



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### November 20 & 21

#### REMEMBER VERSE Memorize Together

Wait for the Lord.  
Be strong and don't lose hope.  
Wait for the Lord!

PSALM 27:14 (NIRV)

#### GOD STATEMENT: God is in Control

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 Leads Moses & the Israelites - 10 Commandments

**READ TOGETHER:** Exodus 20

#### DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- What does it mean to follow the rules? Talk about how we listen to our parents, and how the rules they give us are to protect us.
- God created these rules because He loves each of us. How does that make you feel?

#### DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What is the greatest commandment of all? (Matthew 22:37-38) Talk about what this commandment means to you.
- How can you love others well by following God's commandments?

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will look at how God continues to be in control as we remember and celebrate all the ways we have learned how God is in control! (Psalm 106:1, 107)

## **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: Write an encouraging Bible verse, picture or note on your child's mirror each day so they see it first thing.**

#### **MEALTIME:**

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

**ASK: What is something that really frustrated you today? What is something you're thankful for? Being thankful is a great way to change our attitude and feelings!**

#### **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 IDEAS:**

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

**"God knows everything about you and He loves you! He will take care of you, even when things seem hard."**

**"Always remember that Jesus loves you no matter what. Even when you make mistakes, you can keep going back to Him! He forgives you and will help you!"**

## **CONTRIBUTE**

### **Missions Focus**

Right now, we're learning about Woodmen's **Gift of Love** celebration.

Woodmen's ACTS ministry serves over 300 local families by allowing them to come shop for and purchase new, discounted gifts for their children.

Pick an ornament (or two!) off the Gift of Love tree at your Kids check-in area. Shop for a gift for the child on the card then drop it off in the Feeding Families bin on Nov. 27/28 or Dec. 4/5.

This is also a perfect opportunity to encourage selflessness this Christmas season with your family. Start by asking them:

**"What is the true meaning of Christmas?"**

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## **CONNECT**

### **Fun Opportunities**

**Family Christmas Box**  
Sign up for a box full of fun to do with your family this December!

**Forest Bend Farm**  
Join us on December 20th for an old-fashioned Christmas experience on the farm, exclusively for our Woodmen Kids families! Pre-purchased tickets required (\$10/person)

For more info and to sign up, visit [woodmenvalley.org/kids](http://woodmenvalley.org/kids).