



JANUARY FAMILY GUIDE

OLDER KIDS



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS MONTH?

JANUARY 4 & 5

LESSON TOPIC: Israelites in the Wilderness
PASSAGE: Deuteronomy 1:26-46

LESSON GOAL: Even though we go through hard or frustrating things that aren't easy, God is always with us!

GOD STATEMENT: God Is With Us

JANUARY 11 & 12

LESSON TOPIC: Joshua Becomes Leader
PASSAGE: Joshua 1:1-7

LESSON GOAL: God can give us the courage to do what He calls us to do, even when it feels hard or scary.

GOD STATEMENT: God Gives Us Courage

JANUARY 18 & 19

LESSON TOPIC: The Walls of Jericho
PASSAGE: Joshua 6:1-20

LESSON GOAL: Throughout the Bible, God made promises to His people, and all of those promises were fulfilled in Christ Jesus. We can count on God to always keep His word, both in the past and now!

GOD STATEMENT: God is Promise Keeper

JANUARY 25 & 26

LESSON TOPIC: Samuel's Obedience to God
PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

LESSON GOAL: God speaks to us all in different ways, but no matter the way (a small voice, a feeling in our heart, through another person, etc.), we should listen to what God says.

GOD STATEMENT: God Speaks to Us



IN THE MORNING:

Winter mornings can feel hard because it's cold and dark outside. This month, take time to create a calm atmosphere each morning. Light a candle or special lamp, turn on worship music and pause to look your child(ren) in the eye and say "I love you!" or pray over them.



IN THE CAR:

As you drive, play the game "Who Am I?" Players take turns secretly selecting a person from the Bible. The other players ask yes and no questions to narrow it down and eventually correctly name the person. Then someone else takes a turn.



DURING DINNER:

January is often a time when families make plans for the upcoming year. As you eat dinner together, talk about some things you'd like to try this year. Is there a new food you want to make? A new place you'd like to go? Take turns sharing!



IN THE EVENING:

As you tuck your kids in bed for the night, talk about the way God showed up in your day. Simply ask, "What did you love about today? How did God help you today?" Explain the importance of stopping to thank God for everything He does in your day.

KEY VERSE:

Joshua 1:9, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

Praying for our permanent Southwest campus in downtown Colorado Springs



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YOUNGER KIDS



GOD IS WITH US

WORSHIP SONGS

Scan the QR codes below to sing these songs with your child

BATTLE OF JERICHO

Joshua fought the battle of
Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho
and the walls came a-tumbling down
You may talk about your men of Gideon
You may talk about the men of Saul
But there's none like good old Joshua
at the battle of Jericho



PRAISE HIM ALL YE LITTLE CHILDREN

Praise Him, praise Him,
all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him,
all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.



PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river (2x)
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river (2x)
I've got peace like a river in my soul.



GOD IS WITH ME

Wherever I go I know wherever I go,
Wherever I go I know, God is with me.
Wherever I go I know wherever I go
Wherever I go I know God is with me.



ACTIVITIES

Play these fun activities with your child

Making Music

Gather child-safe household items that your child can use to make music with (metal mixing bowl with a spoon, baby rattle, etc.). Encourage your child to use the items to make sounds. If your child is older, encourage them to imitate your rhythm or create their own rhythm! You can also sing songs and ask them to make music to go along with your song.

SAY: "We are using these instruments to make music. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord."

KNOCKING DOWN THE WALLS OF JERICHO

Find child-safe items around the house to stack (blocks, tissue boxes, empty cans, etc.). Encourage your child to stack the items to make the "walls of Jericho." After they finish building, encourage your child to march around the wall. Then, the child can knock down their walls to represent the walls of Jericho falling down.

SAY: "A long time ago, there was a big city called Jericho. God told Joshua to march around the city with his people and the walls would fall down. Can you knock down the walls of Jericho?"



PRAYER

"God, we thank You for always being with us. Just as You led the Israelites, we can trust in Your guidance and walk in obedience, knowing that You have a perfect plan and are always with us."

VERSE

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

Joshua 1:9 (NIRV)

BLESSING

May you always remember that God is with you.
During the day, during the night,
all the time, God is with you.