



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### July 23 & 24

#### 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 Our Teacher

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 Our Teacher – The Lost Sheep

**READ TOGETHER:** Luke 15:1-7

#### DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- What is a parable? (*Parables are stories that Jesus told to help us understand who He is and how He wants us to live*).
- Have you ever had something so special to you that when you lost it you got very sad? What was that item? How did you feel when you lost it? (*Take turns as a family sharing what that special item is*).
- Imagine you have spent two days looking for that special item you loved so much, and you finally found it. How do you think you might feel when you finally find that special item? That's exactly how Jesus feels when someone comes to know Him!

#### DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What do you remember from our parable today? As a family, read the story again from Luke 15:1-7.
- Jesus is our teacher! What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us from this story? Did you learn anything new?
- Just like the lost sheep is celebrated when he finds his way home, God celebrates when we accept Jesus into our hearts and follow Him too! When we accept Jesus, we are no longer lost, but have been found and have hope! Do you know Jesus? *Spend time as a family talking about what it means to know Jesus personally.*

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will be learning more about how **Jesus is Our Teacher** with the Parable of the Prodigal Son. (Luke 15:11-32)

## 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](https://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 23 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

#### ACTS SERVE SATURDAY - JULY 30

Volunteering is a powerful way for kids to experience compassion, empathy and grow in their understanding of what it means to serve others.

If your family isn't already signed up to serve at one of the projects on July 30, we encourage you to check out this family-friendly serving project:

#### Elementary School Prayer Walk

This serving opportunity is perfect for families with kids of all ages to support our local schools! During these prayer walks, a team leader will help facilitate the time as you walk around the perimeter of the schools and pray for the staff, students, families, events and protection during the school year.

Whether your family serves at this project or one of the other projects on July 30, we encourage you to take time to talk about your experience as a family:

What was your favorite part of serving at this project?

Was it difficult at all? Why?

What did you learn about serving others through this project?

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