

K-3rd Grade Summer God Time Guide

SUMMER 2020



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THIS GUIDE BELONGS TO:

MAKE TIME FOR GOD TIME!

Did you know the best way to be friends with God is to spend time with Him? Just like our real friends, we become better friends the more we get to know Him. This summer is a great time for your kids to grow in their faith and friendship with God. Here's how!



Every week, participate in worship with your kids, then have them watch the Bible Story video on firstprescos.org/family.



For the rest of the week, read to your kids and do the daily activities with them.



Connect with your Online Small Group on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or 3 p.m.

Using this as a guide will give you a whole summer with Jesus. He promises to work good things in your family's lives when you follow after Him!

Be sure to keep in touch to tell us how you're doing. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Allen Hunter, Bethany Hanson



Week of June 7 • Day 1

You Gotta Have Faith

BOTTOM LINE: You can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him. *Read Hebrews 11:1*

Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

Grab a piece of paper, hold it up in front of you and blow. Did the paper move? Yes! Could you see the breath coming from your mouth that made that paper move? Nope. Can you believe that breath (something you couldn't see) exists because of what you COULD see (the movement of the paper)?

We can believe in God and trust in Him because of all the wonderful things He's made. The evidence of His existence is all around us! Stand in front of the mirror and ask God to help you have faith as you look at all the amazing things He's made—including you!

Week of June 7 • Day 2

What Do You Hope For?

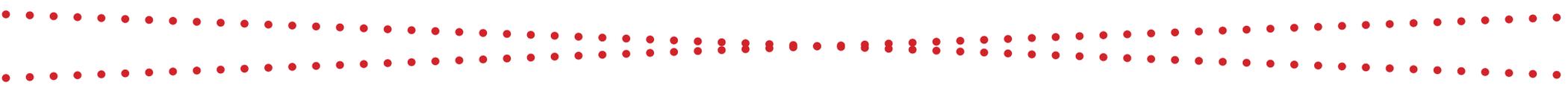
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Have you ever hoped for something? Like . . .

- A new bike on your birthday
- A snow day
- A whole day when your brother leaves you alone

When it comes to faith, hope is a big deal! But hoping isn't all we have. Unlike snow that never comes or a little brother who bugs you anyway, when we put our hope in God, we won't be disappointed! We can be sure that God is real.

Thank God for the hope and promise we have that He is real.



Week of June 7 • Day 3

Emmanuel

BOTTOM LINE: You can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him.
Read Hebrews 11:1

What are some things you know about Jesus? Write your answers in the space below.

God sent Jesus, His only Son, to earth. Why? So that we could know Him. Jesus is called Emmanuel, God with us! He left heaven to come to earth so that we could know God. And He died on a cross and was raised back to life so that we could have a relationship with God forever. You can put all your trust and hope and faith in Him, always.

Thank God for sending Jesus so that you could know Him.

Week of June 7 • Day 4

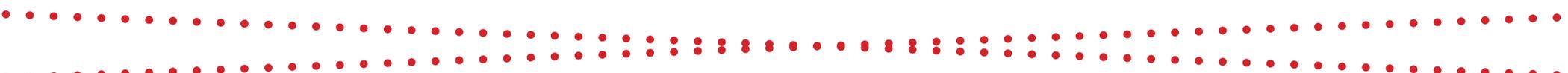
This is the Way

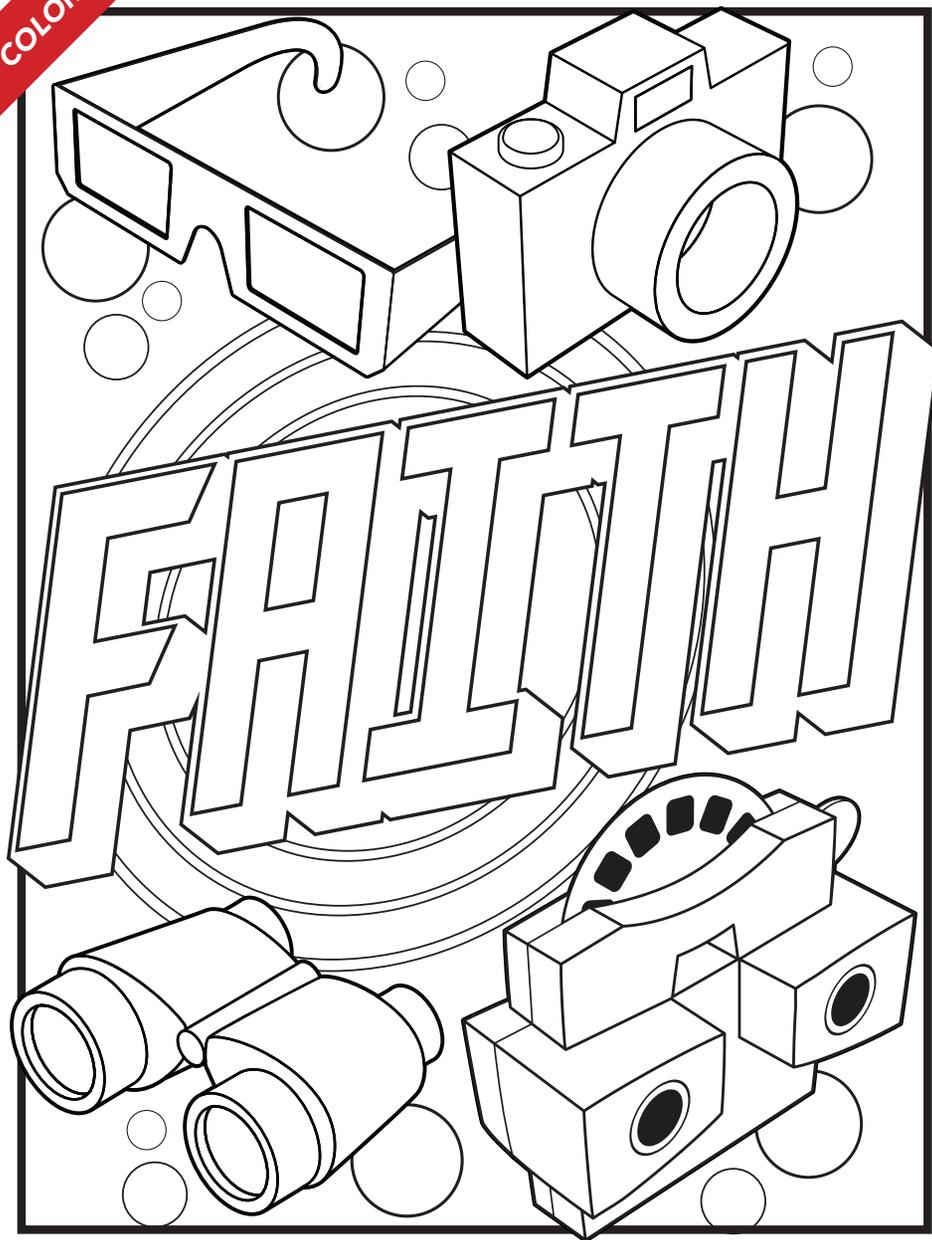
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When your family is heading to a place you've never been before, does your mom or dad use GPS to help you get there? Do they ask Siri for directions? GPS is pretty cool because it can tell you step by step how to reach your destination.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus is the way. If we want to have a relationship with God forever, we have to put our faith and our trust in Jesus!

Draw a large cross on a piece of paper. Then draw a big heart all the way around the cross. When you pray today, thank God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with Him, forever.





Week of June 14 • Day 1

God Loved

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.*

Read John 3:16

Did you know that this one verse basically tells us what the whole Bible is all about? God sent Jesus, His one and only Son! Why? Because He loves us! So according to this verse, the very first thing we can know for sure is that God loved.

Grab a piece of paper. Fold it in half and then in half again to create four sections. In the top left section of your page, draw a large heart. Underneath the heart, write the words "God loved." We'll add something new to this page each day so make sure to keep it with your God Time card.

Did you know God loves you no matter what? Ask God to help you understand just how much He loves you!

Week of June 14 • Day 2

God Gave

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.*

Read John 3:16

So we know that God loves us. And because He loves us, He did what people who love do, He gave! What did God give? His one and only Son, Jesus!

In the top right section of your page, draw a gift box with a big bow. Write the words "God gave" underneath the gift.

Because God loves you, He sent His only Son, Jesus. And knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything! Thank God for choosing to send His only Son so that you could know Him.

Week of June 14 • Day 3

We Believe

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.*

Read John 3:16

God loved us so much that He gave us Jesus, His one and only Son. So now let's talk about the rest of the verse:

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."

Okay, let's stop right there. Grab your piece of paper and draw a cross in the bottom left section of the page. Write the words "We believe" underneath the picture.

Jesus chose to die on the cross for all sin (that's when people make a choice to do what they want instead of what God wants) so that everyone who believes in Him can be forgiven. Jesus died for everyone. And He died for you.

Ask God to help you understand that Jesus died and rose again so that you could believe and have a relationship with Him forever!

We Receive

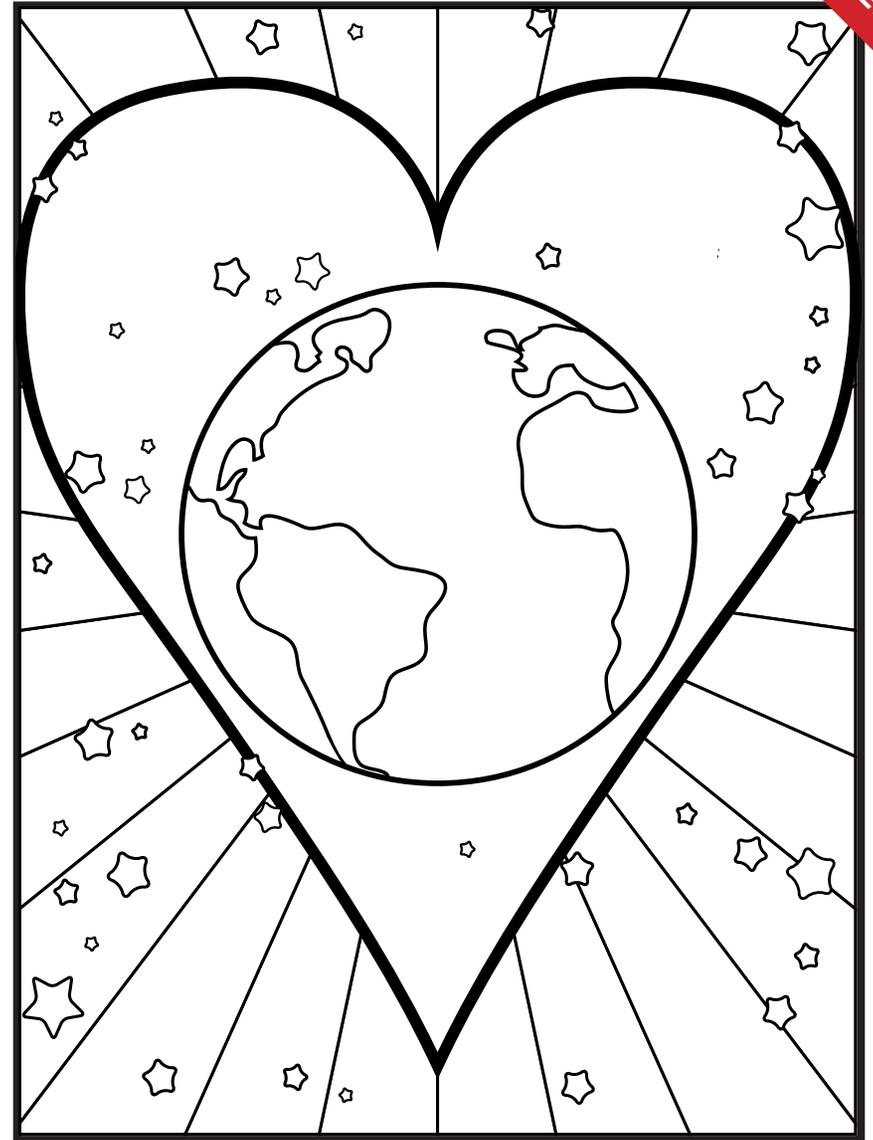
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Read John 3:16

Grab your piece of paper from this week. In the bottom right-hand corner, write out the words of John 3:16: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.

God loved. God gave. We believe.

When we put our faith or trust in Jesus, we receive eternal life—a relationship with God forever. Ask God to help you understand what it means to believe or put your faith in what Jesus did for you on the cross so that you can have a relationship with God forever.



Week of June 21 • Day 1

Fears

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.*
Read John 14:27

Write down a few things you're afraid of in the space below:

Some of these fears are real and some are imaginary. Lots of people are afraid of things like spiders and heights. But there are lots of people who love these things too. Like people who keep spiders as pets or fly in airplanes every day.

It's OK to name your fears and to talk about them with the adults you trust. But it's also good to remember that Jesus is bigger and stronger than any fear we might face. Ask God to help you remember that you don't have to be afraid because Jesus will always help you face your fears.

Week of June 21 • Day 2

True or False

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.*
Read John 14:27

Have you ever been in bed and thought you heard or saw something strange? When you called your parents, maybe you learned the noise was a branch outside hitting the window. But in the darkness of your room, it seemed like something much scarier.

You felt fear, but the fear proved to be false! What you thought was true (a monster under the bed or in the closet) wasn't actually there. Your fear wasn't true; it was false.

When it comes to faith and facing your fears, we have to remember what's TRUE. Jesus promised peace, not fear. He is WITH us. Always. We can trust Him. Always. When you're afraid, ask God to remind you of what is true!

Week of June 21 • Day 3

Peace or No Peace

BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.
Read John 14:27

What does the word “peace” mean to you? Circle some answers below.

No fighting

Quiet or calm

No worries

The opposite of fear

Jesus promises peace, even when things aren’t going the way we want. Even when we’re angry or frustrated.

Head outside and take a look around. Notice the birds, the trees, the clouds in the sky. Thank God for all the wonderful things He’s made for you to enjoy. Take three big breaths—the kind you can feel all the way to your toes! Thank God for sending Jesus so that you could know Him. The next time you need peace, ask God to remind you that He is with you, always.

Week of June 21 • Day 4

Peace Like a River

BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.
Read John 14:27

Have you ever stood at the edge of a river and watched the water move? Or heard the sounds of the ocean?

Jesus wants to give us a peace that goes way deeper than that! When we have faith in Jesus, His promise is that peace will follow. Because no matter what happens, knowing Jesus will help us face our fears.

Ask your mom or dad to look up the old song, “Peace Like a River.” Listen to the song and sing it together. Pray and thank God for sending Jesus so that you can feel peace, always.



Week of June 28 • Day 1

Brand New!

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.*
 Read John 13:34-35

When was the last time you received something new? Write your answer or draw it in the space below.

It's fun to receive new things, especially when something gets broken or totally worn out. Jesus gave a **NEW** command to His friends. What was it? (Look back at today's verse for help.)

YES! Jesus gave a new command or instruction to love one another. Why? Because when we love like Jesus loves, that's like doing something totally new! Ask Jesus to help you see the people around you the way He does so that you can love like He loves.

Week of June 28 • Day 2

A NEW Kind of Love

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.*
 Read John 13:34-35

Is it easier to say you love or to show you love? Saying “I love you” is pretty easy. But showing love requires some work.

On another sheet of paper, write down some ways you could choose to show love in the following situations:

1. A girl in your class pushed to the front of the line, but you were there first.
2. Your little brother broke your brand-new LEGO® creation by accident.
3. A kid on the playground called you a mean name in front of everyone.

When someone isn't being loving to us, it's hard to show love back. But guess what? Love shouldn't be based on what others do. Our love should be based on what Jesus has done! Because Jesus loves you, you can show love to others. This week, when someone is unkind, quickly bow your head and ask God to help you show love instead of getting even. Ask God to give you faith to trust Him and love others with your actions and your words.

Week of June 28 • Day 3

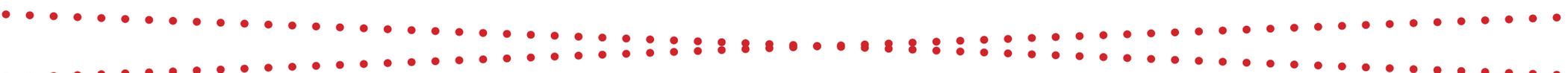
I Can See Clearly Now

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.*
 Read John 13:34-35

Do you wear glasses? Do you have a friend that does? Why do people wear glasses? Yes, to help them see clearly.

Jesus left heaven to come to earth to show everyone how much God loves them. Jesus gave His life, choosing to die on the cross, not just for you but for every single person ever! He came to help us see others the way HE does. Glasses can help you see more clearly. Knowing Jesus loves you can help YOU see others more clearly too.

Grab some sunglasses (or your own glasses) and read today's verse again. Then walk around your house or your neighborhood. As you see people walk by, say, “That person is loved by God.” Ask God to help you see others the way He sees them.



Fill in Your Name

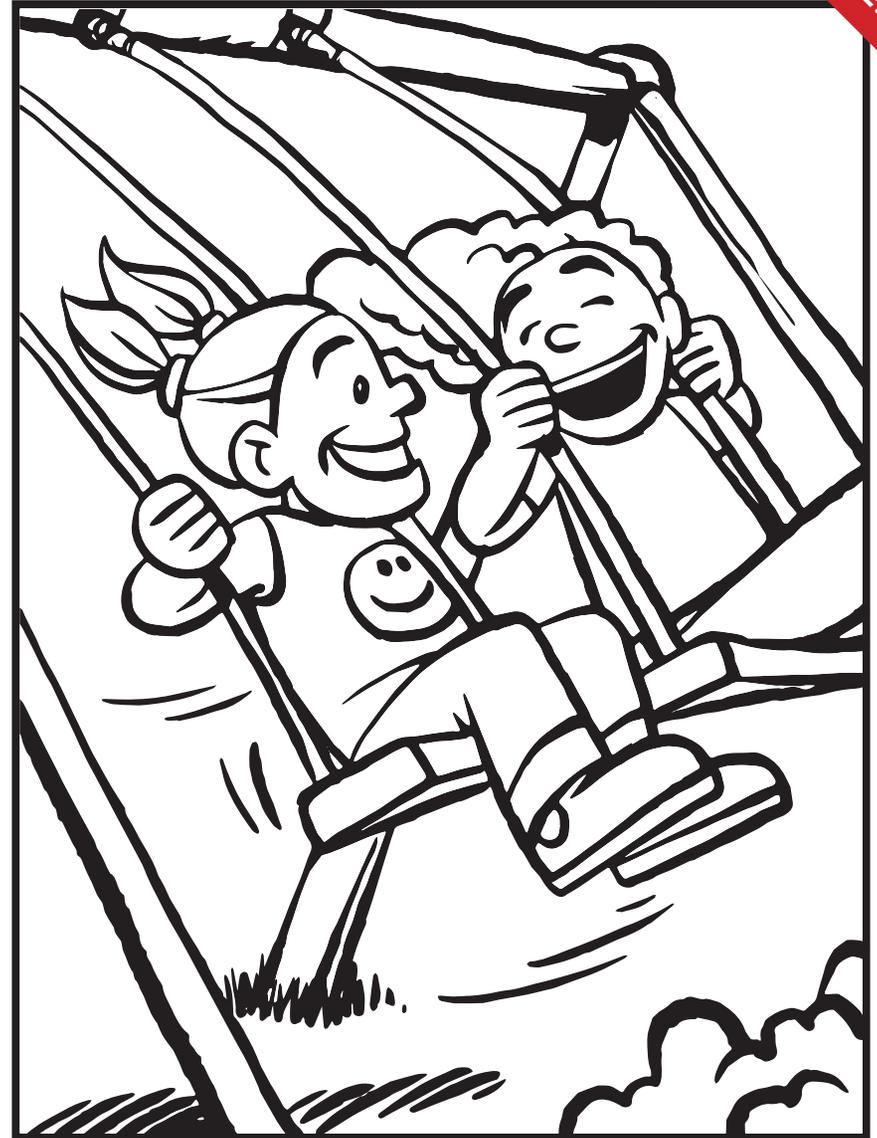
BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.
Read John 13:34-35

Write your name in every blank below. Then repeat this week's verse aloud as written:

"I give _____ a new command. Love one another. _____ must love one another, just as I have loved _____. If _____ loves one another, everyone will know _____ is my disciple."

John 13:34-35

Loving others isn't easy. That's why faith is so important! God sent Jesus, His Son, to show us how to love. So this week, when you're tempted to stay angry or get even or just ignore someone you know God is asking you to love, ask Jesus to help you love others like He loves you.



Week of July 5 • Day 1

The BEST Gift of All

BOTTOM LINE: *Jesus is a gift for everyone.*

Read Ephesians 2:8

What's the best gift you've ever been given? Find a piece of paper and draw your best gift ever.

This week's verse reminds us that there's one gift that's way more awesome than the one you've drawn. It's Jesus! He is the best gift ever because He made a way for us to be part of God's family. God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross and be raised back to life so that we could be forgiven.

Spend some time thanking God for the good gifts He gives us, especially the best gift ever: Jesus!

Week of July 5 • Day 2

GRACE

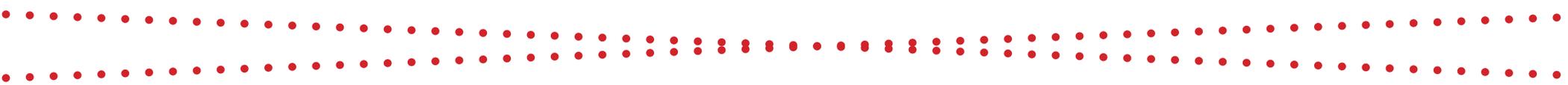
BOTTOM LINE: *Jesus is a gift for everyone.*

Read Ephesians 2:8

Do you know what grace is? Circle an answer from the list below:

1. What you say before you eat dinner
2. A popular girl's name
3. A form of transportation on two wheels, used to get around the neighborhood
4. God's forgiveness even when we don't deserve it

When you put your faith or trust in Jesus, God gives grace. We cannot earn God's forgiveness. It is His gift to us. Today's verse reminds us that we cannot do anything in our own power to be forgiven. We are forgiven, given grace, because of what Jesus has done.



Week of July 5 • Day 3

Can I Have Dessert, Please?

BOTTOM LINE: *Jesus is a gift for everyone.*
Read Ephesians 2:8

Draw what you had for dinner last night here:

This week's verse talks about grace. Grace means that God forgives us even when we don't deserve it.

So, what does grace have to do with dinner? Imagine your mom or dad serves all of your least favorite things for dinner. Grace is like not eating that dinner and still receiving dessert. Grace is given to everyone who puts their trust in Jesus, no matter what they've done. It's a gift!

Week of July 5 • Day 4

Sing It, Learn It!

BOTTOM LINE: *Jesus is a gift for everyone.*
Read Ephesians 2:8

This week's verse is our memory verse for July and it's a great one to memorize! One of the best ways to memorize something is to set the words to music. Sing this week's verse to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus" as written below:

God's grace has saved you because of your faith. (The wheels on the bus go up and down.)

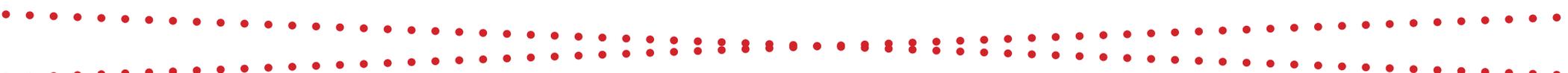
In Jesus Christ. (Round and round.)

In Jesus Christ. (Round and round.)

Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. (The wheels on the bus go up and down.)

It is God's gift. (All through the town.)

Ephesians 2:8 (Repeat the same tune: All through the town.)





Week of July 12 • Day 1

Ways to Help

BOTTOM LINE: You can help others know Jesus.

Read Mark 16:15

Circle all the ways you help:

Set the table

Put away the laundry

Take out the trash

Carry the groceries

Play with a sibling

Clean up your toys

Tell others about Jesus

Did you circle the last one on the list? It's awesome to know that Jesus loves us. And because He loves us, we should tell other people about His love too. Setting the table and putting away laundry is important, but you can also help by telling others about Jesus.

Week of July 12 • Day 2

Go & Tell

BOTTOM LINE: You can help others know Jesus.

Read Mark 16:15

Ask an adult to help you look up and read Mark 16:15.

Do you know who spoke these words? Yes, Jesus! After He died on the cross and rose again, Jesus gave these instructions to His followers to go into all the world and tell everyone about Him.

Guess what? Because those followers obeyed, people have been telling others about Jesus for over 2,000 years! And you can tell others too.

Pray with an adult today that God would help you tell one person about Jesus this week!

Week of July 12 • Day 3

Where in the World?

BOTTOM LINE: You can help others know Jesus.

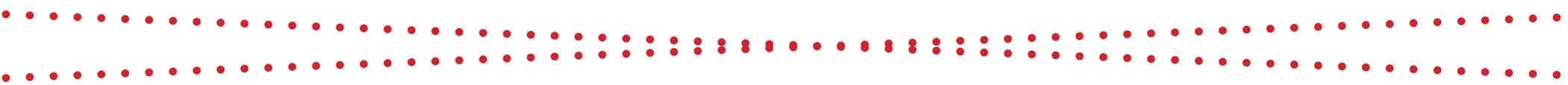
Read Mark 16:15

Do you have a map or a globe at your house? If not, ask an adult to help you look up a map on a computer or tablet. Find the place where you live on the map and put your finger on it.

Fill in the sentence below with an adult's help:

"I live in _____
in the country of _____."

Jesus wants everyone to know about His love, including the people in the city or town where you live! One day, you may have the opportunity to go somewhere far away to tell others about Jesus. But today, you can tell someone in your world, in your own city or town, about Him. Who can you tell?



Week of July 12 • Day 4

Who Do You Know?

BOTTOM LINE: You can help others know Jesus.

Read Mark 16:15

Grab a piece of paper and a pencil and ask an adult or older sibling to help you. Set a timer for one minute. Name all the people you know (starting with your family) while an adult or older sibling writes them down. Ready? Go!

How many people did you list? Were you surprised that you knew that many people? Did you know that Jesus died so that every person on that list could be a part of God's family forever?

Read through the names on your list and circle one person you could tell about Jesus! You could invite them to church, share your favorite verse or tell them about how much Jesus loves them.

Ask God to give you the courage to help others know Jesus.

COLOR ME!



You Got a Problem?

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.*
Read Philippians 4:6-7a

Do you know what the word “problem” means? A problem is a question seeking an answer.

In the space below, write down a problem you aren’t sure how to solve.

Some problems are small. But some are big. Some seem to have no answer at all. But there is some good news. God has all the answers. And when something happens that we don’t understand, we can always trust that He is in control. When we put our trust in Jesus, He is always with us. Because knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.

Fill in the Blank

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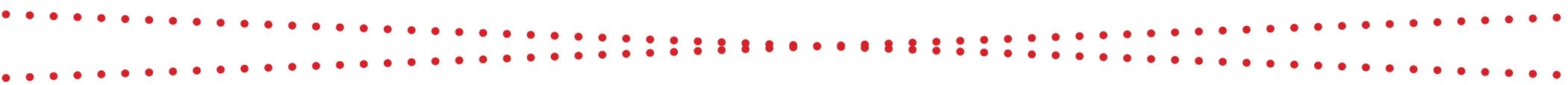
Ask an adult to help you look up and read Philippians 4:6-7a.

In your Bible, circle all the things this verse tells you to do. Then, write them down on a piece of paper or index card to keep by your bed.

When you have a problem, remember:

1. Don’t worry.
2. Tell God about everything.
3. Give thanks.
4. Have peace.

Paul, who wrote these words, faced so many problems as he followed Jesus. But Paul learned that knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems. Just like Paul, you can have peace even in the middle of a big problem because Jesus is with you.



Week of July 19 • Day 3

My Trust Muscle

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.*
Read Philippians 4:6-7a

Can you plank? Grab an adult or friend. See who can hold a plank for the longest and write your times below.

_____ : _____
 YOUR NAME TIME

_____ : _____
 ADULT/FRIEND'S NAME TIME

Do you think you could improve your time if you practiced planking every day? Of course! The more your practice, the stronger your muscles become.

Guess what? The same is true when it comes to problems. Every problem you face becomes an opportunity to trust God. And every time you practice trusting God, even when you face a problem you don't understand, your trust muscle grows.

Ask God to help you trust in Him, no matter what problems come your way this week. Thank Him for sending Jesus so that you can have a relationship with Him, forever.

Week of July 19 • Day 4

Four Steps

BOTTOM LINE: *Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.*
Read Philippians 4:6-7a

Remember the four steps from our verse this week?

When you face a problem . . .

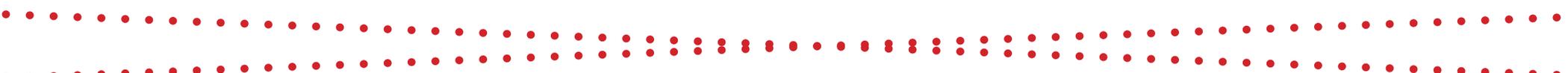
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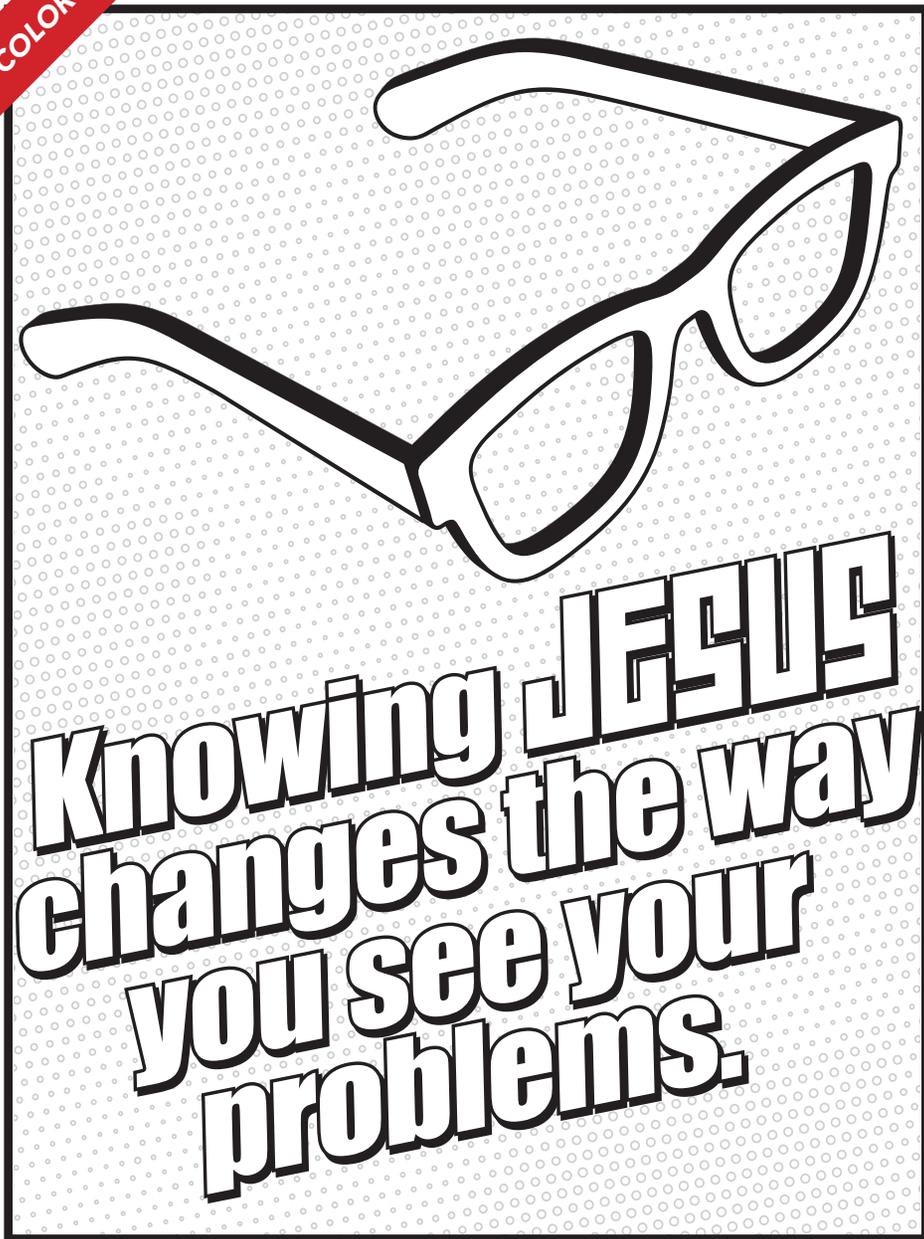
When a problem comes, first—don't worry. Worrying about something doesn't change anything; it just makes you feel more nervous.

Tell God. Ask Him to help you face that problem and trust Him.

Give thanks. Saying "thank you" is a great way to remember how God has helped you before and how He will help you again.

What happens next? You have peace! Because knowing Jesus changes how you see your problems.





Week of July 26 • Day 1

The Promise of Heaven

BOTTOM LINE: Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

Read 2 Peter 3:13

Grab some paper and crayons or watercolor paints. Spend a few minutes painting or coloring what you think heaven will look like.

God has made a big promise to us. (And God always keeps His promises.) When we trust Jesus, we can be part of God's family forever in a place where nothing bad or sad ever happens! We will live with God in a perfect place and it will be more amazingly awesome than we could ever imagine.

Week of July 26 • Day 2

Seeds

BOTTOM LINE: Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.
Read 2 Peter 3:13

Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? If you look at a seed on its own, it's not all that exciting. But when you check the picture on the front of the seed packet, you see what that tiny seed can become.

It can be hard to wait for good things, just like it can be hard to wait for a seed to grow. But God promises us something we can look forward to when we put our trust in Jesus. One day, we will live with God in a place He's made perfect, forever. And in the waiting, we can choose to follow Jesus every day knowing that His way is the best! Remember, following Jesus will turn out better than you can imagine.

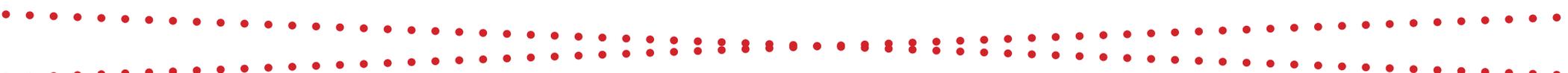
Week of July 26 • Day 3

Fish Talking

BOTTOM LINE: Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.
Read 2 Peter 3:13

Do you have a pet fish? What if you could shrink down, jump into the bowl and talk to your fish? What if you could tell him all about what life is like outside his fishbowl? What would you tell him?

When it comes to heaven and spending forever with God, we're kind of like that fish. We won't be able to understand everything about heaven until we experience it. While we don't know all the details, God has made it very clear how to get there! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can live forever with God in a place full of happiness and joy.



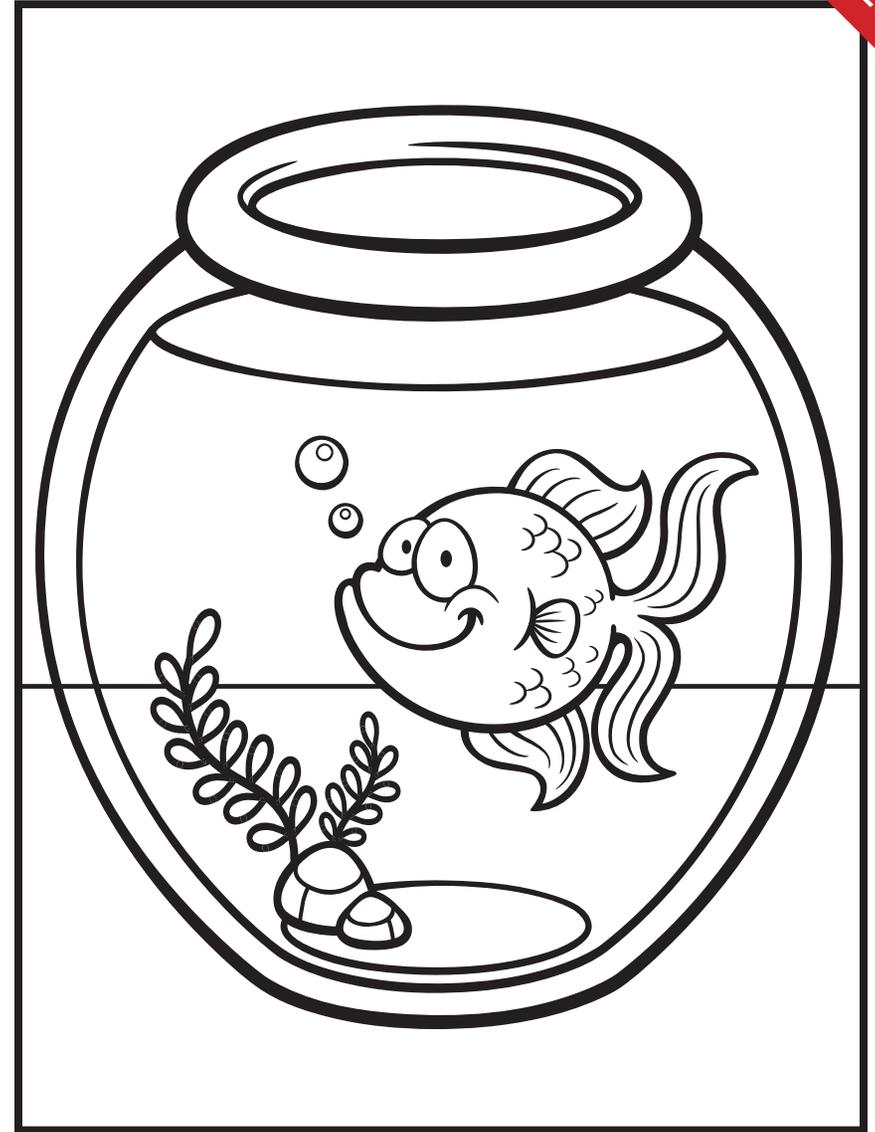
Follow the Leader

BOTTOM LINE: Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.
Read 2 Peter 3:13

Grab a friend or sibling and play a few rounds of "Follow the Leader." Take turns so that you both have the chance to lead and follow.

The best thing about following Jesus is that you can trust Him. He will always lead you in the right direction. When you put your faith and trust in Jesus, you will live forever with Him in a perfect place. Because following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

Ask Jesus to help you follow Him each day and thank Him for the promise of heaven.



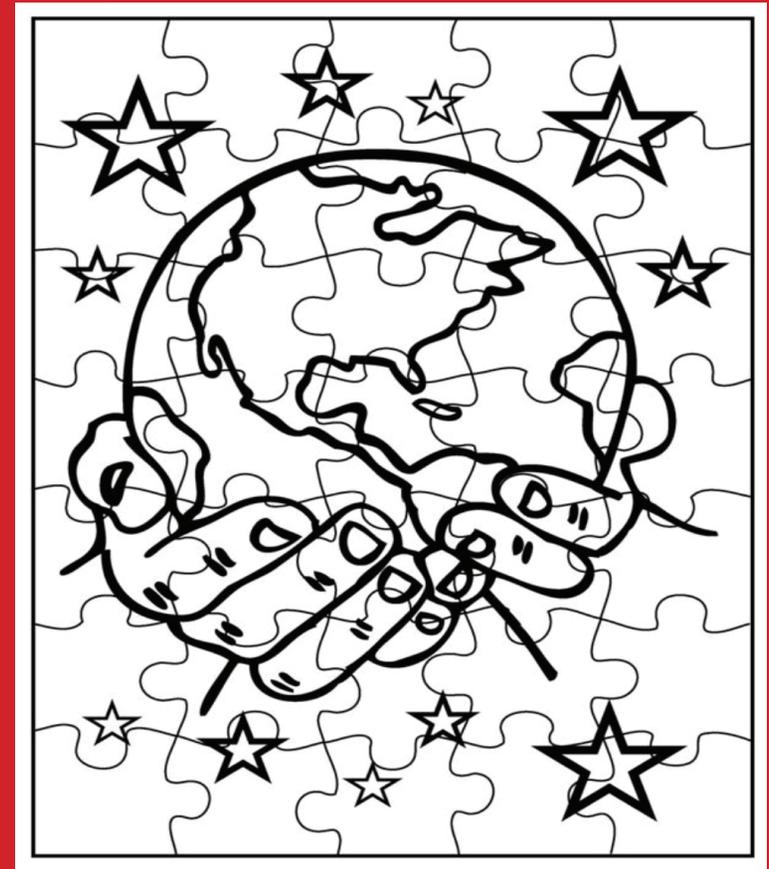
AUGUST SERIES: INDESCRIBABLE

Right from the start, we see God's indescribable creativity. Everything around us gives us a glimpse of our creative God. Jesus was creative with the way He taught and the miracles He performed. We reflect God's creativity to the world around us.

"Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are."

Psalm 145:3

1. Color this
2. Cut it out
3. Put it back together





NEIGHBORHOOD VBS JULY 13-17

Get ready for a five-day adventure in your own neighborhood as we focus on finding God in the unexpected! Each morning kicks off with a live video opening where you'll sing loud, dance silly and hear Bible stories. Then choose your own adventure for the rest of the morning as you journey through crafts, games and snacks.

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