



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### February 12 & 13

#### REMEMBER VERSE Memorize Together

“Be strong and brave...I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.”

Joshua 1:9 (NIRV)

#### GOD STATEMENT: God is Our Leader

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:** God Sees Our Heart – God Chooses David

**READ TOGETHER:** 1 Samuel 16-17; 2 Samuel 5

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

- Who did God choose to be king? (David!) David wasn’t as strong or tough as the others, but God chose him because of what was on the inside.
- God sees our hearts! What’s on your heart right now?

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

- Why did God choose David to be the next king? (He was a man after God’s own heart)
- Do you have a heart for God? What do you think a “heart for God” looks like?
- As we celebrate Valentine’s Day this week, how can you use your heart for God to love others well? Ideas: show kindness to your siblings, make a special card for someone who needs encouragement, help your parents/guardians around the house

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

We will discover how **God Teaches Us** as we learn about a man named Solomon and what God teaches him. **(1 Kings 3-11)**

## 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: Start the day with positivity. Write a sweet and thoughtful note to put in your child's lunchbox or backpack. Take it a step further and encourage your kids to write a note for one another too.**

#### **MEALTIME:**

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

**ASK: What is one thing you want to tell God about your day? What is one thing you want to ask God for help for 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: As you drive in the car, play the "I love..." game with your kids. Take turns finishing the sentence by calling out things you love about one another. Ex: I love... your joyful spirit. I love... when you help your brother get ready for school.**

#### **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 IDEAS:**

**"May you know that God is always with you. Even when things feel hard or scary, God is right here with you!"**

**"Always remember that you can talk to God about anything! He hears you when you talk and He cares for you! God has such a special plan for you!"**

## CONTRIBUTE

### Missions Focus

This is the final week of Woodmen Kids partnering with Acts' Senior Ministry. Our kids have made amazing Valentine's Day cards that will be delivered this week to senior centers around town.

Take this time to unpack the legacies that many seniors have. Think about those in your own life and have intentional conversation about how we can respect and honor our elderly community. Start with: *What does it mean to leave a legacy?*

#### Feeding Families – Snacks Needed!

One of our ongoing missions focus is Act's Ministry Feeding Families. One of the biggest areas of need right now is for **snack donations** (i.e. cheese its, fruit snacks, granola bars, goldfish, etc.). These donations help fill backpacks for kids right in our community! *You can bring donations every weekend to your Woodmen Kids area.*

## CONNECT

### Fun Opportunities

**Faith Foundations for Kids**  
*Feb. 27, March 6 & 13 @ WH*  
This 3-session class is a great opportunity for your 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders to learn more and go deeper into what it means to follow Jesus.

Register for Baptism Class & Faith Foundations today:  
[woodmenvalley.org/kids](http://woodmenvalley.org/kids)