

# AT HOME WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE September 10 & 11

# **REMEMBER VERSE**Memorize Together

"So, God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like Himself. He created them as male and female. God blessed them."

Genesis 1:27-28a (NIRV)

#### **GOD STATEMENT:**

#### God Is Omnipotent (allpowerful)

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 Godcentered 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: God is in Control - Noah's Ark

**READ TOGETHER:** Genesis 8-9

#### **DISCUSS (Younger Kids):**

- Our God Statement for this month is God is OMNI-PO-TENT! Say "God is Omnipotent" five times together as you flex your muscles as big as possible! Do you believe God is all-powerful?
- We learned that God is in control through the story of Noah. What was Noah told to build? (ark) And what did he put on it? (2 of every animal)
- Pretend together! Grownups help your kid(s) collect items to make a pretend ark in the house. Then, grab stuffed animals, animal toys, or real animals to come in the ark. Make/play rain sounds. Ask - what would it feel like to be on the ark? Would you trust God like Noah did?

#### **DISCUSS (Older Kids):**

- Read Genesis 8-9 as a family. Discuss what happened and what God is teaching us through Noah. Reread just Genesis 9:11-13. What sign did God give to Noah as a reminder that He will never flood the earth again? (*a rainbow*).
- Noah had to trust God's plan when God said to build the ark. Have you ever had to trust something your parents have told you, even if you didn't know what was going to happen? How have you trusted God during a difficult time?

#### **NEXT WEEK...**

We will be going back to the beginning as we discover how **God is Omnipotent** (all-powerful) (Genesis 12 & 15).

# **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?

#### **MORNING TIME:**

Spending intentional time with your kids each morning can really prepare their heart and mind for the day ahead.

IDEA: Before your kids wake up, prepare your own heart for the day ahead by turning on worship music and praying. As your kids awake, keep the worship music going as a way to set the tone for the day.

#### **MEALTIME:**

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

ASK: What was one kind thing someone did for you today? What is one kind thing you did for someone else today? How did either make you feel?

#### **CAR TIME:**

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

PLAY: Take turns as a family practicing the Remember Verse. One person starts by saying the first word, then take turns back and forth until you've recited the whole verse. If someone forgets or says the wrong word, start over until you can recite the whole verse.

#### **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:**

"God is in control of everything! Give all your worries to Him. He loves you and will help you!"

"May you remember that God is always with you and He loves you! He will take care of you, even when things seem hard."

For the next week, read Psalm 121 over your kids at bedtime. Each time you read it, have the kids close their eyes and imagine the words. At the end, ask them to share how it made them feel.

# **CONTRIBUTE**Missions Focus

#### **Feeding Families**

Woodmen Kids partners with our Acts Ministry weekly to provide food donations for families in our community. Spend time this week talking about how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus to people in our own neighborhoods.

#### As a family, discuss:

What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?

### Then, take time as a family to pray for:

- Each kid who will receive food through Feeding Families.
- That God would use the food donated to share His love and hope with those who don't know Him.
- That God would provide the food needed to fill backpacks through our Backpack Ministry.

### **CONNECT**Fun Opportunities

#### **AWANA CLUB 2022-23**

Awana registration is open! Join us from September 7-May 3 every Wednesday night as we teach God's word, memorize Scripture together, and have fun while doing it!

For more info: woodmenvalley.org/awana