess that we often take that for granted. Thank you for dying on the cross to save us. Please help us to share the good news with others.

Activity: Bake Resurrection Rolls together as a family

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/84289/resurrection-rolls/>

Craft: Please contact Jessica St. John if you are interested in Easter crafts (602-999-0047, jessica.springpeople@gmail.com)

Service Project: Pray for our nation, your community, and for the church. Ask friends, family, and neighbors how you can be praying for them.

Discussion Questions

Later this week, discuss what you learned over Resurrection Sunday and how you may be able to live life more like Jesus. Are there things you did (prayer, caring for others, etc) that you wish to continue through the summer?

Week 5 - April 19th

Main Takeaway: When things are difficult or when we feel wronged we can find ourselves complaining. As we read the scripture, we see three distinct sections: Lament over the ruin of the country, a call to repentance and prayer, then God's response and promise. This is similar to our situation during a worldwide pandemic. We can lament the situation of social distancing, kid's out of school, and weddings cancelled. We turn to repentance and prayer in this time knowing that God will respond and that God is good.

Verses: Joel 1-2

Family Prayer: Jesus, you are amazing. We confess that we turn to complaining at times instead of turning to repentance and prayer. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love and promises to us. Please help us to be people of prayer in this pandemic.

Activity: Write messages of hope on the sidewalk outside your home or set up a prayer box in your front yard.

Craft: Create your own prayer box as a family. Write down prayers and place them in the box. Choose a prayer each night to pray for as a family.

Service Project: Call a friend, relative, or neighbor and ask how you can be praying for them.

Discussion Questions: What do you complain about? Are these things that you can control or that only God has control over? Can you give these things over to God? Pray together to find joy and peace in this time.

Week 6 - April 26th

Main Takeaway: This story in 1 Kings that we will read is about a man named Elijah that is scared and runs away. Elijah feels sorry for himself

and asks the Lord to take his life. He is pouting and thinking he is all alone and afraid but then the Lord appears to him and it is clear he is not alone. When we are alone we tend to isolate, burn out, or even turn to self-pity. During this time, turn to God for guidance.

Verses: 1 Kings 19

Family Prayer: Lord, you are always present. We confess that we will pout and think we are alone in what we are going through but you are always with us. Thank you for your steadfast love. Please help us to see your presence when we feel alone.

Activity: Bake a cake together and talk about how Elijah woke to find a cake baked on hot stones when he fell asleep under the tree. Remind kids that God takes care of us even when we pout or feel alone.

Craft: Make an angel out of paper and talk about how an angel appeared to Elijah.

Service Project: Check on a friend, family member, or neighbor who may feel alone at this time.

Discussion Questions: Do you feel alone? Do you know someone who feels alone? How can we be a blessing to others who may be feeling alone, uncertain, or confused about what is happening in the world?

Week 7 - May 3rd

Main Takeaway: When we build our foundation on Jesus, we can weather the storm. As we read the passage, we will see that Jesus says to build our

homes on rock, rather than sand. He is talking about choosing wisdom over choosing foolishness because the wise will build their home on strong rock, where the foolish will build it on sinking sand. This is referring to how we build our lives. We can build our lives to follow Jesus and have a strong foundation just like the house built on rock.

Verses: Matt. 7:24-29

Family Prayer: Lord you show us wisdom. We confess that we will choose to build on sinking sand instead of building our foundation in you, Lord. Thank you for your guidance. Please help us to choose you.

Activity: Conduct a science experiment! In a small tub add a large sturdy flat rock and next to it a pile of sand. Put a small kid toy on each. Ask questions and come up with a theory as to what happens when you add water to each object. Add water and talk about what happened and how it relates to the passage.

Craft: Draw a picture of a house on a sturdy rock and one on sinking sand. Which would you choose to live in and why?

Service Project: Set up a Zoom call or visit a grandparent (maintaining distance) and thank them for their solid foundation.

Discussion Questions: What does it mean to build your house on rock versus sand? How do we do this as kids? What does this look like as an adult? What spiritual rhythms do we practice that apply to this?

Week 8 - May 10th

Main Takeaway: This week's story is Jesus calms the storm. As we read the passage, we notice that the disciples in the boat are frantic, scared, and

feeling uncertain in a storm. They call out for Jesus to save them. Jesus says, “why are you afraid, you of little faith?”. When we are afraid, we can rest knowing that God cares dearly about us.

Verses: Matt. 8:23-27

Family Prayer: Lord, you always care for us. We confess that at times we choose fear over the knowledge that you are always caring for us. Thank you for the love you have for us. Please help us to have a strong faith.

Activity: Make a fort and pretend you are on a boat. Act out the scene of Jesus calming the storm. Remind kids that God always cares for us.

Craft: Draw a picture of a boat in a windy storm on the water. Draw the disciples and Jesus and write your favorite part of the scripture we read on the picture.

Service Project: Remind each other that God cares for us this week. Maybe you want to wear a bracelet or pin to remind yourself or put a note on the fridge. When you are feeling anxious, scared, alone, etc, remind each other that God cares.

Discussion Questions: Read Matt. 14:22-33. How is this story similar to the story of Jesus calming the storm? What do you like about this story? What does God teach us in this story?

Week 9 - May 17th

Main Takeaway: As we read the passage on Job we will see that he has had some really terrible things happen to him. It would be easy for Job to

be overwhelmed by grief, but instead he turns to God. He does not turn away from God in anger or resentment, but rather keeps his faith and says he is God's humble servant. God blesses Job and gives him more than he had before.

Verses: Job 1 and 42

Family Prayer: God, all that we have is yours. We confess that we can feel overwhelmed by grief should things be taken away that we love. Thank you for your goodness and love for us. Please help us to rely on you and not our worldly possessions.

Activity: At dinner, go around and share about how you are dealing with the pandemic or staying home. After each person shares, have the person to their right pray for them.

Craft: Create a time capsule and fill it with some of your favorite things from staying home during this time. It may be crafts, prayer requests, journals, pictures, toys, etc.

Service Project: Donate items to your local food bank for those who have lost much during this season.

Discussion Questions: What does it mean to be overwhelmed by grief? What things are you grieving right now?

Week 10 - May 24th

Main Takeaway: Encourage one another like Paul encourages those on the ship. When we read the passage we can see how terrifying it must have

been to be on the ship with so much uncertainty. Paul says that not one will lose even a hair on their head. Paul is faithful even in the midst of the storm.

Verses: Acts 27

Family Prayer: Lord, thank you for caring for us even in the midst of this storm. We confess that we do not always turn to you for comfort. Thank you for never giving up on us and providing glimpses of hope during a worldwide pandemic. Please help us to turn to you for encouragement when we are feeling hopeless.

Activity: Pretend that your couch is a boat and act out the scene in Acts 27. Have one child pretend to be Paul and give encouragement to everyone else.

Craft: Build tiny boats out of paper and have them float around in a water table or bucket. Talk about the passage we read and how scary it must have been for those on the boat but that Paul brought encouragement.

Service Project: Find someone you can give encouragement to today. Call them up and speak words of encouragement.

Discussion Questions: What did Paul say to everyone on the boat to give them encouragement? Who gave Paul these words and authority to speak this encouragement to everyone? In what ways can you provide encouragement to those around you?

****Please see our summer curriculum for May 31st on****