



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### August 13 & 14

#### REMEMBER VERSE

##### Memorize Together

“Jesus looked at them and said,  
‘With people, this is impossible.  
But with God, all things are  
possible.’”

Matthew 19:26 (NIRV)

#### GOD STATEMENT:

##### Jesus is Awesome

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:** Jesus is Awesome – Jesus Walks on Water

**READ TOGETHER:** Mark 6:45-52 & Matthew 14:22-33

#### DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- What is your favorite activity to do in the summer? What do you like to do you’re your family in the summer? What’s your favorite water activity? *Take turns sharing.*
- We learned about Jesus walking on water today! Let’s act out the story together.
  - *Get creative as you work together to reenact the story found in Matthew 14:22-33. Ideas: use sheets/blankets, an actual pool, toys and a tub of water, etc.*
  - *Take turns having one person be Jesus, one person be Peter, and the rest of the family the storm. Call each person out by name and have them walk on the fake ocean.*

#### DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What do you remember from the lesson today? *As a family, read the story again from Matthew 14:22-33.*
- If you were Peter in the story, how would you feel walking across the water? Would you be scared when you started to sink?
- Is there anything hard/scary/difficult you’ve been going through? Just like Jesus picked up Peter when he started to sink, Jesus is always with us, even in the hard or scary things. How does it make you feel that Jesus will help you?

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will be learning about how **Jesus is Awesome**, and miracles He did here on earth. (John 11:1-44)

## 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.

Here's a song link to help make it fun - [bit.ly/ntbooks](http://bit.ly/ntbooks).

#### 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 46 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

#### ELIC & Iraq

Our mission focus for the next couple of weeks is an organization called ELIC in the country of Iraq.

In Iraq, there is a lot of violence, war, and division, especially amongst people who believe different things about God.

One of Woodmen's global partners, ELIC, sends English teachers to Iraq and other countries because they feel God calling them to do so! Through teaching English, these followers of Jesus have had many opportunities to share God's love with the people they encounter in Iraq.

Amidst all the pain, violence, and hurt in Iraq, God is still finding ways to show His love! It's not easy to be a teacher in this country.

#### As a family, discuss:

Do you think it would be easy to live somewhere you don't know and teach people another language?

What would be the hardest part?

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

- Protection for ELIC's teachers.
- Students in Iraq to find hope in Christ.
- More teachers to feel called to serve in Iraq.
- Peace and stability in Iraq.

## 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](http://woodmenvalley.org/awana)