



AT HOME

WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

August 27 & 28

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 – Remember & Celebrate

READ TOGETHER: Parables and Miracles

DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- As a family take turns saying our Remember Verse (Matthew 19:26) one word at a time. Go in a circle repeating until the remember verse is completed.
Grown-Up Tip: Take away the written verse and have your kids try to say the next word from memory. Use the motions to help prompt!
- Remember & Celebrate is a way to pause from our normal routine, look back on all God has been doing, and celebrate who God is and all He has done! What is one Bible story you remember from this summer?

DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What is one God Statement we learned this summer? (*The Holy Spirit is With Us, Jesus is Our Teacher, Jesus is Awesome*)
- Take time to look back on your summer as a family. What was your favorite memory from this summer? Think of a few “God Statements” to describe your summer.
- Jesus is AWESOME – He loves us so much that He died on the Cross for us! How can you share this good news of how awesome Jesus is with others?
- Take a couple of minutes and pray as a family for this school year. Pray for classmates, teachers, tutors, and anyone else your kid(s) meet. Pray that your child would be a light and will be used by God for His kingdom. Encourage your child to pray specifically for some kids in their class.

NEXT WEEK...

We will be going back to the beginning as we discover how **God is Omnipotent (all-powerful)** (Genesis 1-3).

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*