God: The Promise Keeper

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Genesis 17:7

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
God is a promise keeper.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will see that God has always been faithful to keep His promises and that they can trust Him to stay true to His Word today.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
This week we taught the first lesson in a four-part series on the lives of Abraham and Sarah. The series is called “Promises.” Life circumstances and conflicts may cause broken promises we can’t avoid. We have looked at how we can firmly stand on God’s promises today, tomorrow, and forever. Your child was given a card that listed several of God’s promises. Take the time this week to review some of those promises with your child. Remind them that we can always trust the Lord to keep His Word. You could choose one to memorize together. The promises that were listed on the card are found in the following verses: Psalm 105:8; Psalm 32:7; Isaiah 41:10; Hebrews 10:23; 1 John 1:9; John 3:16; 1 John 2:25; and Philippians 4:7.
Nothing is Impossible for God!

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

Genesis 21:3

**WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Nothing is Impossible for God!

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

Children will learn that even the impossible is possible with God and that they can learn to wait on God’s perfect timing.

**WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

This week we taught the second lesson in a four-part series on the lives of Abraham and Sarah. The series is called “Promises.” We discussed with the children that **nothing is impossible for God!** Abraham and Sarah were given a promise of a son that took twenty-five years for God to fulfill. Waiting patiently is not always an easy task. This week, consider completing a task with your child that takes patience to achieve such as: baking a cake or creating a piece of art that takes time to dry. As you are waiting on the project to be completed, discuss the truth that God’s timing is better than our timing. Waiting for His best is better than trying to have something right away.
The God of Provision

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Genesis 22:14

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
The Lord will provide.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that real love requires sacrifice and that God can be trusted to provide for their needs at the right time.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson was the third lesson in a four-part series in our study of the life of Abraham and Sarah. The series is called “Promises.” We discussed being willing to sacrifice what we desire for what God desires for us. Abraham trusted God and was willing to sacrifice the son God had promised him. Through this study, the children learned that God knows what we need before we know we need it. A name for God we discussed is “Jehovah-Jireh,” meaning, “the Lord will provide.” We learned that His provision is always at the right time. We challenged your child to read God’s Word each day this week and look for ways that God was true to His Word. This week, take time with your child to look back at your life and recount ways that God has come through for you just at the right time. Thank God for how He is the Lord who provides our needs at the right time.
Jesus: Our Substitute Sacrifice

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
John 1:29

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
He took my place.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that God fulfilled His promises through His Son, Jesus, and through faith, they also can have a relationship with God through His Son.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
We have been studying the life of Abraham from the book of Genesis in the Bible and how his obedience allowed him to take part in telling God’s salvation story for the world. Tonight’s lesson was the final lesson in a four-part series called, “Promises.”

Because Abraham held nothing back from God, even his willingness to sacrifice his son, God provided a substitute sacrifice, a ram caught in a thicket. Jesus was a perfect picture of how our loving God sent His only Son into the world as our substitute sacrifice. Out of His love for us, God sent His Son to die in our place so we would not have to. He paid the penalty for our sin.

This week, take time to think back with your child about times that sacrifices had to be made and the positive outcome of that sacrifice. Take time to thank God for His ultimate sacrifice of His Son for you. If you would like to know more about how Jesus was the sacrifice for your sin, please contact the Olympians leadership team at the church.
Encouraged to Have Courage

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Joshua 1:9

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Encouraged to have courage.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn how to trust God knowing He will be with them in situations that are seemingly overwhelming.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight, we began a series called, “Mission Impossible: God’s Battle Plan” and your child learned the potential effects of trusting their emotions versus trusting God. Reading through the first chapter of the Book of Joshua, your child was shown a role model for living out a life that is strong and courageous.

Joshua trusted God to be faithful in His promises. He chose God’s battle plan instead of His. God promises believers to be with them and be encouraged to have courage. Your child was challenged to journal about difficult emotions they feel this week and write how they think God would want them to respond. Take time to talk with them about those situations and help them to find ways to remember they are encouraged to have courage by God.
Mission ImPossible – Joshua Crosses the Jordan

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Joshua 3:7

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
When God wills, God will always make a way.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn to trust that God has a plan and that He will go before them even in seemingly impossible situations.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight, we finished the second part of a four-part series called, “Mission Impossible: God’s Battle Plan.” Your child learned about God causing the Jordan River to dry up so the Israelites could cross safely into the Promised Land. Ask your child about the stone they received as a reminder to trust God. They also learned that God has a plan, and that nothing—not even the impossible—will keep Him from fulfilling His promises and accomplishing His will. When God wills, God will always make a way. Your child was challenged to consider God’s plan for their life and to begin to trust Him. This week talk to your child about what they think God’s will for their life is today, tomorrow, and the future. Pray together that God would make it clear and that your child would trust Him.
It Will Work!

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**
Joshua 6:27

**WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**
God’s way works.

**WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?**
Children will learn that God’s way works and will choose to live in obedience to His instructions.

**WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**
Tonight, we finished the third part of a four-part series called, “Mission Impossible: God’s Battle Plan.” Your child learned about Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. If you are unfamiliar with what happened, the video “Bible Theater: Joshua - The Battle of Jericho” [https://teachersource.wol.org/resource/oly19/7-3/](https://teachersource.wol.org/resource/oly19/7-3/) does a great job recapping the events. Your child also learned that God sometimes asks us to do things that don’t really make much sense. While God’s way may seem contrary to sound logic, God’s way works. Your child was invited to make the choice to obey God and challenged to write down three ways he/she could do that this week. Ask your child what they wrote down and help him/her follow through with those choices.
Not My Fight

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Joshua 10:42

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Do what is right and let God fight.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn to trust God to fight their battles for them.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson was the fourth lesson of our four-part series called, “Mission Impossible: God’s Battle Plan.” Your child learned about God fighting the Israelites’ battle for them. They learned that God fights their battles, too. We discussed the importance of trusting God to fight their battles for them. Your child brought home a bookmark to remind them of God’s Battle Plan. Maybe you know of a “battle” your child is facing right now. Help your child work through the battle plan. Pray together to encourage your child to trust God in the situation. Read 1 Peter 3:9, Romans 12:19, and Exodus 14:14 as a family and discuss what those verses mean in your home life.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Ephesians 2:8-10

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Can’t earn it. Can’t buy it. God gives it.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that salvation is the only way to gain a right relationship with God and will show others their love for Jesus through good works.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight, we taught the first lesson in a four-part series called, “Gear Up: Transformed by Grace.” This week, we talked about the gift of salvation that God gives to anyone who believes on Jesus to rescue them from the penalty of their sin. Salvation is a gift; you can’t earn it. Can’t buy it. God gives it. Your child was challenged to consider if he/she has trusted Jesus as Savior.

We also learned that after a person has trusted Jesus to save them, God wants us to do “good works.” As a believer, our good works show others that we love Jesus and our lives have been changed. Your child was challenged to pick one good work that he/she could do for someone this week. If you child did not choose one, here are a few suggestions of “good works” your child could do:

- Choose a neighbor that they could help with an age appropriate chore.
- Visit a resident in a nursing care facility and allow your child to sing for them or tell them about Jesus.
- Help a sibling with homework or a chore.

Here is a reminder: Salvation can’t be earned or bought. God gives salvation freely to all who believe, but when someone has been saved God wants us to do good works to show that we have been saved.
You’ve Been Changed. What Do You Choose?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Ephesians 4:28

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
God did the changing, now you do the choosing.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand that salvation brings change and will be challenged to put off the sin of stealing.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
This week we learned that when God saves us, He makes us new creatures. In Ephesians 4, He tells us to put off the old self that likes to sin by changing how we think about sin. If someone has trusted Christ as Savior, God did the changing, he/she must make the choice not to sin.

One of the sins God wants us to change our minds about is stealing. Our lesson taught us that stealing isn’t cool or fun. It is selfish. God’s Word tells us that instead of stealing, we should work to have something to give to others.

As a family, discuss some of the consequences of stealing. Also, discuss some of the options your child has to be able to give to others. Perhaps this week, your family could talk about a way to help someone in need. Consider putting together a “Blessing Bag” of necessities for a homeless person. Maybe your child could choose from their surplus to help someone who struggles to have the necessary school supplies. If you budget allows, maybe you could pay your child to do extra chores around the house with the idea that all the money he/she earns will be given to someone in need.
Words We Should Say More Often

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Ephesians 4:29

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Is it encouraging? Is it kind? Is it helpful?

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will become aware of unwholesome speech and practice using wholesome kinds of speech.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson was the third part of a four-part series called, “Gear Up: Transformed by Grace.” This week our lesson focused on Ephesians 4:22-24 and 29 where we were reminded that we need to put off the “old man” that likes to sin and put on the “new man” or “new self” that pleases God. The way to do this is to renew our minds; change the way we think about sin. We specifically focused on our speech and encouraged the children to asking three questions before speaking. Those questions are:

1. Is it encouraging?
2. Is it kind?
3. Is it helpful?

As you watch television or movies with your child this week, make note of incidents where the language of the character is not encouraging, kind, or helpful. Point out what was said, then ask your child, “Is it encouraging? Is it kind? Is it helpful?” Then ask, “What could the person have said to be encouraging, kind, and helpful?” Help them to choose something more appropriate for the circumstance.
Gear Up with the Armor of God

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Ephesians 6:11

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Gear up and stand!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that God has provided a spiritual armor and will be challenged to use it to live out what they believe as they are protected against the attacks of the enemy.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson was the final lesson in a four-part series from the Book of Ephesians. Our series was called, “Gear Up: Transformed by Grace.” This week we learned, from Ephesians 6, about the spiritual armor God gives to Christians to equip them to live for Jesus and to stand against the sneaky schemes of the devil.

Your child was encouraged to use his/her daily routine to remind him/her to put on the armor of God. Each activity can remind them of a different part of the armor of God.

Putting on your belt – TRUTH
Putting on your shirt or coat – RIGHTEOUSNESS
Tying your shoes – GOSPEL of PEACE
Picking up your book bag – FAITH
Combing your hair or wearing a hat – HELMET OF SALVATION
Opening a book – THE WORD OF GOD

Since God has given Christians indestructible equipment, believers need to gear up and stand! Take time to discuss with your child ways of gearing up.
Disobey? No way!

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

1 Samuel 15:22

**WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?**

Trouble is on the way when you disobey.

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

Children will learn that disobedience causes conflict with God and will choose to live in obedience to God’s Word.

**WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?**

Tonight, we studied the life King Saul and learned that because he disobeyed God, God took away the kingdom of Israel from him. We learned that **trouble is on the way when you disobey.** Our lesson is the first lesson of a four-part series called, “Under Construction.” Our series is about building character.

Your child is bringing home an envelope that has 6 pieces of paper in it. When he/she does not obey, he/she has been instructed to take a paper out, write “I’m sorry for disobeying” on it, and give it to you. The challenge is to see how many papers the children have when they return next week.

Here’s a little twist that we didn’t tell the children. When your child obeys you with a cheerful attitude or without being asked, take an “I’m sorry” paper that you got for an instance of disobedience, turn it over and write “You’re awesome!” and give it back. Tell your child that we instructed you to give it back to him/her to put it back in his/her envelope.
Trust and Obey

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
John 15:17

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Obedience and a blessing for each day

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn about the unimaginable blessing of obeying God and be challenged to choose obedience.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight, we learned about the widow of Zarephath and her choice to be obedient to God in providing food for the prophet Elijah during a time of famine. This lesson is the second lesson of a four-part series called, “Under Construction.” Our series is about building character.

Day by day God blessed the widow, her son, and Elijah with food because the widow obeyed God’s command to provide for Elijah. If you are unfamiliar with the Biblical account of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, learn more by reading 1 Kings 17 or by watching this fun little video with your child: Elijah and the Widow https://teachersonline.wol.org/resource/oly19/14-2/.

We also looked at John 15:17, where Jesus said, “These things I command you, that you love one another.” Your child is bringing a paper home today to record the name of a person to whom he/she showed love. After he/she records the name, he/she has been challenged to write down the result of showing love. Help your child remember the joy of serving God and others through cheerful obedience.
Take Time to be Kind

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
2 Samuel 9:7

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
It's never too late.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand the importance of kindness and be challenged to be kind to others.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today, the children learned about the time King David showed kindness to the son of his friend, Jonathan. David had promised Jonathan that he would always be kind to Jonathan's family, for as long as he lived. It took David about 16 years to keep his promise. We learned that it's never too late to show kindness.

Your child is bringing home a Kindness Catcher (sometimes called a Cootie Catcher). Written inside the Kindness Catcher are ways that your child can show kindness to others this week. Have your child show you his Kindness Catcher. When you use it, help your child follow through on an act of kindness this week.
Where Are the Other Nine?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Luke 17:15-16

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Be the one.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand the importance of taking the time to express thanks.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson was the fourth lesson on building character in our series called, “Under Construction.” The children learned about the time when Jesus healed ten lepers and only one of them came back to thank Jesus for healing him. We talked about how important it is to be the one who remembers to express gratitude. They were challenged to be the one who is thankful by choosing to express gratitude.

Your child is bringing home a couple Be the One Thankfulness Maps. These are to be used as tools by the children to help them discover how the situations which they view as bad can really be things for which they can be thankful if they just follow the map. When your child is upset over something that happened, help him/her use the “map” to find something to be grateful for.
Strong-side, God’s-side

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Proverbs 3:5-6

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Lean on and stand strong.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that the ability to stand up for what is right begins with a decision to be devoted to God and will be challenged to choose daily devotion to God.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson was the first lesson in a four-part series called, “Fearless: Courage to Stand.” From the Bible, we learned that Daniel and his friends chose to follow God’s commands. We learned that, we too, can lean on and stand strong! When we lean on God’s truth, we can stand strong for what is right and against what is wrong.

Before we can lean on God's truth, we must learn it. Help your child this week learn God's truths by reading their Bible daily and memorizing verses. A good start would be our key verses, Proverbs 3:5-6. Our families will be stronger if we lean on God’s Word together.
Landing in the Lion’s Den

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Deuteronomy 31:6

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Called to a character of courage.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn about the character quality of courage and will be challenged to stand for what is right.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the second lesson in a four-part series called, “Fearless: Courage to Stand.” We learned, through the example of Daniel and the lions, that we have been called to have a character of courage. It takes courage to stand up for what’s right, and often it is not the easiest or the popular thing to do.

This week, encourage your child to stand up for what’s right by sharing a story of when you showed courage or when another showed courage by standing up for you. You could help your child begin to develop his/her own character of courage by memorizing Deuteronomy 31:6 with him/her. They have been challenged to do one courageous thing every day this week. Help them achieve that goal.
A Big Cloak to Fill

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Deuteronomy 6:5

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Follow, not in part but with a whole heart.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn how to develop an attitude of devotion to God and choose to follow God wholeheartedly.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Our lesson today was the third lesson in a four-part series called, “Fearless: Courage to Stand.” Your child learned through the examples of Elisha and his mentor, Elijah, how to develop behaviors and attitudes of being a devoted follower of God’s commands and plans for his/her own life. These men were living examples of the lesson’s key verse, Deuteronomy 6:5.

When we love God with all our heart and follow, not in part but with a whole heart, we then can share His love with others. Your child was given a verse card with the words of Deuteronomy 6:5 on it to tape to his/her mirror. Help your child this week to memorize the verse. Help him/her to remember that when they follow God with their whole heart, they become a mirror of God’s love.
Invisible Forces

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Isaiah 41:10

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Force out fear with faith.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn to have faith in God despite circumstances that are beyond their control.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Situations in life can leave us fearful whether we are adults or children. Our lesson today was the final lesson of our four-part series called, “Fearless: Courage to Stand.” Today, we learned from the Biblical example of Elisha found in 2 Kings 6:8-23, that we can force out fear with faith. Repeatedly throughout the Bible, God tells us to not be afraid because He is with us, will strengthen and help us.

Your child was challenged to memorize Isaiah 41:10 and look for ways this week to force out fear with faith. Discuss any situations this week that may be causing your child to fear, pray together for God’s strength, and help him/her deal with it in faith.
Set a Fire Down in My Soul

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Mark 10:27

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Be a spark that sets a soul on fire.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn God can use an average person and will be challenged to impact the lives of others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the first of a two-part series called, “Hero: You Could Be One.” These lessons are designed to introduce your child to a modern-day hero of the faith and encourage them through examples of people who lived for the glory of God. Using the life story of D. L. Moody and an illustration of positive effects of fires, your child learned that God can use both ordinary people, like themselves, and negative life events to help spread the Gospel message. They now know they can be a spark that sets a soul on fire for God. Jesus tells us in Mark 10:27 that impossible things are possible with God. This week, pray with your child for the people to whom they want to share God’s love. For more information about D.L. Moody, check out this video: Dwight Lyman Moody – Totally Surrendered to God https://teachersource.wol.org/resource/oly19/21-1/.
A Life Revolution

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
1 John 3:23

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Live a life that revolves around the Son.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn the importance of living a life surrendered to following Christ so that they may share God’s love with others.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Our lesson today is part of a two-part series called, “Hero: You Could Be One.” The series is designed for children to learn about modern-day heroes of the faith. In today’s lesson, the children learned about a naughty little girl who grew up to become a Christian hero. Lottie Moon is a famous American missionary who shared God’s love with the people of China for almost 40 years. Through her example, we learn that we should live a life that revolves around God’s Son, Jesus. We also learned that just as the moon reflects the sun’s light on Earth, we should reflect God’s love to one another. Ask your child how they plan to reflect God’s love in their home, school, and community this week. For more information on Lottie Moon, check out this video: Lottie Moon
https://teachersonline.wol.org/resource/oly19/22-1/.
God: Here, There, and Everywhere

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Jeremiah 23:23-24

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
God is everywhere, all the time.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that God is everywhere present and will be encouraged to allow God’s omnipotence to comfort them in times of loneliness.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today, we taught the first lesson of a four-part series called, “Must Haves.” In this series, your child will learn truths about God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible. In our lesson today, your child learned about the omnipresence of God, which means God is everywhere, all the time. Knowing this can be comforting to us, especially when we feel like we are all alone. The next time your child expresses feelings of loneliness, remind them that God is omnipresent (everywhere, all the time) and encourage him/her to talk to God about those feelings.
Be Bold, Be Brave for Jesus!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
John 20:31

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Believe and be bold for Jesus.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again and will be challenged to boldly identify with Christ.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the second lesson in a four-part series called, “Must Haves.” The series is designed to teach your child specific truths about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God’s Word, the Bible.
In our lesson today, we discussed the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and looked at how three different people from the Bible responded to those events.
Pilate rejected the truth about Jesus. Joseph believed Jesus but kept his faith a secret. Mary believed and boldly shared the news of Jesus with others. Being bold for Jesus can be difficult to do no matter how young or old you are. Sometimes, we just don’t know where to start. Encourage your child to start by sharing with you what they already know about Jesus from our Bible lesson today.
Who Wants Peace?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Galatians 5:22-23

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
It’s the best peace!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will know that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and that they can have peace in their lives when they yield themselves to the Holy Spirit.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the third lesson in a four-part series called, “Must Haves.” The series is designed to teach your child specific truths about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God’s Word, the Bible.

In our lesson today, children learned that God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with, and in, all believers. The Holy Spirit offers comfort to us when we are worried or afraid. By letting go of our feelings of worry and fear, and yielding to the Holy Spirit, we can have peace, and it’s the best peace. You child was given a small piece of fabric to help remind them of how the Holy Spirit can comfort. When something causes your child to worry this week, encourage them to pray about it and ask God for peace (Philippians 4:6-7).
The Bible: My GPS

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
James 1:22

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
When I need to decide, God’s Word is my guide.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that the Bible is relevant to them today and should be used as a map to guide them through the decisions they make in their lives.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson was the fourth lesson in a four-part series called, “Must Haves.” In this series, your child has been taught truths about God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible.

The lesson today taught us that the Bible is like a GPS because it gives us directions to help us navigate through life. Your child was given a card that says, “When I need to decide, God’s Word is my guide.” This card will serve as a reminder to them to use God’s Word to help them make good choices. As your child faces challenging situations this week, encourage them to make good choices by responding the way God would want them to. You may need to direct them to the truth of the Word of God to help them make wise choices. If they mess up, help them to recalculate, and get back to going in the right direction.
Relationship Restored!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Romans 6:23

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Sin brings death, but Jesus brings life.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will see that sin causes separation from God, but they can be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the first of a four-part series called, “Infested: Kill Sin Dead.” In the series, we are learning about sin. We defined sin this way: “anything that we think, say, or do that disobeys God.”

In our lesson today, we learned that we are all sinners and that sin separates us from God. Sin is a big problem and breaks our relationship with Him. The only way to be reconciled with God and restore this relationship is through His Son, Jesus Christ. God loved us so much that He sent His only Son to die on the cross, so our sins can be forgiven, and we can be reconciled with Him again.

The children were challenged to put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and accept the forgiveness only He can offer. Do you know that the gift of salvation is available to you, too? God loves you and through Jesus you can have your sins forgiven and be reconciled with Him again. Please contact someone here at the church if you would like to know how you can be forgiven by God.
What Would I Do If ...?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Leviticus 19:11

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Be honest in every way.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that cheating is equal to being dishonest, and they will be challenged to value honesty above their personal gain.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today's lesson is part of a four-part series called, “Infested: Kill Sin Dead.” In the series, we are learning all about sin. Today, we focused on the sin of cheating. We learned that God wants us to be honest in every way. Cheating involves lying, stealing, and dealing falsely with others. Cheating is being dishonest, and it affects our relationships. We have encouraged your child to value honesty the way God does and put others first by confessing the sin of dishonesty to God. We also encouraged your child to make things right with any person with whom he or she acted dishonestly.

As a family, it would be good to talk more with your child about how choosing dishonesty dishonors God and damages relationships. Help your child make a sign that says, “Honesty Honors God” and hang it in your home. Obeying God and His Word is the key to being honest with others.
Can People Trust You?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Colossians 3:9

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
A lie destroys, but the truth restores.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that lying damages the ability of others to trust them and they will be challenged to tell the truth.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is part of a four-part series called, “Infested: Kill Sin Dead.” In the series, we are learning all about sin. Today, we focused on the sin of lying. Specifically, we learned that a lie destroys, but the truth restores.

We built a tower out of cups to show how lying affects our relationships with God and others. Our words matter and have consequences. One of them is the ability to lose or gain the trust of others. We learned that to regain the trust of others, we need to speak truth. We cannot do it by ourselves; we need help from God, His Word, and people around us.

To help your child remember what they learned today, he/she is bringing home a plastic cup with this phrase written on it: A lie destroys, but the truth restores. For the younger children, we asked them to write part of a Bible verse on their cup: “Do not lie.” We suggested to your child to put that cup some place inside the house where he/she can see and read it each day. Help your child to find the right spot for the cup and use it as a reminder to your family about being honest.
Don’t Take the Bait!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Psalm 119:11

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Don’t take the bait!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that the Word of God will help them to respond correctly when temptations come to provoke them to sin.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson was the fourth part of a four-part series called, “Infested: Kill Sin Dead.” This week the children were challenged to know more about the Bible and memorize it, so it could be used as a powerful tool to fight the temptation to disobey God. God’s Word has everything they need to help them to do the right thing. Jesus’ temptation by Satan was used as an example to encourage them that they too can overcome temptation the same way He overcame temptation; by using God’s Word.

They were encouraged to memorize Psalm 119:11 this week to be reminded of this powerful truth. Take some time to review and help your child with this task. If your child has a Word of Life Quiet Time, Psalm 119:11 is a memory verse for this year. As they face any situation that will tempt them to not do the right thing, help them to remember what this verse says. By obeying God’s Word, they will be able to overcome temptation and, as a result, not sin.
Don’t Be a First Place Loser

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Mark 9:35

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
To be in first place, serve others with grace.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand that the way to be truly great in God’s kingdom is to serve others as Jesus did.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson was the first lesson in a four-part series called, “Get to Work: Serve Like It’s Your Job.” The series is designed to help your child understand the idea of service. Specifically, we learned what Jesus thought of serving others and what He taught His disciples about service. Specifically, our lesson challenged your child with the idea that the way to become great in Jesus’ kingdom is to serve others as He did. Children sometimes find it difficult to see themselves as being able to serve in a meaningful way due to their limitations. Your child was asked to identify one way he/she would like to serve someone else this week. Ask your child to share their plan for service and, if possible, participate with them.
The Gift God Wants

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Romans 12:1-2a

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
The thing to do is to give God you.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that giving God every area of their lives should result in a godly way of thinking and acting.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson was the second lesson in a four-part series called, “Get to Work: Serve Like It’s Your Job.” The series is designed to help your child understand the idea of service. Our lesson this week has challenged your child to consider different areas of his/her life and evaluate how God might want to use that area for His glory.

Romans 12:1-2 says to “present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

In an effort to think the way God thinks about every area of our lives, we’ve challenged your child to pick one subject (such as time, words, or friendships) and ask God what He thinks about that topic. Have your child tell you what subject they chose and ask how you can help them.
It’s Not My Job…or Is It?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
John 13:15

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Serve like it’s your job.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn about the example of service Jesus set when He washed His disciples’ feet and will be encouraged to notice and fulfill needs even if it is not their responsibility.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson was the third lesson in a four-part series called, “Get to Work: Serve Like It’s Your Job.” The series is designed to help your child understand the idea of service. This week your child was encouraged to follow Christ’s example of humble service. Jesus was willing to do the job of a servant by washing His disciples’ feet. He didn’t see this as beneath Him. We can follow His example by looking for things that need to be done and doing them even if it’s not our job. Your child wrote down an idea of something they could do this week and has been challenged to follow through and serve like it’s their job.
Loving the Hurtful

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Luke 6:35c-36

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Trade my way for the High Way.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn God’s standard for dealing with their enemies and will be encouraged to lovingly serve even those who are hurtful and hateful.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson was the fourth lesson in a four-part series called, “Get to Work: Serve Like It’s Your Job.” The series is designed to help your child understand the idea of service. Today, your child was challenged with a difficult subject: dealing with, and even serving, hateful people.

We learned that because God’s ways are higher than ours, He is the authority we should trust when learning how to respond to those who hurt us. Jesus instructed in Luke 6, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.” When your child encounters a hurtful person, encourage them to trade or exchange their first response for a more loving one. Use the verse to brainstorm ways to do good, bless, and pray for those who are unkind or hurtful.
Kindness: God’s Love in Action

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Ephesians 4:32

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Handle others with kindness.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand the message of serving one another out of kindness and be encouraged to obediently show kindness to one another.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today's lesson is the first in a four-part series called: “Love in Action: Make Your Choice.” The goal of this series is for your children to discover ways that Christians are to relate to one another. Each lesson in the series will challenge your child to make a choice to put love in action.

Our lesson this week was about demonstrating kindness to others even when that may be difficult. We studied the biblical example of Ananias and how God requested him to be kind to a man who had been an enemy of those who followed Christ. The events of Ananias' life have been recorded in Acts 9. Also, we shared about Brother Andrew who was not afraid to take God’s Word into areas of the world that restrict the teaching of the Bible.

Your child has received a challenge this week that they are to accomplish. It is in the form of an envelope that reads, “Your Mission - Handle with Kindness.” They were challenged to complete several random acts of kindness suggested in the envelope. Take time to encourage them. (It may be a bit secretive, or they may ask for your help.) Let them know you will be praying for them to be obedient in this task. Have them share with you how their mission went this week.
The Green-eyed Monster

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Galatians 5:25-26

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Envy makes us hateful, not grateful.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand envy is sin and will learn that, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they can grow to be more like Jesus and respond in love.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today's lesson is the second in a four-part series called: “Love in Action: Make Your Choice.” The goal of this series is for your children to discover ways that Christians are to relate to one another. Each lesson in the series will challenge your child to make a choice to put love in action.

Our lesson this week helped your child have a biblical understanding of the sin of envy and how to crush that green-eyed monster. We gave examples on how envy can lead children into harmful behaviors and relationships. **Envy makes us hateful, not grateful.** Based on Galatians 5:25-26, your child learned that, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they can grow to be more like Jesus and respond in love.

We have challenged your child to check for monsters when he/she goes to bed; not in his/her closet, but the “monster” inside. We have asked him/her to check if he/she chose to be envious instead of trusting God’s love. If he/she has been envious, we challenged him/her to crush the green-eyed monster, by confessing it as sin and asking God for forgiveness. We encourage you to have conversations with your children this week to see how they are doing with their responses to their friends concerning envy.
Be a Burden Bearer

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Galatians 6:2

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Turn burdens into blessings.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn to recognize the burdens of those around them and choose to find ways to help bear those burdens.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the third in a four-part series called: “Love in Action: Make Your Choice.” The goal of this series is for your children to discover ways that Christians are to relate to one another. Each lesson in the series will challenge your child to make a choice to put love in action.

Our lesson this week encouraged your child to not just recognize the burdens (needs) of those around them, but to find ways to help bear those burdens. Galatians 6:2 tells us that when we bear the burdens of others, we show the love of Christ. This week, as your child sees areas of need and has ideas on how he/she can help, it will give you opportunity to advise and guide them to a creative solution. Work together with your child this week to be a burden bearer.
Don’t Be a Hater

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Ephesians 4:29

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Words should build, not break.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn how to choose their words carefully because that is how they can and should honor God.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the fourth in a four-part series called: “Love in Action: Make Your Choice.” The goal of this series is for your children to discover ways that Christians are to relate to one another. Each lesson in the series will challenge your child to make a choice to put love in action.

Today, we talked about the power of our words to tear each other down or build each other up. Through the lesson, all of the children were consistently reminded that words should build, not break. As your child goes through his/her week, give positive reinforcement when he/she says something that builds up (e.g., “Thanks for dinner, Mom.”). When they are saying words that tear down (in fights with siblings, etc.), ask them, “Are your words tearing down or building up? What does God want you to do instead?”

If you, as the parent or guardian, say something that tears down, don’t be afraid to draw attention to it by asking for forgiveness.

Each child was challenged to write down one encouraging thing to say to each member of the family or has drawn a picture to explain to a family member. If your child chooses to say those nice things or explain those pictures to a family member, you will know that he/she is taking a step to please God with how he/she talks. Be sure to encourage your child as he/she strives to honor God with his/her speech. If your child struggles with how to get started saying those encouraging words to the family members, help him/her get started by asking about today’s lesson.
Help Wanted

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Matthew 9:37-38

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Every country! Every tribe! Every language!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand that the Gospel message is for everyone and will be encouraged to have a heart to pray for missionaries and a voice to share the message of the Gospel.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is the second lesson in a two-part series called, “Gospel: Good News for Every Country, Every Tribe, Every Language.” The two lessons in this series are designed to share the Gospel with your child and to encourage your child to carry the Gospel to others.

This week, we talked about the job Jesus gave His followers as He left this earth. He said, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). We shared with your child that the Good News of Jesus Christ’s forgiveness of sins is for everyone: Every country! Every tribe! Every language! Jesus also spoke about this as a harvest and we, His followers today, are to help gather the harvest.

God needs workers to carry the good news of the Gospel to all people. Encourage your child to have a heart to pray for missionaries and a voice to share the message of the Gospel. Every believer should be a missionary; one who takes a message to others. Our job is to take the message of Jesus to every country, every tribe, every language!
The Shepherds Share What the Angels Declared

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Luke 2:17

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Jesus is here; friends need to hear!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn the truth about the birth of Jesus Christ and commit to share the true meaning of Christmas with others.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Our lesson tonight is part of a four-part series called, “Holiday: Taking the Time to Celebrate Truth.”

This specific lesson challenged your child to see the Christmas story through the eyes of the shepherds.

The shepherds received a special message from God that the Savior, Jesus Christ, had been born. This message filled the shepherds with joy. This joy moved the shepherds to run and see Jesus for themselves and then to tell others the good news.

Your child was asked to reflect on how they feel about the news of Jesus’ birth and to examine their own relationship with Him. Your child was also asked to identify one person with whom they would like to share the good news about Jesus’ birth. Your child was given a balloon and was encouraged to demonstrate how the joy inside of us can move us to share the good news of Jesus. Ask your child to demonstrate this for you and then help him/her think of one person with whom your family can share the love of Jesus.
An Empty Tomb: What’s the Big Deal?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Luke 24:34a

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
He’s risen for sure; my hope is secure!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will understand how the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is of utmost importance for salvation and brings hope for life.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Our lesson tonight is part of a four-part series called “Holiday: Taking the Time to Celebrate Truth.” Our lesson this week challenged your child to consider how the resurrection of Jesus helps them to have hope. Your child will be bringing home a plastic egg with a verse (Psalm 31:24) that reminds us of the hope we have in Christ. You might read the verse with your child each day during the week at dinner or bedtime and ask how the verse has helped him/her to have hope. We have also challenged your child to use the egg in a way that will help someone else learn about the hope of the resurrection. Ideas include: putting the egg out for someone to find at a local Easter egg hunt, giving the egg to a friend or family member who needs to know about Jesus, etc. Ask your child what his/her plans are for the egg.
Undivided Devotion

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Matthew 22:37

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Love demands that we keep God’s commands.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn the greatest commandment of God and will be challenged to choose to keep God’s commands as a result of their love for Him.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson is part of a four-part series called, “Holiday: Taking the Time to Celebrate Truth.”

Your child was challenged to love God with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind. They were challenged to show their love by keeping His commands.

During the lesson, your child was given a paper heart cutout with our key verse written in it. At the end of the lesson, he/she was challenged to write down one command of God and make a point to obey that command this week. If your child chose to write down a command, encourage him/her to do their best to obey that command. If your child did not write one down, help him/her think of one command he/she will choose to obey this week. Be an encourager throughout the week as you see your child obeying.
An Attitude of Gratitude

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Psalm 136:1

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
God’s forever mercy should make us forever thankful.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn why they should be thankful to God and will be challenged to show an attitude of gratitude.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Our lesson tonight is part of a four-part series called, “Holiday: Taking the Time to Celebrate Truth.” We looked at how God’s forever mercy should make us forever thankful. Your child was challenged to have an attitude of gratitude toward God and was given a card with eight suggested activities to show their thankfulness to God this week. Check out the card and try a few of these activities with your child. Encourage your child to bring the card back next week to share with his/her Personal Training Coach.
What Do I Desire?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
1 Peter 2:2

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
If you want to grow, you gotta eat.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn the significance of having a quiet time and be encouraged to develop a desire to have and apply their quiet time on a daily basis.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is part of a four-part series called, “Deep Roots: Strengthening Faith for Future Growth.” Each of the lessons in this series focuses on one way to strengthen your relationship with God.

Today, your child was challenged to begin a personal quiet time. They were challenged to commit to be in God’s Word and pray on a consistent basis. They learned that just like a baby desires milk, Christians should desire the Word of God. If your child does not have a personal Quiet Time, connect with your Olympians leaders to see how you can purchase one for them or simply go to https://wolstore.org/collections/quiet-times to purchase Quiet Times for your whole family. We would like to encourage you to create a habit of doing a personal quiet time with your child.
Your Password to Prayer: A.C.T.S.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Psalm 100:4

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
A new way to pray.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn that there is more to prayer than asking God for what they want and will be challenged to pray for more than just their requests.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Today’s lesson is part of a four-part series called, “Deep Roots: Strengthening Faith for Future Growth.” Each of the lessons in this series focuses on one way to strengthen your relationship with God.

This week we talked about how to pray to the Lord.

We taught your child a new way to pray: the A.C.T.S. method of prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. Each part of the A.C.T.S. prayer guides your child as they talk to the Lord. Your child received a paper with a reminder on how to pray the A.C.T.S. way. Please place this where your child can see it when they pray. It would really impact his/her prayer time if you, as a parent, were to pray with him/her and guide him/her through the A.C.T.S. way to pray.
Taking the Plunge

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Acts 8:36-37

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
I'm with Him.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will learn what baptism is and be encouraged to consider being baptized if they have not been.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson is part of a four-part series called, “Deep Roots: Strengthening Faith for Future Growth.” Each of the lessons in this series focuses on one way to strengthen your relationship with God. Our lesson this week focused on what the Bible says about believer’s baptism. This long-time church practice is meant to show others what has happened internally in the life of one who has been saved and transformed by Christ. It was emphasized to your child that baptism is not an act that saves, but rather a way to testify to others that you have already been saved by Christ. If you feel your child is ready for baptism, please consider arranging a meeting with a pastor or church leader to learn more about how to take this important step.
Do It Now, You Know How!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?
Joshua 1:8

WHAT WILL CHILDREN REMEMBER?
Do it now, you know how!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LESSON?
Children will be challenged to start memorizing Scripture and apply the biblical truths to their lives.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO THIS WEEK?
Tonight’s lesson is part of a four-part series called, “Deep Roots: Strengthening Faith for Future Growth.” Each of the lessons in this series focuses on one way to strengthen your relationship with God. In our lesson this week, the children were challenged to not only memorize God’s Word but also to apply it to their everyday lives. We read Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:11, and Ephesians 6:1. When it comes to memorizing and applying Scripture, they learned it this way: “Do it now, you know how.” Please, help your child memorize the verse on the “Do it now, you know how” Scripture card and encourage them to apply that verse in some way this week. Read Joshua 1:8 with your child sometime this week and help them to understand that good success comes from not only meditating on the Word of God but obeying the Word of God.