



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### July 2 & 3

#### REMEMBER VERSE Memorize Together

“But you are not ruled by the power of sin. Instead, the power of the Holy Spirit rules over you... The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.”

Romans 8:9&11 (NIRV,  
Paraphrased)

#### GOD STATEMENT: The Holy Spirit is With Us

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 Is Hope - New Heaven & New Earth

**READ TOGETHER:** Revelation 21-22

#### DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- Share with each other a time when you experienced something really fun! How did that experience make you feel?
- We are told in God’s word “*You always show me the path of life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you. You will make me happy forever at your right hand.*”— Psalm 16:11” What are you most excited for when you get to Heaven?
- What do you think it will feel like to spend time with God? What would you do? God thought of everything good- fun, great food, imagination.

#### DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What do you think the new Heaven will be like? Will there be sadness there? What things do you think we will see in this beautiful place?
- To go to Heaven and be with God, we need to believe in Him. We need to accept Jesus as truth, as our Savior. **God is Hope.** Spend time sharing with your kids about your experience of accepting Christ and how it has changed your life.

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will be learning how **Jesus is Our Teacher** and the stories He told us to teach us important lessons. (Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23; Luke 8:14-15)

## **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?

#### **SUMMER BIBLE CHALLENGE:**

Throughout the summer, we are encouraging kids to practice and learn the New Testament books of the Bible.

#### **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: As you eat breakfast, have everyone take 30 seconds to sit still and listen to God. Then, share what you feel like God was telling you during the quiet.**

#### **MEALTIME:**

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

**ASK: What is your favorite Bible story and why?**

#### **CAR TIME:**

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

**PLAY: Practice the memory verse together. Think of creative ways to work on the verse as you drive.**

**(i.e. every time you are at a red light, one person tries to do the motions for the verse while the other says it)**

#### **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 know that God is our hope! He is with you, and one day He will make everything new.”**

**“May you always remember that God loves you. He wants a relationship with you!”**

**For the next week, read Psalm 23 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**

### **COSILoveYou’s Backpack Bash 2022!**

The 2022 school year will be here before we know it, and we’re excited to partner with COSILoveYou for this year’s Backpack Bash!

The Backpack Bash is a citywide effort that seeks to provide access to all things back-to-school for thousands of families in need in El Paso County.

***This weekend (July 3) and next weekend (July 10), we will be collecting backpacks and school supplies at our Greeter Desks for the Backpack Bash.***

How can your family partner with our city as we meet this tangible and real need for kids and families in El Paso County?

Spend time discussing:

***What are you most excited & most nervous for in this coming school year?***

**Pray for the kids who will receive a backpack through Backpack Bash.**