



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 30 & May 1

#### 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:** Jesus is the Good News – Jesus Appears & Returns to Heaven

**READ TOGETHER:** Matthew 28:18-20

#### 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.
- Imagine you were one of Jesus’ close friends, a disciple, and Jesus just appeared to you after you saw Him on the cross. How would you react? How would you feel? Who would you want to tell?

#### DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- Before Jesus goes back to Heaven, He tells the disciples to do something. What does Jesus tell them to do? (*Make disciples and tell others about Jesus and what He has taught them*). What does making disciples mean? How can we do this?
- We are told by Jesus to go and make disciples. The past couple of months we have been learning that Jesus is Our Hope, think of one person you can share the hope with this week. Spend a few minutes praying for that person.

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will be learning how **God Transforms Us** as we transition into our new series. (Ephesians 2:1-10)

## 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)