



AT HOME

WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

August 20 & 21

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 Raises Lazarus

READ TOGETHER: John 11:1-44

DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- What do you think a miracle is? *An act/event that is impossible for man and only possible through the power of God.* Show me what your face would look like if you saw a miracle!
- We learned about a man named Lazarus this week! Do you remember what happened to Lazarus? *Recap the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in John 11:1-44.* Can anyone bring someone back to life? *No – only God!*

DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What do you remember from the lesson today? *As a family, read the story again from John 11:1-44.*
- Why was it such a big deal that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? *It was a miracle that only God can do!*
- We may not be able to see Jesus in person today, but He helps us too and takes care of us. Do you think Jesus can do incredible things in your life too? What is something Jesus has already done for you?
- As we start this school year, spend time sharing prayer requests and praises about school together. Then, pray for one another!

NEXT WEEK...

We will be wrapping up our **Jesus is Awesome** series and look back and reflect on some of the miracles He did here on earth. (The Gospels)

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.

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 has been the hardest part of school so far? What has been the easiest part? How can I pray for you this week?*

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 coming up with "God Statements" together. Make it a game to see who can come up with the most before you get to your destination. A God Statement is a description of God and His character.*

(i.e. God is love, God is promise keeper, God is trustworthy, God is mighty, etc.)

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 Jesus loves you. May you have peace knowing that God is with you!"

"May you always remember that God is trustworthy! He will keep His promises!"

For the next week, read Psalm 139 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.

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*