



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS TAUGHT IN PARABLES



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 13:1-9,18-23; Mark 4:1-9,13-20; Luke 8:4-15 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever wondered why people can hear the same message about Jesus, and some believe while others don't? You might think, If the gospel is so good ... why doesn't everyone receive it with joy?

This question isn't new. Even the disciples struggled to understand it. They watched Jesus teach crowds of people—some were amazed, some were confused, and some were totally uninterested. If Jesus Himself was speaking, why didn't everyone follow Him?

To help them understand, Jesus told the parable of the soils. Jesus explained that the seeds are like God's Word. And the different soils are like the condition of our hearts. Some hearts are hard and don't want to listen. Some get excited at first but give up when things get tough. Some want to follow Jesus, but there are too many distractions—worries, drama, pressure, or the desire to fit in.

But the good soil is a heart that listens and understands the gospel. This person believes God's Word, and it changes their life. Like a seed planted in good soil, they begin to grow in faith. When we are open to God's truth, He softens our hearts and opens our eyes to see our need for Jesus. Having a heart of good soil means repenting and trusting in Jesus, receiving His forgiveness, and allowing His Word and Spirit to take root in our lives so our faith grows and changes the way we live.

Not everyone who hears about Jesus believes in Him. Some people don't understand the gospel, and some people care more about the things of this world than they do God's kingdom. But people who believe in Jesus and follow Him will grow to be like Him and will share His good news so others can believe too.

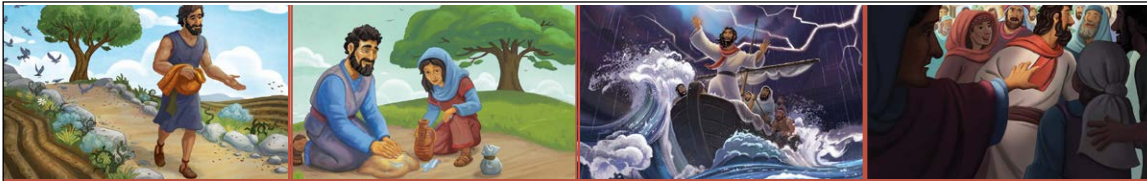
***Pray:** God, help us listen to Your Word and let it take root in our lives. Help us grow in our love for You and let it change all that we say and do. And help us share the good news about Jesus with others so they can also grow in Him. Amen.*



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Isaiah 40:8



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SING SCRIPTURE

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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to help you have a heart like the good soil, ready to hear His Word today. Ask Him to help you notice and choose what is right, even when life is hard or distracting. What things might get in the way of listening to God today?

Evenings

Thank God for His Word and for how it helped you today. Ask Him to forgive you for the times you didn't listen or follow Him. Ask God to help your heart grow to trust and obey Him.



Family Activities

For Fun

Gather your family members together to plant a seed in a small pot of soil or to re-pot a small plant. Talk about Jesus's parable of the soils and the different ways our hearts can respond to God's Word. Just as the seed needs to be watered and tended to every day, our hearts need to be nurtured by talking to God in prayer, spending time in His Word, and taking time to worship God for who He is. As your family cares for the new plant, encourage each family member to also grow in their faith through spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, prayer, and worship.

To Serve

Make simple cards with the words of John 3:16 written on them and decorate them if you like. As a family, choose a specific place to deliver the cards—like a local park, a nursing home, or a community center. Talk together about how the seed of God's Word can grow in other people's hearts like it grows in ours. Pray for each person who receives a card, asking God to help their hearts be "good soil" that listens, learns, and grows in faith.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT THE KINGDOM



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 13:24-52; Mark 4:21-34 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

In 1989, a man shopping at a flea market found and purchased a framed painting for only \$4. He didn't care much for the painting but liked the frame, so it seemed to be a fair price.

While inspecting his purchase, the torn canvas and old frame fell apart and revealed a small, folded note inside the frame. The small note was one of the original printings of the Declaration of Independence from 1776. It had been hidden and preserved for more than 200 years. This man didn't quite get what he was expecting because his \$4 purchase turned into a rare treasure that he later sold for \$2.4 million.

The discovery of a hidden treasure was also the subject of one of the parable stories Jesus told to help people understand what the kingdom of God is like. Many of the people who heard about Jesus expected Him to be a king who would overthrow the Roman empire. They expected a great kingdom on earth that would bring wealth and power to God's people. But that's not how Jesus described His kingdom.

In Matthew 13, Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed, a priceless pearl, and a hidden treasure. Jesus wanted those who could understand to see how the kingdom of God would begin small but grow and spread throughout the world. He also wanted them to see that knowing Him and belonging to this kingdom is far more valuable than anything else we can possess. While this type of kingdom wasn't what the people expected, Jesus is the King of kings, and He is growing the Kingdom above all kingdoms!

Jesus is the King who came to bring God's kingdom to earth. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, He made the way for people to be part of God's kingdom. When we trust in Jesus, we are like the good seed in His field—we belong to Him, we grow in Him, and we will be with Him forever.

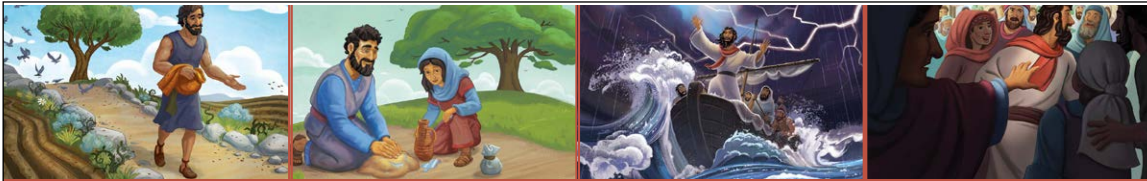
Pray: *Jesus, we praise You because Your kingdom is greater than everything else! Help us know You as the King of kings. Give us the courage and the opportunity to tell others about Your amazing love. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Think about a friend or family member who needs to hear about Jesus. Ask God to give you the courage and opportunity to tell them about King Jesus.

Evenings

Thank God for His promise to make us citizens of His kingdom when we believe in Him. What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven? How does it feel to think that His kingdom will have no tears, no pain, and no death?



Family Activities

For Fun

Draw names to choose a “King/Queen for the Day.” The selected family member will get to choose the foods you eat, activities for the day, and maybe even a TV show you watch. Draw a new name each day until everyone has a turn. At the end of each day, spend time talking about how our “kingdoms” differ from the kingdom of God. Remind kids that His kingdom is far greater than anything we could imagine!

To Serve

As a family, research and practice saying “Jesus saves” in some languages other than your own. Also consider researching and sampling online how Christians from other cultures worship God in their local churches. Talk about how this experience is a reminder that the kingdom of God is growing and spreading throughout the world.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS CALMED A STORM



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

A phobia is a persistent and excessive fear. The most common phobias are the fear of heights, the fear of enclosed spaces, and—of course—the fear of snakes! Even if these aren't things you're afraid of, there is probably something else that has caused you to be afraid.

When the winds blew and the waves crashed against the disciples' boat, they were very afraid. The storm seemed so big. The situation appeared to be so dangerous that the men thought they were going to die. In their desperation, they cried out to Jesus for help, and Jesus, with just the sound of His voice, calmed the wind and waves.

When disciples saw His power, they were amazed. They had heard the wisdom in His teaching. They had seen the compassion He had for other people. But in this scene, the disciples saw the full glory and power of Jesus as the Son of God!

Because Jesus is the Son of God, we can cry out to Him for help when we are afraid or overwhelmed. He is strong enough to help us, and He is faithful to help us according to His will for us. He demonstrated His faithfulness and power most clearly when He came to die on the cross and rise again to rescue all who believe in Him.

The disciples saw that Jesus has power over nature. He is the Son of God, the promised Savior. One day, Jesus would show His greatest power—not by calming a storm, but by dying on the cross and rising from the dead to save people from sin. Jesus saves everyone who trusts in Him.

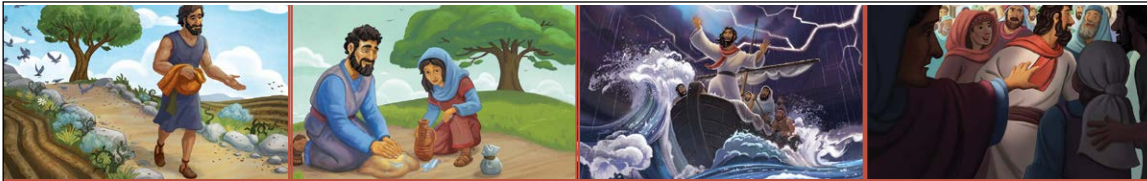
***Pray:** We praise You, Jesus, because You have power and authority over all of creation. You have control over everything in heaven and on earth because You are the Son of God. When the storms of this world rise, help us trust in Your power to help us. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Praise God for the glory of His creation. Thank Him for the beautiful and useful things He has made. How does creation reveal God's glory? How does creation show us His control?

Evenings

Ask God to calm the fears that trouble your heart. Pray for His peace to comfort you and remind you of His presence in times when you're afraid. How can our fears be an opportunity to trust and depend on God?



Family Activities

For Fun

Use an empty 2-liter bottle and funnel to create a rain gauge. Attach a funnel roughly the size of the width of the bottle to the top of the bottle with duct tape. Invite your kids to decorate the bottle and create evenly spaced marks on the side of the bottle to measure rainfall. As you work on the rain gauge, discuss the miracle Jesus performed of calming the storm and how it displays His power over all of creation. Jesus is the Son of God!

To Serve

Each day, text a friend or family member and ask how your family can pray for them. Choose a different person each day this week. Explain the story your kids learned this week and how it shows Jesus' faithfulness to help us in our need. Take time to pray for each person as your family shares a meal or rides in the car together.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS GAVE LIFE AND HEALING



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 9:18-34; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Interstate 405 in Orange County, California, is one of the most heavily traveled roads in the United States. On an average day, the road is used by up to 374,000 cars! The morning and afternoon traffic has been known to move at a snail's pace of 4 to 5 miles per hour. That's a lot of traffic, and a lot of frustrated people who just want to get where they're going!

Traffic is a nuisance. It always seems to pop up when you're in a hurry and have no time to waste. No one likes to be hindered when they are on a mission to get things done, but we see a different approach from Jesus in the Gospels. Jesus was always on an important mission, yet He always had time to care for people in need.

Even when Jesus was on His way to an emergency at the house of Jairus, Jesus stopped and talked to the woman who touched Him. She had faith that just touching the edge of Jesus' garment could heal her sickness. Jesus took time to acknowledge her faith in Him. It wasn't an inconvenience for Jesus at all because this was the mission He came to fulfill. When He heard that Jairus' daughter had died, Jesus went to the house and raised her back to life!

Jesus was never too busy or moving too fast to give time to the people who needed Him most. Whatever need they had, Jesus had the power to help. Jesus knew our greatest need was to be rescued from our sins, and He took time to come to earth, die for us, and come back to life. Like the woman who touched Jesus, anyone who believes in Him will be healed of sin!

Jesus healed people and raised the dead to life. By doing this, He showed that He is the Messiah, the Son of God. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He made the way for people to be healed from something even greater than disease or death. He made the way for us to be forgiven of our sin and have eternal life.

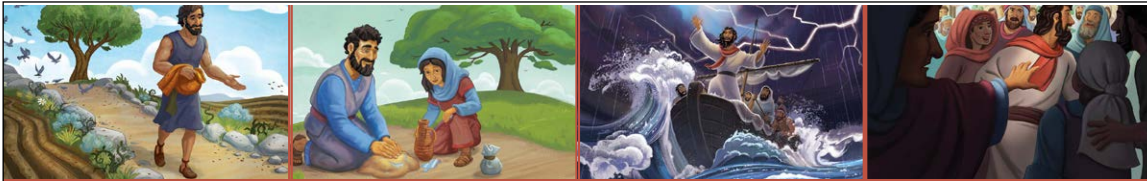
***Pray:** Thank You, Jesus, for always making time to be with people and meeting their needs. Thank You for meeting our greatest need by dying on the cross, coming back to life, and offering forgiveness to all who believe in You. Help us remember that You are near to us and that You have the power to save. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask Jesus to help you notice the needs of others today. Try to slow down and pay attention to those who may need an encouraging word or prayer. How can our care help others see Jesus?

Evenings

Ask God to give you patience and trust for the things you ask of Him. Ask for help in trusting that He always has a plan that is good. How do you think Jairus felt waiting on Jesus? Why can we trust Jesus to always do what He says He will do?



Family Activities

For Fun

Clear the kitchen counter or table of all items. Have each family member attempt to roll a tennis ball from one end of the table as far across the table as possible without the ball falling over the edge. The key to the game is to roll the ball gently enough that it travels slowly and stops before reaching the edge. Give a prize to the family member who comes closest to the edge without going over. Remind kids that Jesus was always willing to slow down to take care of people's needs. Talk about ways your family can slow down and look out for the needs of others.

To Serve

Ask each family member to choose their favorite Scripture verse and create a piece of art using the words and phrases of the verse. Display the artwork in a car window for others to see as you drive around town or get stuck in traffic. Remind kids that Jesus met people where they were and took time to meet their needs. These window decals can be a way of reminding us, and others, to recognize Jesus' love and His power to heal.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS FED A CROWD



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15; John 6: 22-35 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

If you're hungry enough, a restaurant in Michigan will serve you a cheeseburger that weighs more than 1,700 pounds! It comes topped with 300 pounds of cheese, onions, tomatoes, and pickles. All that stuffed between a bun that weighs 250 pounds by itself! That burger, that costs thousands of dollars, would be enough to feed most of the families in your church—and probably still have some left over!

The miracle of Jesus feeding a huge crowd of people is a great display of His power. He fed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish—and they had more food in the leftovers than they started with in the first place! But this miracle was an even greater display of Jesus' love.

Jesus saw the people's physical need of food. So, Jesus provided for their needs. In a greater way, Jesus has provided for our needs. Our greatest need is to be forgiven of our sin so that we can have a right relationship with God. So, Jesus willingly sacrificed His own life to save all who believe in Him. This is the greatest demonstration of His love!

Jesus miraculously fed thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. This miracle showed that He is God's Son. Jesus is the Bread of Life. He meets our greatest need—not just for food, but for forgiveness and eternal life with God.

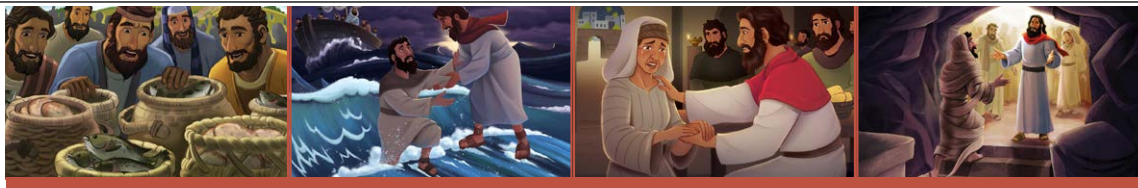
***Pray:** Jesus, You healed the sick, made the blind to see, and fed thousands with just a few loaves and fish. We see Your power through these miracles, and we see Your love for the people who received these miracles. Thank You for giving Your life to provide salvation to all who believe in You. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Thank God for your favorite foods. Which of these foods can you enjoy together this week? When you enjoy these foods, be sure to praise God for His power to provide for you and your needs.

Evenings

Thank God for meeting the needs of your family. What are some of the everyday needs He has met? How has God met unexpected needs? If there are things you or your family needs, take time to ask God to meet those needs.



Family Activities

For Fun

Pick a night this week to let your kids make the family dinner. Allow them to choose the menu, shop for groceries, and prepare the meal (with appropriate adult supervision). While enjoying the meal, talk about the work that went into preparing the meal and how it was a sign of love for their family. Remind kids that Jesus' miracles are not only a display of His power, but also a display of His love. He performed those miracles because He loved the people who needed them!

To Serve

Plan a cookout, picnic, or indoor meal to share with your neighbors. Invite them to come and share a meal with your family as a way of showing them love and hospitality. Remind your family what Jesus said about the world knowing His disciples by the way they love one another (John 13:35). We can show love to others because Jesus first loved us!



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— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS WALKED ON WATER



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever watched a magician perform a trick and been amazed? They make a coin disappear or float in the air, and for a moment, it seems like something impossible is happening. But if you look closely, it's really just sleight of hand—tricks and illusions designed to confuse us. Magicians make us think they have power, but it's only pretend.

Jesus, on the other hand, didn't need tricks. One night, His disciples were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. The wind was strong, the waves were crashing, and they were terrified. Then they saw Jesus walking on the water toward them! Unlike a magician, Jesus really has power over nature. While gravity would have pulled a normal person under the water, Jesus walked on top of the water! He could do what no one else could, because He is God.

Peter even tried to step out of the boat and walk toward Jesus, and he could, but only as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. The moment Peter looked at the wind and waves, he began to sink. Jesus reached out and caught Peter, saying, "You have little faith. Why did you doubt?"

This story reminds us that Jesus isn't just a good teacher or a kind friend—He is God. He has power over everything, even the wind and waves. And He wants us to trust Him in the storms of our lives—whether it's fear at school, worry at home, or sadness about friends. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can have peace because He is in control.

Jesus showed He is God by walking on water. He has power over everything—wind, waves, and even fear. Jesus is the Son of God who cares for us and is always with us. When we trust Jesus, we don't need to be afraid.

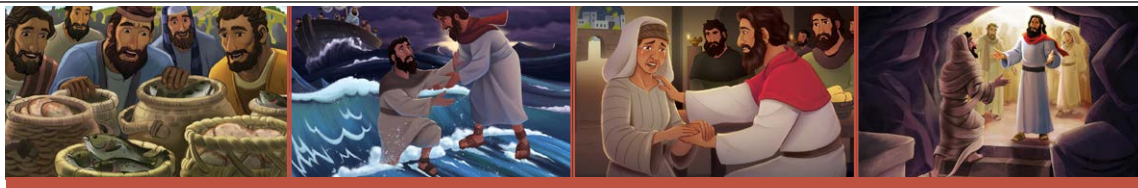
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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Thank God for His power and for always being stronger than any problem or fear. Thank Him for always being with you and ask Him to help you trust in His power every moment of every day. How does God's presence and power help you to face scary or tough things?

Evenings

Ask God to help you remember His power when you feel afraid, worried, or unsure. Ask Him to fill you with confidence and peace because He is in control of every situation. Ask Him to help you keep your eyes on Him in times of fear or trouble.



Family Activities

For Fun

Write down different fears on slips of paper—being in the dark, speaking in front of your class, or a big storm—and put them in a bowl. Take turns picking a slip and acting out the fear without speaking while the rest of the family guesses. After each round, talk about how the disciples felt scared in the storm and how Jesus showed His power over the waves. Finish by sharing ways you can “keep your eyes on Jesus” when you face your own fears and thanking Him for His strength and presence in scary moments.

To Serve

Volunteer for a day at a local children's hospital or cancer center. Bring small gifts like colorful socks, puzzle books, or snacks to encourage the patients and brighten their day. If given the opportunity, pray for patients and their families. Ask God to be near them and to help them trust His power over all things.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS HEALED A CHILD AND A MAN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 15:21-31; Mark 7:24-37 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Lake Hillier in Australia is a body of water that's unlike any other. Its water is bright pink—like bubblegum or cotton candy! Around it, there are soft white sandy shores and green trees, making the pink water look even more amazing. People come from all over just to see it, because it's so unusual and beautiful. You can't help but be curious and want to get closer.

The miracles of Jesus were like that lake. When people saw His power, they were drawn closer to Him. When a mother begged Jesus to heal her daughter, Jesus just spoke the words, and she was immediately well. And when a man who couldn't hear or speak was brought to Jesus, Jesus healed the man just with a touch of His hands. Both miracles led people to be amazed at Jesus' power and worship Him as God.

All of Jesus' miracles drew people closer to Him. They showed that He is God and that He cares deeply about people's needs. When we hear these stories, we can remember that Jesus is still powerful today and He wants to help us, too, especially when we trust Him and bring our worries to Him.

Jesus has power of sickness and healed many people to show He is God's Son. Jesus also has power over sin and came to bring forgiveness, life, and hope to everyone who believes in Him.

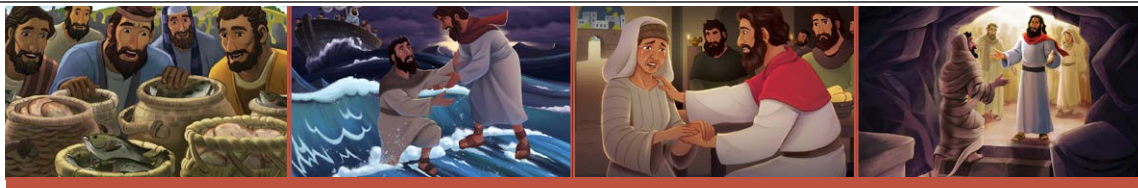
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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Think about Jesus' miracles in the Bible and other examples you may have heard about how He healed people and cared for them. Thank Him for His power and for loving people, including you! How do Jesus' miracles lead you to praise Him?

Evenings

Think about the woman who trusted Jesus and His power to help her daughter. Ask God for faith to trust in Him when you are scared, worried, or in need. What are some ways you can show your trust and dependence on God?



Family Activities

For Fun

Make a list of Jesus' miracles found in the Bible. On index cards, write the need of the person/people and the way Jesus helped them. Make sure each miracle has two index cards. One for the need, and one for the miracle. Spread all the cards facedown and take turns flipping one card from each pile to see if the need matches the miracle. If it matches, you keep the pair; if not, flip them back and try again. After the game, talk about how Jesus' miracles lead us to praise Him for His power and trust Him in our need.

To Serve

Visit a neighbor or church member who has been sick or is homebound. You could bring small gifts, a homemade treat, or even a cheerful card with a Bible verse. Spend time keeping them company by talking, playing a game, or praying with them. Share what your family is learning about Jesus and the ways He cared for others. Remind the neighbor that Jesus cares for her.



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JESUS RAISED LAZARUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 11:1-44 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Can you imagine what Mary, Martha, and all the others were thinking when Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus and told them to remove the stone? Lazarus had been dead for four days, and by this time a dead body would have started to smell.

Everyone thought Jesus had come too late to help, but Jesus has power over sin and death. Jesus said to them, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after they die. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never really die.” When Jesus called his name, Lazarus was brought back to life and came walking out of the tomb still wrapped in his grave clothes!

This miracle shows us that Jesus has power over death. Soon after raising Lazarus from the grave, Jesus miraculously rose from the dead and left His own tomb. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate proof of His power!

The Bible says the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Sin has separated us from God. Like Lazarus in the tomb, we are hopeless and cannot save ourselves. But God loved us so much that He sent Jesus—the one who has power over sin and death! He offers forgiveness for sinners and eternal life. According to Ephesians 2:5, anyone who believes in Jesus is “made alive with Christ”!

By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus showed He is the Messiah, the Son of God, who gives eternal life. Jesus died and rose again to take away our sins. When we trust in Him, we receive new life and will live with God forever.

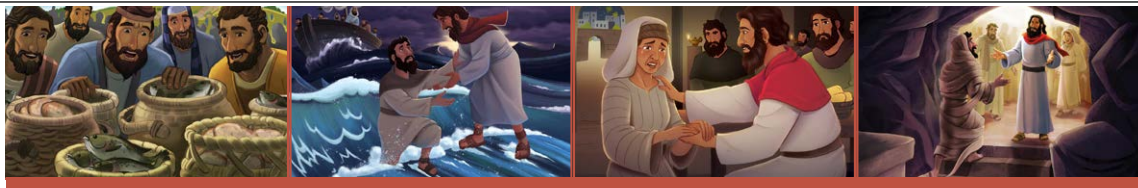
***Pray:** Thank You, God, for loving us even when we are dead in our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus to defeat sin and death so we can have life eternally by trusting in Him. We love You because You have shown so much love to us! Amen.*



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Ask God to help you trust His timing in all things. Ask Him to remind you that He is always working things out according to His plan—even when it may not match our plans or expectations. How did Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus show His power and perfect timing?

Evenings

Praise God for the forgiveness of sin that is made possible through Jesus. What does it mean to confess sin and seek forgiveness? How has Jesus defeated sin and death?



Family Activities

For Fun

Take turns wrapping family members in toilet tissue to resemble Lazarus in the tomb. Use a stopwatch to see how quickly each person can unravel the “grave clothes” from their body. Talk about this miracle and the ways it shows us Jesus’ power over sin and death.

To Serve

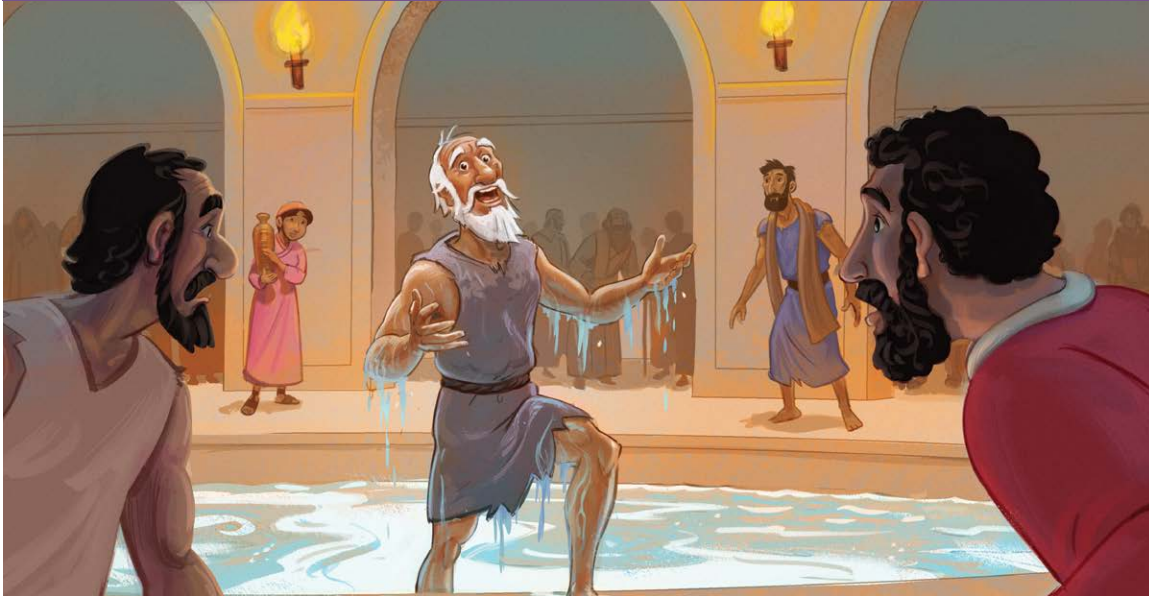
Visit a cemetery to place flowers or help clean the grounds. While you work, discuss how death is a consequence of sin, but those who trust in Jesus do not have to fear death because Jesus has power over it!



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— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS HEALED A BLIND MAN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 9:1-41 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever walked into a room at night and realized you couldn't see anything? Maybe you tried to grab something off a table and ended up knocking over half of what was on it. When the lights are off, even the most familiar places feel confusing. But the moment you flip the switch, everything becomes clear again.

In John 9, Jesus met a man who didn't just deal with darkness at night—he had been blind his entire life. He had never seen the sky, the faces of his friends, or even his own shadow. People around him wondered whose fault it was that he was born blind, but Jesus told them something important: this man's situation would show God's power.

Jesus made mud with His hands, placed it on the man's eyes, and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. And when the man washed the mud away, something amazing happened—he could see! For the first time ever, light flooded into his eyes.

But this miracle wasn't just about physical sight. Jesus came to bring light into the darkness of our hearts. Like the blind man needed Jesus to open his eyes, we need Jesus to open our spiritual eyes. Without Him, we're stuck in the dark—confused, lost, and unable to see God clearly.

When we trust in Jesus, He forgives our sins and helps us understand who God is, what's true, and how to follow Him. He gives us spiritual sight so we can see life the way God wants us to see it.

Jesus came to bring light into the darkness. He healed the blind man to show God's power and to point to a greater truth: Jesus came to give spiritual sight. When we trust in Him, He forgives our sin and helps us see and know God.

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for being the Light of the world. Thank You for opening the eyes of the blind man and for opening the hearts of believers to see who You are. Show us what's true, help us turn away from sin, and guide us to walk in Your truth. Amen.*



Family Worship Experience

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SING SCRIPTURE

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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to help you see the world the way He wants you to today. Ask Him to show you what's true, guide your choices, and help you notice people who need His kindness and light.

Evenings

Thank Jesus for being your light today. Ask Him to help you notice the ways He is at work around you. Pray that you can trust Him more and see Him clearly every day.



Family Activities

For Fun

Set up a small obstacle course in the living room with pillows, chairs, or toys. One blindfolded family member must navigate the course while another family member gives only verbal instructions. The goal is to reach the end of the course without touching any obstacles. Take turns so everyone gets a chance to be blindfolded and to guide. After the game, talk about how the blindfolded person is like someone in spiritual darkness—unable to see what is right or good on their own. The guide is like Jesus, who brings light into our hearts and helps us see God's truth clearly.

To Serve

Host a glow party for your neighbors in your yard, driveway, or at a local park. Buy glow sticks, glow bracelets, and LED lights. Set up fun games like relay races, a ring toss, or a scavenger hunt—all using the glowing items. While kids are enjoying the glow activities, take a few minutes to share with them that Jesus is the Light of the world. Like He gave sight to the blind man in John 9, Jesus wants to bring light and hope into their hearts too.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 19:1-10 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever used modeling clay to make different shapes? Modeling clay is fun because it can be molded into all kinds of different forms. You might start with a ball of clay and then change it into a snake by rolling it on the table. Or maybe you attempt something more difficult and make a car but then change it into a sailboat.

The Bible has a lot to say about change—not about clay sculptures—but about change that happens in a person’s life when they believe in Jesus. That’s what happened in the story of Zacchaeus, who wanted to see Jesus so much that he climbed a sycamore tree to get a glimpse of the Savior. Not only did Zacchaeus see Jesus, but Jesus saw him. Jesus called to Zacchaeus by name and said, “Hurry and come down because I must stay at your house today.”

After having Jesus at his house, Zacchaeus realized he was a sinner and put His faith in Jesus. When this happened, Zacchaeus was changed on the inside. Jesus forgave Zacchaeus of his sins and changed His heart. Instead of seeking earthly things like money, Zacchaeus now wanted to seek the Lord. He said he would give half of his money to the poor and would pay back anyone four times as much if he had dishonestly taken money from them.

Like Zacchaeus, we can place our faith in Jesus and repent. Repent means to change the way you think and act so that you want to follow Jesus instead of your sinful desires. Jesus loves you and offers forgiveness and new life when we repent and believe in Him.

We are all sinners, but Jesus came to seek and save us too. He died on the cross and rose again so we can be forgiven and have eternal life when we turn from our sin and trust in Him.

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for loving us so much that you made the way to change us from Your enemies into Your children when we repent and believe in You. Help us to live in a way that shows our hearts seek You most of all. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to help you see those who may be overlooked or disliked. Ask for His help in showing that person love and grace. How can your love for others be a way for them to notice God's love?

Evenings

Praise God for His gift of Jesus. Thank Him for sending Jesus to seek and save the lost. How does Jesus' compassion toward Zacchaeus help you see His love for you?



Family Activities

For Fun

Play a game of "Hide and Seek" as a family. Choose one person to be "It," and have the rest of the family hide around the house or outside in the yard. "It" will count for 20 or 30 seconds and then try to find everyone. After playing a few rounds, read Luke 19:10. Talk about Jesus' mission to seek and save the lost. Remind kids that Jesus came to save all who believe in Him.

To Serve

Choose an individual or family from your church to encourage this week. Think of someone who might be overlooked or underappreciated for their service. Write a card to let them know you see the ways they serve Jesus and thank them for everything they do. Talk as a family about how meeting Jesus led Zacchaeus to want to obey and serve God.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

As Jesus came into Jerusalem, the people greeted Him with cheers and celebration. The people had heard about the great miracles of Jesus, and now they were excited to see Him with their own eyes. The people displayed their worship of Jesus by laying palm branches and clothes on the road as Jesus rode into the city on a donkey.

The people shouted “Hosanna.” Do you know what that word means? It means “Save us!” The people were shouting “Hosanna” because they believed Jesus was coming to be their king and to rule over them with goodness and mercy. They were probably expecting Him to be an earthly king—the kind who marries a queen and sits on a throne—but Jesus is the King of kings. He is the King who came to save all who believe in Him!

John 3:16 says, “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” This was the reason why Jesus came—to bring salvation and eternal life for anyone who believes in Him. Jesus is the King who has come to save!

Jesus is the Messiah God promised. Days after Jesus entered Jerusalem, He died on the cross and rose again to rescue people from sin. One day, Jesus will come back as King over everything, and everyone who trusts in Him will be with Him forever.

***Pray:** Jesus, You are the King who came to save! Help us follow You and obey You as King. We wait with excitement for the day when You will return to rule over everything forever and ever! Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Begin each day with a prayer of praise! Like the people in this week's story, say "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!" What are some ways you can honor Jesus as King today?

Evenings

Ask God for His peace to rule over any difficult situation your family is facing. How was Jesus so calm when He knew this would be His final week? How can we have confidence and peace through knowing Him as King?



Family Activities

For Fun

Gather some rocks from around your home or a local park. Use acrylic paints to decorate the rocks with words of praise or the word Hosanna. Place these rocks outside your home or around your neighborhood or community. Remind your kids that Jesus told the chief priests and the scribes that if the people did not praise Him then the rocks would cry out and praise Him. Talk as a family about how these rocks can remind us to worship Jesus as King.

To Serve

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, some of the people threw pieces of their clothing on the ground in front of Him, which was a way to worship Him as King. Donate unused coats or clothes to individuals or organizations who have need. Consider starting a collection with others in your church to provide winter coats for those in need. This can also be a way to worship Jesus as King!



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT THE END OF THE AGE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 24:1-15; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 21:5-36 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever waited for something that seemed like it would never happen? Maybe it was your birthday, a family trip, or a new video game release. Waiting can feel hard, especially when we don't know exactly when something will happen. It can be frustrating and even make us feel impatient or worried.

One day, Jesus started talking to His disciples about the future. He told them there would be difficult things like wars, famines, earthquakes, and even people who claim to be Jesus. While those things sound scary or confusing, Jesus wanted His disciples to trust that He is always in control—even when those things start to happen.

Often, our world seems scary and full of bad news, but Jesus reminds us that nothing is outside of His control. He wants us to know that He is with us and that He will make everything right in His time. And while we wait, He wants us to trust Him no matter what.

The greatest sign that Jesus will always be with us is the gift of salvation. When we believe in Him and accept His forgiveness, Jesus promises us eternal life with Him. His death and resurrection are proof that no matter what happens in this world, Christians are safe in Christ and can have hope, joy, and peace because we trust in Him.

Because of sin, the world is broken and full of trouble. But Jesus died and rose again to save us from sin and give us hope. When we trust Jesus, He promises to be with us always and to one day bring us into God's perfect kingdom.

***Pray:** Jesus, help us trust You even when things are scary or confusing. Help us remember Your promises and to trust in You no matter what. Remind us that we can have peace and hope for the future when we put our faith in You. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask Jesus to help you trust Him today, no matter what happens. Pray that He will guide your actions in scary or confusing moments and remind you that He is always in control. How does knowing God is in control help you to face tough situations?

Evenings

Think about your day and thank Jesus for being with you through everything. Ask Him to help you remember His promise of peace and eternal life to everyone who trusts in Him.



Family Activities

For Fun

Promise your kids that the family is going to get a special treat like ice cream or snow cones, but don't tell them exactly when it will happen. Let them know it might be soon, or it might be later. Then, sometime during the week, surprise them with a trip to get the special treat. While you enjoy the treat, discuss what Jesus said about watching and waiting for His return. Remind kids that we don't know when Jesus will return, but we trust that He will come again to make all things right.

To Serve

Gather canned food or non-perishable items to donate to a local food pantry. While collecting and preparing your donations, remind kids that Jesus talked about hard times like famines and troubles in the world. Discuss how even these dark times can be an opportunity for believers to share Jesus and His love with others by serving them and helping meet their needs.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS' LAST SUPPER



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 26:20-35; Mark 14:17-31; Luke 22:14-23,31-34; John 13:21-30,36-38 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

On their last night together before His death on the cross, Jesus and the disciples shared a very special meal—the Passover meal. Every year, the Passover celebration helped God’s people remember when God’s wrath “passed over” the Israelites who placed the blood of a lamb to their door posts. The sacrifice of the lamb protected God’s people. Like the sacrificial lamb that saved the Israelites, Jesus sacrificed His body and shed His blood on the cross to save all who believe in Him.

As Jesus ate with His disciples, He told them that the bread and the cup would now represent new symbols: His body and His blood. Even though He was perfectly holy and had no sin, Jesus gave up His body and shed His blood on the cross for our sin so the judgment of God might pass over all who believe in Him!

Jesus shared the Last Supper to help His followers remember that He was going to die for their sins and rise again to give them new life. Jesus took the punishment we deserve so we can be forgiven and live forever with God. When we trust Jesus, we can remember His great love every time we celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

***Pray:** God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for the promise to send a Savior even when we have sinned against You. We thank You for Jesus who is the true Passover Lamb. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to reveal sin in your lives that needs to be confessed and removed through the forgiveness Jesus offers. Why was Jesus the perfect sacrifice for our sins? How can you live in a way that shows thankfulness for His sacrifice?

Evenings

Thank God for the promises He has made to us. Try to focus on a different promise each day. Why can we trust in God's promises? How is Jesus the fulfillment of God's promises?



Family Activities

For Fun

Create a poster to celebrate and remember Jesus as the sacrificial lamb that provides for our salvation. Write John 1:29 on the poster and hang it inside your front door. As you pass through the door each day, pause to remember Jesus' sacrifice.

To Serve

Send a financial gift to a missionary who is actively serving in another country. Pray for the missionary, the people they are sharing the gospel with, and remember the sacrifice they are making to serve God in a place away from their home. Ask God to use this missionary and your family to share the message of Jesus to those who need to hear it.