



## *Parent Connection*

# Have You Voiced the Choice?

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Genesis 6:22

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Use your voice to give others a choice.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn through Noah's example that caring for someone means sharing the plan of salvation.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

Perhaps you think, "My child is too young to really make a difference for God" or "They can't really tell people about Jesus." In our lesson today, your child learned why and how to share the good news of Jesus. We shared how Noah cared for the people of his time by preaching righteousness to those who did not know God. Ask your child about the Gospel tract they received. Discuss what it means and who they could share it with. We encourage you to read through it yourself!



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# Should I Go Along?

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Genesis 6:9b

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

When others do wrong, don't go along.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn to choose what is right when others are doing wrong.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Your child has learned a very important truth this week. **When others do wrong, don't go along.** They learned this from the great example of Noah who chose to do what was right when others did wrong. Encourage or reward your child this week for making a good decision that is pleasing to God. Doing so will help them continue to make good decisions and enforce the idea that God's way is the best way.



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# Perfect Protection

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Romans 6:23

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

God's protection is perfect.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn how to be protected from spiritual death.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

As a parent, you know the importance of protecting your children. You might plan ahead to make sure they are protected when riding their bike, swimming at the beach, or using tools at home. Your children learned today that God planned and protected Noah, his family, and the animals from the flood. God wants to protect your child also, by giving them eternal life instead of eternal death. Have your child explain to you what that means in their own words.



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# Reading the Rainbow

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Genesis 9:13

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Rely on God, He doesn't lie.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn to rely on God's promises from His Word.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Promises to your children are easy to make, but sometimes harder to keep. You are able to keep most, but you can't always fulfill them all. Today your children learned that God will always keep His promises. We see this through the promise God made to Noah about never flooding the earth again. That is the true meaning behind the beautiful rainbow we see in the sky. Your child received a bag of Skittles with a note that says "Save the wrapper. Use as a bookmark. Remember God's Promises." Ask your child why God will never break His promises, and how they know that to be true.



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### Which Way, Jonah?

#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Jonah 1:12

#### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

The wisest way is to obey.

#### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn there are consequences for disobeying God and want to choose to obey.

#### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

This week's lesson covered the first chapter of the book of Jonah. We used the *domino effect* to demonstrate the consequences for disobeying God. Those consequences can *fall* onto others around us, like one domino *falling* onto another and another. Ask your child to help you stand a row of dominos and watch them fall. Use the domino effect to illustrate and explain what happens to the rest of your family when a person in your family disobeys.



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# Change Your Way, Jonah!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Jonah 2:9

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

U-Turn to return to God.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that when they repent, their relationship with God is restored because of His love and mercy.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

God used a storm and a great fish to help Jonah see that He wanted his obedience. Jonah had to repent in order for his relationship with God to be restored. We used the concept of a “U-Turn” sign to help your child remember what it means to repent. Repent means, “To change one’s mind or purpose.” As you travel around in the car this week with your child, look for “U-Turn” signs to help begin a conversation about what it means to repent. If you see a “No U-Turn” sign, talk about the consequences of sin when you refuse to repent.



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### **Right Way, Jonah!**

#### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Jonah 3:5

#### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Go the right way—right away.

#### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn that God's Word can lead us to repentance and will be challenged to allow God's Word to change their hearts.

#### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

As we continue the study of Jonah in chapter 3, we discussed that repentance changes lives. When Jonah chose to go the right way, he brought God's message to the people of Nineveh. Because of God's message, the people of Nineveh chose to go the right way. Ask your child to tell you what the Ninevites did to show their true repentance. Talk about what repentance looks like when they are sorry for disobeying you. For example: if your child didn't obey and clean their room—repentance would be not only cleaning their room, but trying harder to keep it clean in the future. We challenged your child to make the choice to go the right way—right away.



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### **God's Way, Jonah!**

#### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Jonah 4:11a

#### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Motivated by mercy

#### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will understand that God wants them to show mercy to others.

#### **WHAT CAN PARENT'S DO THIS WEEK?**

This week we concluded our journey with Jonah. We showed the children through the life of Jonah that God cares about all people-good and bad. We asked the children to search their own heart to see if they had a heart like Jonah's, missing mercy, or a heart like God's, full of mercy and forgiveness. They learned that mercy is the act of withholding punishment that is deserved. Your child has been given a small bag of M&M's to share with someone who does not deserve it. Discuss with your child some good ways that they can extend mercy to someone.



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# Artificial Intelligence or Real Wisdom

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

James 1:5-8

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Ask God; get answers.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn to ask God for wisdom rather than seeking advice from other sources.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Your child often faces situations where they need wisdom to know what decision is the best to make. In Olympians they learned that God will gladly give them wisdom if they ask Him. God gives us wisdom through His Word, the Bible. The Book of Proverbs in the Bible focuses specifically on wisdom. This week, take some time to pray with your child that God will help them to be wise. Each day read and discuss one of these verses from Proverbs with them (Proverbs 30:5, Proverbs 3:5, Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 27:17, Proverbs 16:3). Remind them that if they need wisdom, God will provide it. **Ask God; get answers.**



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# The Phishing Lure

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

James 1:14

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

To avoid sin's fate, don't take the bait.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn about the process of temptation and how they can resist it.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

This week your child learned about the negative consequences of giving into temptation. They learned the best way to resist temptation is to "Stop. Challenge. Choose." First, *stop*. Don't act right away. Then, *challenge* the temptation. Consider whether it is the right thing to do. Then *choose* to do the right thing. Hopefully this will be a good reminder of how to resist temptation.



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### Identification Needed

#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

James 2:18

#### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Good deeds are a Christian's ID.

#### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn the difference between working for salvation and working because of salvation.

#### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

This week your child learned about how faith manifests itself in real and practical works towards others. **Good deeds are a Christian's ID.** Each child was given a "Good Deed Scavenger Hunt" worksheet to complete. Hang it on your fridge and help your child complete each task. When it is all done, make sure the child brings it back to Olympians. Your leaders and the other Olympians will be looking forward to hearing great stories about how your child shared his faith.



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# Reprogrammed for Others

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

James 4:1

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Look out for everyone, NOT number one.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn to choose selflessness over selfishness and thereby minimize the conflicts they create.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

This week your child learned about their predisposition for selfishness. We showed them how God expects them to “look out for everyone, not just number one.” They learned that selfishness causes conflict. Make sure to recognize when your child makes the choice to put Jesus or others before themselves. Maybe your family could use a secret code word (like joy) when you notice that your child needs a reminder to put the needs of others first and put themselves last.



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# Lying is Badder than Bad

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Proverbs 12:22

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Big or small, a lie is a lie.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that telling a little lie, mixed with the truth, is still a lie God will judge and will choose to tell the truth.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

We learned from the account of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5 that **big or small, a lie is a lie** in God's eyes. The next time you make a special treat like brownies or cookies, ask your child how many of the egg shells you should add before the treat will be spoiled. It would only be a little "crunchy." Obviously, they won't want egg shells in the brownies or cookies. Teach them that just as a little bit of egg shell will ruin the brownies, **big or small, a lie is a lie** that God will judge.



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# Stick to the Truth

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Proverbs 19:9

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Lying only makes it worse!

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will consider the consequences of lying and will choose to tell the truth.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

This week we saw that lying has consequences. **Lying only makes it worse.** Consider playing a game of Jenga where the blocks represent telling the truth. Give illustrations of times when your children tell you the truth or tell you a lie. Let the blocks remain if the scenario was truthful. If the scenario results in a lie, remove a critical block. When the tower collapses, point out how lying breaks the trust with the people you love.



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# Start Small + Serve Big = Great!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Mark 10:43

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Reach out and serve someone.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn how Jesus directed James and John toward serving others and will choose to be a servant to others.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

This week, we learned that Jesus wants us to serve others. Serving is doing something for another regardless of how you feel about the task or the person. We encouraged your child to **reach out and serve someone** this week. We discussed how they could do that at home, at school, and for those they may not know. Discuss age appropriate ways for your child/children to serve safely. As they complete tasks that put others first or serve others, have them add a small rock to a jar. When full, the family could celebrate with a special treat or a fun family night.



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# The Pair Who Wouldn't Share

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Proverbs 3:27

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

If you care, you will share.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that a "me first" attitude does not show love for others and will choose to be unselfish.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Your child learned that Jacob and Esau did not care about each other because they both had a "me first" attitude. As a result, their future generations had many problems which has lasted for centuries. Sibling rivalry has been and will always continue to be a problem in families. Most children have trouble with the concept of fairness and sharing. Today we repeated a statement that we hope will stick in your family, **if you care, you will share.**



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# Refuse Revenge

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Romans 12:21

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Let God handle it!

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that “getting even” with someone is not a God-honoring response and will choose to let God handle revenge.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Probably every parent on earth has heard these words, “She started it,” or, “He hit me first.” Take the opportunity this week in your home to watch for situations to remind children that it is not their responsibility to get even or seek revenge on siblings. Discuss with your children when situations have come up at home, school, or on the playground when they wanted to take matters into their own hands and seek revenge. Be a good example when you might be faced with the temptation to “lose it” so that your children can see you living out this principle in real life. Instead of trying to get even, **let God handle it.**



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# **Aim to Be a Good Friend**

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

1 Samuel 20:42

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Friendship is forever.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn to be genuinely loyal to their friends in order to develop lifetime relationships.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

One desire of every parent would be that their children have a relationship with their siblings that goes beyond genetics or blended family ties. Help children become more than just relatives but lifetime friends. Look for opportunities this week to remind children to show love to siblings by sharing, taking turns, giving gifts, or just being kind to one another. Just like David and Jonathan in our story this week had a secret code, it might be fun for your kids to invent a “secret handshake” that would be unique to them. Sometimes our closest friendships may not be genetically related but are founded in our common relationship with Christ.



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# Heroes Live Forever

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Hebrews 11:40

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

God turns the hurting into heroes.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn through the life of a Christian hero that God can work through difficult situations to further His Gospel.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

In Olympians we learned that God can turn those who are hurting into heroes. We discussed and showed the group the life story of Nate Saint. You, as a parent, can watch the whole story of Nate Saint and his family through the iTECUSA YouTube Channel “Let God Write Your Story” series. As a family, talk about what makes a real hero. Help your child see that God can use them as heroes, too!



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# A Hero Lives in You

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Luke 8:8a

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

God wants everyone to be a H.E.R.O.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn through the life of a Christian hero how they can be a true hero.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

Our children are bombarded with images of superheroes. Today, we learned about heroes that the world doesn't recognize-- missionaries who give their lives to share the Good News of the Gospel to people who have never heard it. Using the story of Mark and Gloria Zook, we showed how God wants us all to be a H.E.R.O. The Zooks were Pennsylvania farmers turned unlikely missionaries to the Mouk Tribe in Papua New Guinea. We are a H.E.R.O when we HELP others, EVANGELIZE, RELY on Him, and OBEY His Word. At home, talk about ways you can live out being real heroes as a family.



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# God Knows Me Best

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Romans 11:33

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Trusting God makes sense! He gives me confidence!

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that God knows everything and will choose to trust Him with their lives.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Using Psalm 139, your child learned how God knows their thoughts and every detail of their lives. Because God's knowledge of us is unmeasurable, we can trust Him with our lives. Trusting God makes sense. He gives me confidence! Here is a video clip you can view with your child that will help you understand what we learned this week: "*Lego Psalm 139*" video.

<https://teachersource.wol.org/videos/oly18/21-1/>. If you would like to know more about what we are learning, feel free to call and talk with any of our leaders at the church.



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### **Follow the Leader**

#### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Matthew 20:28

#### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Because we believe, we follow His lead.

#### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn that Jesus lived with purpose and will choose intentionally to model Christ's life.

#### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

Our lesson this week has challenged the children to put aside their own desires, and to follow Jesus' example and life style. Jesus said that He "did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). As a parent, sometimes life can be so busy that we miss opportunities to participate with our children in serving someone who isn't as fortunate as we are or who sacrifices for the public. You can ask your children's leaders for ideas to do together as a family. One idea would be to bake cookies and take them to your local police station or fire station as a thank you for their selfless sacrifice for your community.



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# Choose Love! Choose Joy!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Galatians 5:22-23

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Our roots are shown by our fruits.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn how to show love and have joy through the help of the Holy Spirit.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

The children learned this week about two parts of the Fruit of the Spirit: love and joy. We learned that God's kind of love and joy does not happen on its own. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to grow this fruit in us. When a seed is planted, it takes time for the seed to die, sprout, and grow into a beautiful plant.

As a parent, we want our children to learn to love with a godly love and to have joy that is complete, lacking nothing. This week, purchase a packet of flower seeds and help your child put them in a pot or a plastic cup with a little potting soil and water. Label the cup with "Love and Joy." Set it by the window to get sun light. Remind your child that this plant must have water throughout the week. Then over a period of time, watch it grow and let it remind you that God is also taking time to grow His character in us.



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# The Proof Is in the Prophecy

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

2 Peter 1:21

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

The proof is in the prophecy!

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that the Bible is reliable and will choose to trust its accuracy.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

This week the children learned how they can trust the reliability of the Bible. They saw how the Old Testament points to the birth, death, and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus, and are fulfilled in the New Testament. You can find a list of Old Testament prophecies and how they were fulfilled at <https://teachersource.wol.org/videos/oly18/24-2/>. On the left you will find the Old Testament source, in the middle, the prophecy is listed, and at the right the New Testament prophecy fulfillment. This would be a great family adventure to look these up and read them for yourselves!



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# Who Can Expect Your Respect?

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

1 Thessalonians 5:12

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

God, our Master, tells us to appreciate our pastor.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will understand God's direction in regards to living under authority and demonstrate through words and actions respect for their pastors and leaders.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

Our lesson today shared how God intends for us to demonstrate respect for all authority. We also talked about how to show respect for our pastors and church leaders and encouraged the children with some specific ways to express that. We sent home a sheet entitled, "Seven Ways for Seven Days." We asked your children to pray each day in one specific way for our pastor. We encourage you to help them accomplish this challenge and return the paper next week. You may want to do this challenge as a family.



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### Really, None?

#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Romans 3:10

#### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Not even me, not even you.

#### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn no one is without sin and will be given the opportunity to trust Jesus as Savior.

#### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Today we examined Romans 3:10 where we learned that none of us is righteous, **not even me, not even you**. We defined righteous as always being good and never doing anything wrong. We made the connection between Adam and Eve being separated from God when they disobeyed Him and our being separated from God when we disobey Him. We gave the children an opportunity to respond and put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. Over the next week when you find *yourself* doing something wrong say to your child, "That wasn't righteous, I am so thankful for Jesus!"



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# Hands are for Helping

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Ephesians 4:28

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

God's way, not the world's way

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that stealing is sinful and will choose to give to others instead of stealing from others.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Today we talked about stealing. We examined God's Word to determine that stealing (taking something that is not yours without permission) is wrong and that stealing creates hardships for others. We also looked at Ephesians 4:28 and discovered that, not only are we not to steal, we are to work so that we have something to give to those in need. Your children may not be old enough to work to earn money to help someone in need, but they can still use their hands to do something helpful. This week help your child live out Ephesians 4:28 by doing something with their hands to help someone else. We talked about doing something at church, baking cookies for a shut-in and visiting with that person, or helping out around the house. Teach your child to do things **God's way, not the world's way** by helping someone in need this week.



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# Mine, Mine, Mine

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Luke 12:15

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Mine, mine, mine.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that being greedy is sinful and will choose to put Jesus and others before self.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Today we talked about a **mine, mine, mine** attitude and how easy it is to get caught up in the things we have. Get a jar and put the word **MINE** on it. For the next week every time someone in the family says the word **MY** or **MINE** put a penny in the jar. As you count how much money was put into the jar, talk about how all our blessings come from God, then use the money to bless someone.



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# Can't Touch This

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Romans 6:6

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Sin no longer has any power.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn that faith in Jesus Christ gives them the power to overcome sin.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

Today we shared with the children that once they have put their faith in Jesus they are no longer under the power of sin – their sin no longer separates them from God. Ask them what happened to the packing peanuts (used to represent “sins”) when we poured “Jesus’ forgiveness” onto them. (Nail polish remover with acetone poured over packing peanuts causes them to disintegrate.) We also demonstrated that once a person places their faith in Jesus, He continues to wash them clean of any new sins.



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# What's In Your Hand?

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Ephesians 2:10

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

You are God's masterpiece!

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will understand that if they have received Jesus' gift of salvation, they have been adopted into God's family and will use what they have to serve others.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

**You are God's masterpiece!** During the lesson we talked about how God made your children, unique and wonderful. God created them as His masterpieces and He has specific jobs for them to do for Him. When they minister to others, they show Jesus' love to their friends and to their families. You may want to discuss with your children areas and activities they enjoy. Explore how they can utilize these interests in ways to serve others around them.



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# The Church: God's Earth Body in Motion

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1 Peter 4:10

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

The gift of each one – gets God's work done.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that every child of God has been gifted by the Holy Spirit and will choose to use that gift to accomplish God's work.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

If your child is a believer, God has given them a spiritual gift to help in God's work. These gifts bring glory to God when others see Jesus' character in your young person. We shared that **the gift of each one – gets God's work done**. Many children are just discovering where they fit in. Ask your child what they enjoy and are interested in. Help your child find ways to get involved in church. Not only will they be blessed, but they will be an important part of the Body of Christ.



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# God's People – Got Talents

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Matthew 5:16

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Got talents – got purpose.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn that every child of God has been gifted by the Holy Spirit and will choose to use that gift for God's glory.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

We shared with your child that God gives talents to all believers to show others our good works and bring glory to God (Matthew 5:16). We showed how God prepared the Israelites in the Old Testament with their skills in order to build the tabernacle. **Got talents – Got purpose!** As a family share examples of how God has allowed you to use your talents. Explore ways your family and your children can use their talents and skills in the community you live. Also, encourage your children to pursue new areas of interest that could prepare them for future service opportunities.



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# Practically Perfect in Every Way...NOT!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Romans 14:19

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Judge NOT, but love A LOT!

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn to encourage rather than judge other Christians.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Today, we learned that Jesus wants us to **judge not, but love a lot**. We learned that Jesus is the one who is perfect, and we can never be, no matter how hard we try. We need to look past the flaws of other Christians and show love to everyone, just like Jesus does. As a family, talk about ways that you can show other Christians love instead of judging them.



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### “CAREacter” Building

#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1 Corinthians 12:25

#### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Create a Christ-like “CAREacter.”

#### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will learn to look for opportunities to care for others in the body of Christ.

#### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Today, we learned some ways to **create a Christ-like "CAREacter"** so that we can better “care for one another” as it says in 1 Corinthians 12:25. In every aspect of life, we should use **Christ as our example, Accept others, Respect each other, and Edify fellow Christ-followers.** If we **C.A.R.E.**, this will bring us together as followers of Jesus and allow us opportunities to share God’s love with others. As a family, discuss and plan ways you can **C.A.R.E.** for neighbors, co-workers, and/or fellow students.



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# Faith in Jesus is the Only Way to Fly

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

John 14:6

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Faith in Jesus is the only way to fly.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will understand that it is only through putting their faith and trust in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross, not their good works, that they can have a right relationship with God.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Our lesson this week focused on the Biblical truth that no matter how hard we try to be right with God, our efforts fail. Only through Jesus Christ, God's Son can we have our sins forgiven, a restored relationship with God, and an eternal home in Heaven. Using the illustration of a paper airplane, we shared with your child that **faith in Jesus is the only way to fly!** You and your child may be interested in watching this video which shows how to use a paper airplane to share the Gospel. Once you learn how, dare to share the truth about Jesus with a friend.

<https://teachersource.wol.org/videos/oly18/35-2/>.



## *Parent Connection*

# **GO Out and Spell the G.O.S.P.E.L.**

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Matthew 28:18-20

### **WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Stop and pray; then share, share away!

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**

Children will learn how to share the Gospel.

### **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

In Olympians today, we learned that Jesus commanded His followers, including us, to share His Gospel. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Colossians to pray, act, and speak in ways that would allow them to share Jesus. We shared with your child how to stop and pray; then share, share, away. Ask your child about the handout they received about the G.O.S.P.E.L. way of sharing the Gospel. If you have a smart phone you can download the Dare2Share App to help you share the G.O.S.P.E.L. Please share with us any great stories of your child sharing the Gospel story with others.



## *Parent Connection*

# It's About Time!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Psalm 89:8

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

God said it, I believe it!

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will understand the fulfilled prophecies that led to Jesus' birth proving God's faithfulness.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

This week we talked about the prophecies that God gave us about Jesus and how He fulfilled them. We compared prophecies to promises in that if **God said it, I believe it**. God is faithful and will always fulfill His promises. Your child was asked to write down one of the promises we talked about on an index card and put it in their Bible. Find that card that your child hopefully brought home and talk about its truth with them. If they lost it, the promises we looked at were found in 1 John 1:9, Psalm 34:17, Philippians 4:19, and Hebrews 13:5.



## Rescue Me!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1 Peter 3:18

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

Jesus is the only "Sin Rescuer."

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children should understand that Jesus is the only way to be rescued from their sin.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

Most of us enjoy watching rescue stories on social media. Today we watched the greatest rescue ever recorded in history: <https://teachersource.wol.org/videos/oly18/38-1/>. Your child learned that Jesus is the only one who can rescue them from their sin because He is sinless, and we are not. Ask your child if he/she has been rescued from their sin.



## *Parent Connection*

# Turn the Light on Please!

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Psalm 119:105

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

God's light helps you to think right.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will understand that God's Word has the answers for their problems. Your children will be encouraged to faithfully use their Quiet Times.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

In our lesson today, we learned how the Bible is like a light that clearly shows us the way to live. Your child has been encouraged to use his/her Quiet Time to guide him/her in the understanding of what he/she is reading from God's Word and how to apply it to his/her life. Help your child create a cozy, inviting place to have their Quiet Time and encourage them to make it a part of a daily routine.



## *Parent Connection*

# How to Pray the Jesus Way

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Luke 11:1

### WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?

God's help is only a prayer away.

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?

Children will have a better understanding of how to pray and what to pray for.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?

The children learned that Jesus teaches us how to pray by giving us a pattern for prayer in Luke 11:1-4. Here is an activity that will encourage your child to pray. Divide a bag of M&M's among each person in your family but tell them not to eat the candy just yet. Assign a specific prayer to each different colored candy (i.e. red – pray for someone in your family, yellow – pray for someone who is sick....), after they finish praying, everyone can enjoy a delicious snack.