



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 15 - 17

#### REMEMBER VERSE Memorize Together

“But here is how God has shown His love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8 (NIRV)

#### GOD STATEMENT: Jesus is Our Hope

Use this God-centered statement to help apply what your kids are learning. Instead of just hearing a Bible story and seeing how God helped those specific people, encourage them to look at their own life and apply the God-centered statement to it.

#### GROW DEEPER Discuss as a Family

Help your kids grow deeper in their understanding of this past weekend’s lesson and prepare for next week’s lesson.

#### WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK...

**LESSON:** Good Friday and Easter

**READ TOGETHER:** Matthew 26-28

#### DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- Say the Remember Verse (Romans 5:8, NIRV) five times out loud with your family (*try doing it with the motions*). Now share with each other what you think the verse means.
- What happened on Good Friday and why? (*Jesus died on the cross because he loves us! He died for our sins*) Talk about how it would have felt to be Jesus’ friends and family on Good Friday and Easter. (*sad, scary, shocking, happy, etc.*)

#### DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- Jesus died on the cross washing away our sins and making it possible to have a relationship with God! Knowing what Jesus did for YOU, how does that make you feel? How can you show others Jesus’ love?
- Jesus is our Hope! Say “Jesus is our Hope” three times. Think of one person you can share the hope of Jesus with this week. Spend time praying for that person right now.

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will continue to look at Jesus’ life and discover how **Jesus is Our Hope**, as we continue to learn about why we truly have hope. (Matthew 28:1-10)

## GATHER Intentional Family Time

Life is busy and finding intentional time to gather as a family can be hard! How can you create intentional opportunities for family time in the following areas?

### **SPRING BIBLE CHALLENGE:**

Through the month of May, we are continuing to challenge kids to work on the spiritual discipline of fasting. We are talking about little things we can give up, creating space for intentional time with God. While fasting helps strengthen our relationship with God, it also reminds us of our dependence on Him for everything!

### **Family Activity - Give Up & Fill Up Cups**

As we talk about and model fasting, [use this activity to tangibly engage with our Spring Challenge as a family.](#) Share on Facebook about your family's experience!

### **MORNING TIME:**

Speaking words of truth and love over your kids each morning can really prepare their heart and mind for the day ahead.

**IDEA: Pick a Bible verse for the week and read it over your kids each day before they walk out the door. Take it a step further and encourage your kids to memorize the verse together.**

### **MEALTIME:**

Eating together is the perfect time to share conversation and "check in" with each other.

**ASK: What were your highs and lows from today? How can we pray for you today? How did you see God at work today?**

### **CAR TIME:**

We spend a lot of time in the car! Why not use this time to reinforce what your kids are learning?

**PLAY: Turn on your kid's favorite worship song and sing as loud as you can! Then, turn off the song and see if you can sing the words without the music.**

### **BEDTIME:**

Kids love routine and bedtime is one of the most familiar routines for kids. Take advantage of this time by reading a blessing over your kids as they get ready for bed!

### **BLESSING IDEA:**

**"May you always remember that God is with you wherever you go. He loves you SO much and so do I!"**

## CONTRIBUTE Missions Focus

### Compassion International

Woodmen Kids sponsors three kids through Compassion International - Rosmery (RR), Laban (WH), & Mauricio (SW & MO). We spend time talking about and praying for our Compassion children every weekend. We encourage our kids to continue to pray for and write letters to our Compassion kids during the week too!

### **LET'S GIVE A BIBLE!**

For the month of April, we are raising money to send 50 Bibles to kids in need through Compassion International!

**Each Bible is just \$10, so that means we are working to raise \$500 across all our campuses by the end of April.**

To go along with our Spring Bible Challenge of fasting, we want to think about ways we can give our time and resources to love others like Jesus does by giving them a Bible.

### **SPEND TIME DISCUSSING:**

**What was it like getting your first Bible?**

**How can we raise/earn money to help give another kid a Bible?**

## CONNECT Fun Opportunities

### Summer Day Camp - Jungle Quest!

Kids (3yr - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us for a 4-day adventure as we participate in a quest for God's eternal truth!

For more info:  
[woodmenvalley.org/summercamp](http://woodmenvalley.org/summercamp)