



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### July 30 & 31

#### 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 Prodigal Son

**READ TOGETHER:** Luke 15:11-32

#### 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*).
- Do you remember our God statement from this past month, what is it? (*Jesus is Our Teacher*). Take turns saying the God Statement using funny/silly voices. Do this as many times as possible, getting creative with how you say it
- In our story today, the father welcomed his son with open arms and threw him a party. Jesus celebrates us when we go to Him because He loves us! How does it make you feel inside knowing that God loves you?

#### DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What do you remember from our parable today? As a family, read the story again from Luke 15:11-32.
- Jesus is our teacher! What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us from this story? Did you learn anything new?
- Even when we sin, God welcomes us back with open arms. He forgives us when we confess our sins, and He celebrates with us when we choose to do the right thing and ask for forgiveness. How does this make you feel? Do you ever feel afraid to tell the truth or afraid to try again after you have done something wrong? *Spend time as a family talking about what it means to tell the truth and to forgive.*

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will be learning about how **Jesus is Awesome**, and some miracles He did here on earth. (John 6:1-13)

## 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 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

#### 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)