



# JULY FAMILY GUIDE

## OLDER KIDS



### WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS MONTH?

**July 4 & 5**

**LESSON TOPIC: Jesus Calms the Storm**

**PASSAGE: Matthew 8:23-27**

**LESSON GOAL:** For kids to understand that even when life feels scary or out of control, we can have faith that God is always in control. It doesn't mean the storms won't come, but God is with us through whatever we face.

**GOD STATEMENT: God is in Control**

**July 11 & 12**

**LESSON TOPIC: Woman Washes Jesus' Feet**

**PASSAGE: Luke 7:36-50**

**LESSON GOAL:** For kids to understand that God looks at our hearts, not just our past choices and mistakes. We can trust that we are forgiven in Jesus and love and worship Him!

**GOD STATEMENT: God Sees Our Heart**

**July 18 & 19**

**LESSON TOPIC: The Unforgiving Servant**

**PASSAGE: Matthew 18:21-35**

**LESSON GOAL:** For kids to understand that God has forgiven each of us in a big way by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin and give us the gift of grace!

**GOD STATEMENT: God Forgives**

**July 25 & 26**

**LESSON TOPIC: The Man Born Blind**

**PASSAGE: John 9**

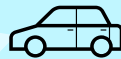
**LESSON GOAL:** For kids to understand that Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus came to rescue us from our sins so that we can have life with God forever! We can help spread Jesus' light to others.

**GOD STATEMENT: Jesus is the Light of the World**



### IN THE MORNING:

Before everyone heads out for the day, have each family member say one intentional way that they will choose to follow Jesus for the day. Example: "Today I will obey my parents" or "Today I will share with my friends."



### IN THE CAR:

While driving, take turns sharing the ways you have seen God's goodness and grace this week. Examples:

- "My friend forgave me when I was unkind to them."
- "God helped me to feel calm after I prayed about a sports game I was really nervous for."
- "God helped our family be kind to one another this week."



### DURING DINNER:

Have each person share a way they showed Jesus' kindness, love, or forgiveness to someone that day.

**Examples: I helped my sibling pick up their toys!**



### IN THE EVENING:

Before bed, have each person share one thing they would like to pray about or give thanks to God for.

### KEY VERSE:

Ephesians 6:10, NIRV

### MISSION FOCUS:

Donating lunch items for ACTS school partners



*GOD CARES FOR ME!*

## WORSHIP



**SAY:**

God is worthy of our praise!  
Let's sing and dance and praise  
Him together!



**DO:**

Use instruments or simple  
hand motions to help kids  
engage further.



**JESUS LOVES ME**



**MY GOD IS SO BIG**



**GOD IS SO GOOD**



**PSALM 23**

Scan the QR Codes above to  
play the music on your  
phone while you're rocking  
babies or changing diapers



## ACTIVITIES

*Play these fun activities with your child*

### CALM THE STORM

**SUPPLIES:** none

**DIRECTIONS:** Have your child(ren) pretend to be a storm by stomping their feet, wiggling their fingers like rain, and making wind noises. Then say, "Peace! Be still!" and have everyone freeze and become calm and quiet.

**CONNECTION:** *"Jesus is powerful and in control. When we are scared, we can trust Him!"*

### SHINE YOUR LIGHT

**SUPPLIES:** flashlight

**DIRECTIONS:** turn off all lights and shine the flashlight. Let your child(ren) explore with the light by shining the light around the room.

**CONNECTION:** *"God's light shines in us! It shines when we show others his love and when we tell God how much we love him!"*



**VERSE:**

**"Finally, let the Lord make you strong.  
Depend on his mighty power."**

*Ephesians 6:10, NIRV*

**BLESSING:**

May God help our family depend on  
and trust in Him and be thankful for  
His love and grace!